



## Media Release

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### **Build the Era hosts inaugural “Learn About DOT” webinar**

Build the Era, a newly formed education and advocacy organization focused on US transportation and infrastructure, is hosting its first “Learn About Department of Transportation (DOT)” webinar.

Offered at no cost, the 90-minute session will be an introduction to what the US Department of Transportation does and doesn't do, specifically created for people who are not familiar with this topic. **The webinar will be held Tuesday, March 16 at 7 pm ET. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/3sZupAB>**

Topics covered will include the history of transport in America, inequities that have harmed communities, examples of how good planning can lead to positive outcomes and what is needed to help see America lead the way in the flow of people, goods and services.

“We want to show how the DOT affects so many elements of our everyday lives in ways people never imagined,” said Jeanne Acutanza, a transportation engineer and planner, who will be one of the presenters. She will be joined in this session by Jerome Horne, a user experience expert in transit services and Jonathan French, a transportation engineer and engineering data manager at Maine DOT.

“I hope people come away from this session with a better understanding of how being engaged in local decision-making can create positive change in their community,” Acutanza added.

**About Build the Era:** BTE is an education and advocacy organization focused on transportation and infrastructure as it relates to the US Department of Transportation (DOT). BTE was volunteer-founded in 2021 and volunteer-powered by supporters, transportation experts and staffers from Pete Buttigieg’s 2020 Presidential campaign (Team Pete).

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