



Call for Young Professional and Employer Presenters
At the Lightning Talk Session of the
2020 COTA Winter Symposium at the TRB Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 12, 2020

For career development, young professionals, such as graduating Master and Ph.D. students, Postdocs, and professionals just starting their careers in government, industry, and academia, can benefit from a platform wherein they can present their contributions to and thoughts on transportation research and practices. At the same time, employers such as universities and companies may also seek opportunities to learn about and interact with potential employees in person. To serve these needs among our members and friends, the Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) will again host a **Young Professionals Lightning Talk session** at the **23rd COTA Winter Symposium**, held concurrently with the TRB annual meeting in Washington D.C. on Sunday, January 12, 2020. This is a **call for lightning talk presentation abstracts among young professionals**. In this session, young professionals will summarize their representative work into **2~3 slides** and give a brief lightning talk one after another. Anything that is innovative, engaging, and can help make an impression on future employers are welcome. The lightning talk could be based on your research, a recent project at work, a published paper, an innovative product or concept, etc. We will also select winners and present the **Best Presentation Awards** for this lightning talk session.

If you represent an **employer** who is seeking new talents for your university, company, or government agency and would like to make a quick overview of your organization and job opportunities at the same session, please let us know by using **the same contact information below**. We will also provide in-person networking opportunities for you to interact with the lightning talk speakers after the session.

If you are interested, please submit your research abstract to COTA Student Board Member, Dr. Ruimin Ke at ker27@uw.edu by **November 25, 2019**. The abstract should be written in English and limited to 250 words. Please include lightning talk title and speaker information (including name, affiliation, mailing address, email, and phone) in your submission. We are looking forward to seeing you at the symposium!