



Association for Commuter Transportation

PATRIOT CHAPTER

ACT Patriot Chapter Summer 2017 Newsletter

President's Note

An update from Patriot Chapter President Sandy Thibault

The blue skies, sunshine, and seasonable temps have finally arrived here in Vermont, and it's wonderful to see so many more people out biking and walking.

For those who haven't already heard, I'm the new President of the ACT Patriot Chapter. The previous President, Eve Stokes, has moved on to a new career path, and I know we all wish her the best and appreciate all her TDM contributions, enthusiasm and great conversations over the years. I've been involved with ACT for over 10 years, and CATMA has been a member of ACT for over 15 years. If you'd like to learn a little more about me, [click here](#).

With this transition, I'm pleased to announce that Diane Hanson at AECOM will fill the role of Chapter Vice President for the remainder of this year. Diane is the Program Director for the MassRIDES and Safe Routes to School and is a certified project manager for AECOM. She has over 16 years of experience in sales, marketing, project management, and program implementation.

A new slate of Patriot Chapter officers will take effect on January 1, 2018 for another 2-year term. With that said, the Chapter is seeking chapter members to lead a Nominating Committee for the upcoming Patriot Chapter Officers appointments. If you are interested in taking charge of this task, please send an email to me at sandy@catmavt.org.

Speaking of Officer elections, please remember to submit your nominations for prospective ACT National Board members by July 13th. You can review the full list of criteria for nominations and additional information on the timeline [here](#).

I'm looking forward to seeing almost 20 Chapter members at the Annual ACT Conference in New Orleans later this month. Currently, there are almost 450 registered attendees for the conference. It sounds like an interesting and invigorating program, with over 35 breakout sessions and three keynote

speakers. [Check out the program here](#), and start thinking about what sessions you'd like to attend.

The Patriot Chapter will host a chapter meeting on Monday, July 31, 2017 at 4-5pm in the Zulu Room on the 8th floor of the Sheraton, and I hope to see all those attending from our Chapter. There will be a First Timers Reception on Sunday, July 30th that all are welcome to attend. It is an opportunity for members to welcome, introduce yourselves and begin a conversation and networking with those attending for the first time. ACT National is offering a "Be A Buddy" initiative, so if you're interested in volunteering to "Be A Buddy", please connect with Elizabeth.Denton@transpartners.com.

ACT National will be providing us with updates on a couple of new Professional Development opportunities, including TDM Certification and ImpACT Leadership Program.

Safe travels to the conference, and look forward to a great time together talking TDM!

Best,
Sandy



Patriot Chapter Scholarship Recipients Selected

The Patriot Chapter has awarded three scholarships to the 2017 ACT International Conference to the following recipients:

Abby Bleything, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator at University of Vermont

Brendan Atwood, Business Development Specialist, CATMA

Carl Larson, Boston University Parking & Transportation

Each scholarship recipient will receive a member-rate registration for the Conference. Congratulations to the recipients.



Save the Date! ACT Patriot Chapter Event September 21 - Portsmouth, NH

The Chapter's Program Committee is organizing an event from 9am-

1pm that will highlight Portsmouth's newly launched BikeShare System and a Roundtable Share & Learn on Commuter Challenges. It'll be the Chapter's first time visiting Portsmouth, and I hope everyone will make a good effort to attend. More details coming soon.

Welcome New Patriot Chapter Members



The Patriot Chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members that have joined ACT in 2017:

Collin Fedor, MASCO
Justin Holmes, Zipcar
Tanya Husick, UCONN
Shawn Kelly, WeDriveU
Ross MacDonald, Vermont Agency of Transportation
Bridger Mcgaw, Athenahealth
Eileen O'Donnell, O'Donnell Company
Daniel O'Donnell, O'Donnell Company

Upcoming Events

ACT International Conference

New Orleans, LA
July 30-August 2

ACT TDM Forum

Las Vegas, NV
October 17-18

ACT Patriot Chapter Event

Portsmouth, NH
September 21



Volunteers Needed for Chapter Election Nomination Committee

It's that time again - time to elect a new slate of chapter officers. We need volunteers to help administer the election process. This involves soliciting nominations, developing a ballot, and collecting votes from chapter members. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Sandy at Sandy@catmavt.org.



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Biking News from Harvard CommuterChoice

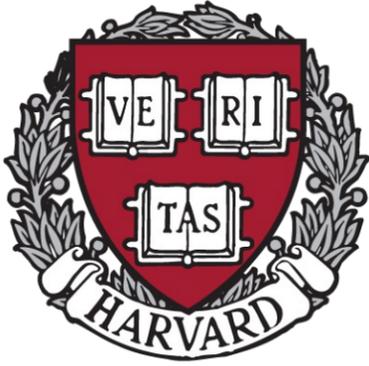
Bike Week/Month at Harvard

Harvard CommuterChoice hosted several events before and during Bike Month,

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including a "May the Fourth Be With You(r Bike)" quick tune-ups on May 4; an Intro to Bike Commuting Workshop on May 5; and our annual Bike Commuter Breakfast

on May 17.

Park&Pedal Tour

On June 15, CommuterChoice along with Landry's Bicycles hosted a lunchtime bike ride to two of the Park&Pedal lots along the Charles River at the Arsenal and Herter Park in Watertown. This gave employees an opportunity to try out this route as a potential commuting option and learn more about the Park&Pedal program.

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News from Charles River TMA

Charles River TMA is happy to announce the beginning of Phase III EZRide Shuttle service, with brand new 40-foot transit buses, designed to meet maximum capacity load trips at North Station and MIT graduate student dorms. Since 2002, EZRide has provided high-frequency last mile circulator service between North Station and Cambridgeport, carrying over 500K passengers per year. EZRide is a consolidation of 20 private corporate shuttles into a single area service that is open to the general public.



News from MassRIDES

MassRIDES, the Massachusetts Commuter Options Program, recently undertook a new approach to TDM safety through bike trainings for international students on Cape Cod. Each year, Employers throughout Cape Cod employ what



are known as J1 Visa students, or international students who come over to the states to work for the summer. Coming from many countries where roadway laws and cultures vary from those in Massachusetts, MassRIDES created these trainings to help foster a safer environment in an area where there have been many unfortunate bike-related traffic incidents.

Cape Cod has been a focus of concern when it comes to bike safety both in that the roadways can become very congested with vehicular traffic during the summer months, and also in the growing number of both international students and tourists who may not be familiar with the bicycling rules and culture on those roadways. Many roadways and bike trails on the Cape are narrow and not well-lit. A good number of the J1 students choose to use these roads and trails on bikes as their main travel mode, however, many come unprepared and lack proper bike safety gear. In an effort to promote safe bicycle travel, MassRIDES worked with our employer partners around the Cape to setup a series of bike safety trainings for over 250 J1 students.

MassRIDES reached out to a variety of Cape Cod employers with a focus on some of the hotels, inns, and resorts that host large groups of international students each summer. MassRIDES worked to bring local partners on board to help strengthen and continue the training efforts beyond the initial course including members of the local Bikeways Committee, the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, MassBike, as well as Intraxx and Council on International Educational Exchange who sponsor the students. Through these partnerships, MassRIDES co-hosted 9 training sessions with MassBike, supporting the on-site teaching of a bike safety curriculum course. The course taught the basics of bike safety including the rules of the road and the importance of using bike lights, helmets, and reflective materials.

The trainings recently wrapped up and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. These new-found employer partnerships opened up another door for further TDM collaboration initiatives on the Cape and we are already planning these training sessions for next summer. This is the first time that MassRIDES led an effort in

bike safety training, outside of our Safe Routes to School Program. Our ultimate measure of success will be the continuation and growth of these sessions year-over-year as well as a reduction in bike-related traffic incidents.

Results are in for the CommuteSMART Seacoast May B2B Challenge!

