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Short Bio and Qualifications

Dr. Yingling Fan is Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning and the Director of the Global Transit Innovations program at the University of Minnesota. Fan is an internationally recognized expert on transit corridor planning, with more than 16 years of experience in transportation research. She has published 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and has an h-index of 17 based upon Google Scholar. Her research has attracted more than 15 million U.S. dollars in extramural research funding, including significant contributions from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. National Science Foundation, and the World Bank.

Fan held the title McKnight Land-Grant Professor (2012-2014)—a special award that honors the University of Minnesota's most promising faculty. She received the 2008 Pedestrian Committee Best Paper Award and the 2008 international Patricia F. Waller Award from the Transportation Research Board, Washington, DC. Her work has also been recognized by the 2011 Collaborator of the Year Award from the Hennepin County, Minnesota; the 2014 President's Community-Engaged Scholar Finalist Award from the University of Minnesota; and the 2016 Honorary Member Award from the Women's Transportation Seminar Minnesota Chapter.

Fan is an elected board member & treasurer at the World Society for Transport and Land Use Research, secretary and member at the Transportation Research Board Rail Transit Committee, Editor of the *Journal of Transport and Land Use*, and editorial board member of the *International Journal of Sustainable Transportation* and *Transportation Letters*. She has also been appointed as the 2018-2019 North American Editor of the prestigious *Urban Studies* journal. Fan has a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree in Transportation Engineering from Southeast University, Nanjing, China.

Envisioned Commitment for the Position

COTA has grown into one of the most influential transportation organizations in China. In the past ten years, I have participated in various COTA activities, including attending COTA events and annual conferences, contributing to the review of conference papers, and serving on the COTA Best Dissertation Award Committee. I look forward to new opportunities to serve COTA and have decided to run for the BOD membership election.

It would be my great honor to serve as a COTA BOD member. Drawing on my experience as an internationally established scholar, a cross-cultural educator, as well as my leadership roles at the

University of Minnesota and in transportation planning academia, I can offer a wealth of insight and experience in support of COTA. My envisioned commitment if elected to the BOD include at least three areas:

- **Promoting international collaboration in the transportation community.** I have established an international scholarly reputation that has led to a solid collaborative research network with many international connections. These connections has led to the establishment of the Global Transit Innovations (GTI) program at the University of Minnesota (see gti.umn.edu) and my editorial positions at multiple academic journals. I believe that COTA plays a critical role in fostering international collaboration in transportation research and practice. The organization's challenge is to evolve and adapt to the rapid pace of global changes that are related to a variety of factors like technology, demography, climate, and culture. In light of these global changes, international collaboration will result in more robust research and more innovative practice. With a collaborative network in China and around the world, I am committed to broadening COTA's international reach and impact.
- **Creating internationalized transportation education opportunities.** At the University of Minnesota, I have successfully created internationalized transportation education opportunities by integrating my study abroad teaching efforts that take American students to China with the development of a summer training program that brings Chinese students to the U.S. Although COTA's mission statement has not been explicit about fostering global student experiences, many of COTA's activities have attracted talented Chinese students to study abroad. COTA's contribution to internationalizing transportation education is immeasurable. Chinese students who specialize in transportation are the future foundation of COTA and together they determine the future of transportation development in China. Moreover, COTA's impact as an organization will be greater as we engage more students regardless of from China or elsewhere. I am committed to expand COTA's mission in creating internationalized transportation education opportunities that serve and engage students around the world.
- **Improving financial stability and expanding fundraising capacities.** I have been increasingly engaged in administrative and strategic positioning activities at the University of Minnesota, including founding the GTI program, a 25% program development appointment with the Urban Research and Outreach Center, and serving as the Interim Director of the Urban and Regional Planning program at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. These leadership positions have taught me skills to obtain, diversify, and leverage sustainable sources of funding. I am committed to identifying new fundraising opportunities and contributing to COTA's financial stability.

Overall, my leadership background and international reputation prepare me for serving COTA. If elected, I would be honored to work with other BOD members and bring my experience and passion in moving forward COTA's global significance.

COTA Member endorsements:

Yu Zhang, COTA BOD Member, President, Associate Professor, Univ. of South Florida

Yafeng Yin, COTA BOD Member, Immediate Past President, Professor, Univ. of Michigan

Yinhai Wang, COTA Member, Chair of COTA Advisory Board, Professor, Univ. of Washington