

Senior Associate, Transport Policy, ITDP India

Organization

The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy works with cities worldwide to bring about sustainable transport solutions that cut greenhouse gas emissions, reduce poverty, and improve the quality of urban life. It is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in New York City with offices in China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico City, and the United States. ITDP's programme areas include bus rapid transit (BRT), non-motorized travel, travel demand management, parking, and urban revitalization. In India, ITDP is active in cities including Ahmedabad, Chennai, Nashik, Pune/Pimpri Chinchwad, and Ranchi. More information can be found at www.itdp.org.

Position and team

The Senior Associate, Transport Policy, will help devise effective policy frameworks that facilitate the implementation of sustainable transport systems. Initially, these efforts will focus on efforts to develop state policies in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand as well as national level policy. The scope of work will also include city-level efforts such as street design guidelines.

Interested candidates should have a good understanding of institutional structures and the budgeting process. They should have excellent writing and verbal communication skills and should be well versed in the planning and design of sustainable transport systems.

The position is based out of ITDP India's head office, located in Chennai. The Senior Associate will report to the Technical Director and work in close collaboration with other team members in India as well as the Global Policy team in the U.S.

Scope of work

- Evaluate and develop policies and methodologies for project evaluation, transport system benchmarking, and long-range transport planning. Evaluate the greenhouse gas and local pollution impacts of transport projects. Environmental, economic and social impact will be the primary metrics for evaluation.
- Assess transport system performance and work with city and state governments to create strategic transport investment plans.
- Conduct analysis of transport finance. Develop transport budget proposals. Work with states and cities to identify new revenue streams and implement improved financial management systems

- that support sustainable transport.
- Assess existing institutional frameworks for transport system implementation and management, compile resource materials on international best practices, and work with cities, states, and the central government to reorganize existing institutional structures.
- Work with the Communications Team to create communications materials that facilitate implementation of ITDP initiatives.

Key qualifications

- A Masters degree in transportation planning, urban planning, economics, environmental engineering, or other relevant field.
- Four to five years of relevant professional experience.
- Knowledge of transport policy and economics.
- Experience in project analysis techniques, particularly cost-benefit analysis.
- Familiarity with the budgeting process and institutional structure in Indian states and cities.
- Familiarity with the transport modeling process.
- Excellent spreadsheet based modeling skills.
- Ability to develop effective data-based graphics and prepare high quality presentations.
- Excellent English writing skills.
- Familiarity with GIS.
- Familiarity with the Adobe suite preferred.

Key attributes

- Committed to advancing ITDP's mission and to environmental and social justice.
- Excellent in research and analysis; enjoy working with numbers!
- Able to communicate well; make powerful presentations.
- Able to manage people and projects to produce successful outcomes.
- Able to manage multiple priorities and projects, even when under pressure.
- Able to maintain a balance between work quality and program priorities.
- Available to travel frequently within India and, at times, internationally.

The salary will be commensurate with experience. For more information send a resume, samples of written work, and an idea for improving the bus system in your city to india@itdp.org.