



Changing the TIDE in Transportation

A webinar series on equity and the Black experience in transportation hosted by the Council of University Transportation Centers

PART 2: Moderator & Speakers

moderator



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speaker



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speaker



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Date/Time:

April 7

10-11am CT

This Webinar

The first webinar in the TIDE series featured a panel of national leaders who talked about their lived-in experiences in society and in their careers as a Black individual. The next in this series will focus on defining the problem as it pertains to Black Americans in Transportation. The panel will discuss issues in furthering Equity and Inclusion, and actions that are being taken at the Federal level through modal administrations and through TRB. **Join us, Wednesday, April 7, to continue this important conversation in 'changing the TIDE' in transportation.**

TIDE stands for Transparency, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, and will focus on Black issues because of unique historical circumstances and the current national discussion. The series will enhance awareness of the challenges faced by our Black colleagues in the transportation field. By creating an opportunity for learning and dialogue, it is hoped that this series will result in a greater understanding of the Black experience in transportation, and provide ways in which the CUTC community can make our profession a more open and inclusive place for our Black students and colleagues.

How can we change the TIDE (Transparency, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity) in transportation, and improve the overall climate of our profession?

The nation has seen an upheaval in race relations and perceived biases in law enforcement and other aspects of life in recent times. There are strong arguments being made to justify the many actions and reactions on the part of government, private citizens, as well as various advocacy groups for Black people.

Transportation as an industry is not immune to the happenings in the country. In fact, one of the early triggers of the Civil

Rights movement happened in the transportation industry (Rosa Parks). Since then, transportation and Civil Rights/Social Justice have been strongly linked to each other. It is our goal thus, as a community of transportation scholars, to discuss and address these societal issues when possible. Some of the problems such as access to jobs, access to food and healthcare, transit deserts, and spatial mismatch have all been studied by scholars over the last few decades. Solutions to these problems have been explored both from the technological perspective as well as the policy side.

While technology is advancing at a rapid pace and the introduction of new and emerging transportation technologies is happening all around us, there is a sense that the impact is not ubiquitous to all sections of society. On a different dimension, questions pertaining to equal representation in the workforce from different sections of society regardless of race, religion, gender, or sexual preference still persist.

This effort is led by a Steering Committee made up of Dr. Carol Abel Lewis of Texas Southern University, Mr. Juan Matute of UCLA, and Dr. Camille Kanga of the City University of New York, who have provided vision, guidance and direction for co-chairs Dr. P.S. Sriraj of the University of Illinois-Chicago and Dr. Melissa Tooley of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. Dr. Chandra Bhat of the University of Texas at Austin, and the current CUTC President, contributed to the conception of this series.

