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Registration for 2015 Annual Meeting Opens in September

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The author is Director, Technical Activities, TRB. or the first time in almost 60 years, the TRB Annual Meeting will be moving to a new venue. TRB's 94th Annual Meeting will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., January 11–15, 2015. This is the fourth in a series of articles on the move.

Prepare for Registration and Housing

Registration for the TRB 94th Annual Meeting opens in September 2014. TRB has contracted with approximately 20 hotels to provide guest rooms at the prevailing government per diem rate—currently \$184 per night. These rooms will be made available only to those who register for the meeting and can be reserved as part of the online meeting registration process.

All prospective attendees are encouraged to visit the TRB Annual Meeting website at www.TRB.org to become familiar with the hotel options and to prioritize choices before beginning the registration process.

The Walter E. Washington Convention Center is located between 7th and 9th Streets and N Street and Mt. Vernon Place, NW, in downtown Washington, D.C., across from the Carnegie Library at Mount Vernon Square, and approximately 1 mile north of the National Mall. The new Marriott Marquis Hotel is directly across 9th Street from the Convention Center, and the two buildings are connected by a short underground walkway.

Sessions, exhibits, posters, and most large events will take place in the spacious Convention Center. Most committee meetings will be held in the Marriott Marquis.

In considering hotel options, attendees should be mindful that that the Marriott Marquis can accommodate only about 20 percent of those who will need hotel rooms for the Annual Meeting. Alternatives range from large chain hotels to boutique hotels to hotels that offer primarily suites. Locations include the immediate vicinity of the Convention Center and trendy Washington, D.C., neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle.

The hotels in the TRB room block are easily accessible to the Convention Center. Visit the TRB Annual Meeting website for more information about each hotel and about transportation options. No shuttle buses operate between hotels and the Annual Meeting sites.



Most committee meetings at the 2015 TRB Annual Meeting will take place at the Marriott Marquis.

What Does the Fee Include?

All TRB Annual Meeting registrants will receive the following benefits:

- ◆ Eligibility to reserve hotel guest rooms at the government per diem rate;
- ◆ Admission to more than 800 workshops and sessions, with more than 4,000 presentations featuring the latest research and developments in transportation;
- ◆ Access to more than 350 meetings organized by TRB standing committees and task forces to provide networking opportunities;
- ◆ Three days of exhibits showcasing the latest in transportation-related products and services;
- ◆ Access to the Annual Meeting Interactive Program and Mobile App, available in early November, to enable advance planning of itineraries and schedules management during the meeting;
- ◆ Complimentary wi-fi access in public areas, meeting rooms, sessions, the exhibit hall of the Convention Center, and in the Marriott Marquis; and
- ◆ Complimentary use of TRB Annual Meeting Online, which provides access to the papers and presentations delivered at the meeting.

The spotlight theme for the 94th TRB Annual Meeting is "Corridors to the Future: Transportation and Technology."

To learn more about the meeting and to register, visit the TRB Annual Meeting webpage at www.TRB.org.