

Dear Landscape Architectural Educators,

The Transportation Research Board Committee on Landscape and Environmental Design (AFB40) is a group of Landscape Architects and other professionals working in the transportation sector. The Committee is concerned with design parameters that relate to protecting, conserving, restoring, and enhancing safe, sustainable, and livable transportation systems, facilities, and their associated environments. Also of interest are the analytical relationship of the natural and human environment as an integral part of the planning, design, construction and operation of transportation systems and projects, and issues pertaining to integrating environmental considerations in transportation delivery. The committee promotes research to advance design principles and practices that enhance: 1) safety and traveler experiences; 2) scenic, aesthetic and visual quality; 3) harmonious integration of facilities within their natural, cultural, and social environments; 4) sustainable solutions and systems and 5) the quality of life for transportation system users and surrounding communities. The Committee invites the submission of papers on one or more of these areas of interest for consideration as a presentation at the TRB Annual Meeting in January 2017 and potential publication. Papers may be based on practical experience gained on specific transportation plans or projects (any mode), regulatory or legal interpretations, survey or case study research, scientific research and/or theoretical analysis.

The Committee is the oldest continuously serving committee in TRB. The Committee regularly host a Workshop and several paper presentations at the TRB annual meeting. Most of the past presentations have been given by Planners or Engineers. While there have been excellent papers given by practicing Landscape Architects in the past the Committee is interested in hearing for a larger section of the Landscape Architecture community. The Committee is also interested in encouraging current Landscape Architecture academics and students to consider research into areas of Landscape Architecture that contribute to transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.