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**Abstracts
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The Transportation Research Board of the National Academies is organizing the Fourth International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation. The aim is to add substantially to the research base on women's transportation issues that has been developed over the past four decades, to take stock of its current status, and to identify future research needs.

This conference is designed to enhance and enrich understanding of gender differences in access, mobility, safety, and personal security needs and to provide more and better information, insight, and guidance on developing transportation services and programs to promote equitable and sustainable access and safe mobility. The focus is on women's issues, as gender has often been ignored in transportation systems planning and implementation.

The conference will provide an international forum for information sharing and for presenting the latest research findings and policy analyses. The program

will feature international officials, keynote speakers, researchers, and practitioners focusing on key areas in transportation planning and safety, changing demographics, extreme events, and personal security issues that affect women travelers.

The Conference Planning Committee invites abstracts for papers that address one or more of the five main themes of the conference:

- **Safety** (e.g., gender differences in driving patterns, crash patterns, and self-regulation patterns across generations; women's vulnerability in crashes; safety of pregnant drivers; women's ergonomic needs in relation to design features of the different modes)
- **Travel Behavior and Planning** (e.g., gender differences in travel behavior, attitudes, and preferences; differential responses to land use and community design features; implications of

gender differences for travel demand modeling and transportation planning; social justice and equity; citizen participation; transportation and public health concerns)

- **Changing Demographics** (e.g., the relationship of travel to household size and composition, income disparities, immigration, age, ethnicity, race, and disability)

- **Crime and Personal Security** (e.g., gender differences in response to actual and perceived crime, harassment, and security in various travel modes; impact of design features on crime prevention and reduction)
- **Extreme Events** (e.g., gender differences in preparedness for hurricanes, earthquakes, or terrorist attacks; emergency response and risk management)

Instructions for Abstract Submission

Word Limit: 300 words

Abstracts are due by November 15, 2008, and should be submitted by clicking on the following link:

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Submitters should include a clear statement of purpose and expected significance of the research, as well as information about data sources and methodologies, current status of the work, and up to five bibliographic references.

Notification to Authors

Authors of abstracts accepted for development into full papers will be notified by March 1, 2009, and draft final papers will be due by June 15, 2009.

Authors of draft final papers accepted for presentation at the conference will be notified by July 15, 2009, and will receive comments for any requested revisions. Final papers responding to these comments are due by September 1, 2009.

Papers should not exceed 7,500 words in length.

Special Note: Authors of papers accepted for presentation at the conference will receive a reduced conference registration fee but will be responsible for their own travel expenses. A limited number of travel scholarships may be available.

Conference Objectives

- Enhance and enrich the understanding of gender differences in transportation access, mobility, safety, and personal security needs;
- Increase the dissemination of more insightful information and guidance on developing transportation services and programs that promote equitable and sustainable access and safe mobility; and

- Assess the research developed over the past four decades on women's transportation issues, make substantial additions to the database, and identify future research needs.

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