This year, we celebrate 50 years of "moving the nation" and providing opportunities for minorities in the transportation industry.

COMTO HISTORY

- Began in 1971 at Howard University to provide a forum for minority professionals in the transportation industry.
- Urban Mass Transit Administration (UMTA) holds the first national Minorities in Mobility conference. The meeting culminates with the organization of the Conference of Minority Public Transportation Officials (COMTO).
- Conference drew 77 participants.
- By 1978, COMTO had grown to six regional chapters and by 1985, 23 chapters.
- In 1992, the first national office of COMTO opened in Washington, D.C.

COMTO TODAY

2021-2023 National Board of Directors
WHAT WE BELIEVE

CONFERENCE OF MINORITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS

• We believe that diversity moves the nation. We believe that the leadership of a massive industry that has the responsibility of transporting all people all the time should reflect the complex mosaic of those they serve. We believe that commitment to inclusion across race, gender, age, religion, identity and experience moves us forward every day.

Our Mission

The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials’ (COMTO) mission is to:

• Ensure opportunities and maximum participation in the transportation industry for minority individuals, veterans, people with disabilities and certified small, minority owned businesses.

• Advocate for minorities in the transportation industry and the communities they serve.

COMTO TODAY

34 Domestic Chapters

1 International Chapter

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HOW WE WORK

Advocate
- We actively engage with key congressional transportation committee and subcommittee leaders at meetings scheduled specifically for COMTO members during COMTO’s Annual View from the Hill and Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Transportation Braintrust events. We educate local political leaders, transportation agency leaders, transportation stakeholders, corporate executives, and board members on diversity issues.

Collaborate
- We coordinate and collaborate with other trade organizations on issues that affect COMTO members and provide networking opportunities for businesses and agencies to build alliances and partnerships. Through our Small Business Directory database we provide visibility, contracts, and partnerships for MWDBE business members.

Educate
- During COMTO’s Annual National Conference we offer educational panels and Continuing Education Training. Professional development and leadership training seminars are offered locally throughout the year by individual chapters as well as at COMTO’s National Conference. We take great pride in our youth programs that create a pipeline of minority leaders through scholarships and internships.

Innovate
- We keep members informed on innovations in transportation. We offer training programs to prepare the current and the next generation of transportation leaders on advanced technology in the industry.

COMTO NATIONAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

NATIONAL EVENTS
- National Meeting and Training Conference
- Celebrating Women Who Move The Nation
- A View From The Hill
- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Transportation Braintrust

NATIONAL PROGRAMS
- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Transportation Braintrust
- COMTO’s Careers in Transportation for Youth (CITY) Internship Program provides minority college juniors and seniors with a unique opportunity to gain professional and practical experience in the transportation industry.
- National Scholarship Program
- COMTO annually awards multiple national academic scholarships to minority graduate and undergraduate students from across the country.

COMTO NATIONAL COMMITTEES

COMTO’S STANDING COMMITTEES
- Accessibility Council
- CITY Internship Committee
- Emerging Leaders Committee
- HUB Sub-Committee
- Industry Awards Committee
- Legislative Advisory Council
- Membership Committee
- National Meeting and Training Conference Planning Committee
- National Scholarship Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Women Who Move the Nation Committee

IN PROGRESS
- We are in the process of forming the following committees in 2021 and would welcome participation:
  - Highways Committee
  - Automotive & Logistics Committee
  - Technology & Transportation Committee
  - Ports and Marine Committee

COMTO LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

2021 – 2022 Legislative Initiatives
- Improvement and Efficiencies to USDOT DBE Program
- Small Disadvantaged Business Size Standards
- Increase DBE Personal Net Worth (PNW) Ceiling
- Installation of a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program
- DBE/SBE Mentor-Protégé Program
- Local Hiring Initiatives
- Safety Protocols for Front Line Transportation Workers and Public Transit Users
• Recognized twice consecutively (2018 & 2019) as Chapter of the Year by the National organization.
• Awarded over $85,000 in scholarships to deserving young people who decided to pursue a career in Transportation or a STEM field.
• Volunteered over 1000 hours in the community, giving back to those who society has ignored and our next generation of kids who have a bright future ahead of them.
THANK YOU!