



The Walter E. Washington Convention Center at 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, between 7th and 9th Streets, NW, will host the TRB 94th Annual Meeting, January 11–15, 2015—and has already displayed the meeting banner (at right).

TRB Annual Meeting on the Move

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For the first time in almost 60 years, the TRB Annual Meeting will be moving to a new venue. The TRB 94th Annual Meeting will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., January 11–15, 2015.

Why Now?

With approximately 12,000 attendees, 4,500 presentations in more than 800 sessions and workshops, 350 committee meetings, 200 exhibits, and 1,600 activities during its four and a half days, the Annual Meeting has grown so much that current venues have been stretched to their limits—and, in some cases, beyond them. The TRB mission is to provide

leadership in transportation innovation and progress through research and information exchange, conducted within a setting that is objective, interdisciplinary, and multimodal. Information exchange during the Annual Meeting often has been challenging because of the physical separation of the modes and disciplines among the three Connecticut Avenue Collection hotels—the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, the Omni Shoreham, and the Washington Hilton. Unifying the activities will enhance information exchange.

The long-delayed construction of the Marriott Marquis hotel, adjacent to the Convention Center, will be completed in early 2014. The combination of

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Year	Site
1922	First TRB Annual Meeting at the Engineering Societies Building, 29 West 39th Street, New York, New York (30 registrants)
1923	1701 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. (89 registrants)
1924–1940	NAS Building, 2100 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. (273 registrants in 1924)
1941–1945	Cities outside of Washington, D.C.—Baltimore, Maryland; St. Louis, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—to avoid transportation and congestion in the capital during wartime
1946–1955	NAS Building, augmented by auditoriums of District Chapter of the American Red Cross, Department of State, Department of the Interior, and General Services Administration (1,275 registrants in 1955)
1956–1992	All events in Sheraton Park Hotel—later renamed the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel—beginning in 1956; augmented with Omni Shoreham Hotel beginning in late 1960s
1993–2014	Washington Hilton added to Marriott and Omni Shoreham—the so-called Connecticut Avenue Collection hotels (11,900 registrants in 2014)
2015	Moving to Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C.

the meeting space in the Convention Center and the Marriott Marquis should meet the needs of the Annual Meeting, with room for future growth. The availability of this major headquarters hotel, however, also has made the Convention Center more attractive to other organizations planning meetings with large attendance, programs, and exhibits. With other organizations vying for the dates when TRB ordinarily conducts its Annual Meeting, TRB staff concluded that if a contract was not set for dates in mid-January, the venue would likely be lost for years to come. After a thorough analysis, the TRB Executive Committee approved the move of the TRB Annual Meeting to the Convention Center, beginning in 2015.

Déjà Vu

This is not the first time that TRB has been faced with the decision on whether or not to change venues to accommodate the meeting's growing attendance and program (see table, page 56). In each case, the decision was made to move the meeting to a facility that initially could house the entire event. As the meeting grew, other nearby facilities were added, until it became again necessary to move to a larger

venue to bring everything back under one roof.

The Annual Meeting has been held each year since 1956 in the Washington Marriott Wardman Park hotel (formerly the Sheraton Park). The Omni Shoreham and, later, the Washington Hilton hotels were added to accommodate expanded programming and attendance. Over the past 20 years, TRB has evaluated many options to increase the amount of space for the meeting; however, none of these options had proved to be feasible or desirable.

But now the time has come. Plan now to join colleagues January 11–15, 2015, at the Washington Convention Center to help TRB establish new traditions.

This is the first of a series of articles that will appear in TR News on the move of the TRB Annual Meeting to its new venue. Upcoming issues will contain articles that provide more details on the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and other information to help attendees prepare for this new experience.



National Academy of Engineering Elects TRB Volunteers

Six of the 67 new members of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) of the National Academies have served on TRB committees or on the Marine Board. With more than 2,450 peer-elected members and foreign associates, NAE provides engineering leadership in service to the nation; election to NAE is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. The newly elected members include the following:



- ◆ **Carlos F. Daganzo**, Chancellor Professor of the Graduate School and retired Robert Horonjeff Chair in Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley), for engineering contributions to traffic, transportation, and logistics systems and operations. Daganzo is a past member of TRB's Transportation and Network Modeling Committee.
- ◆ **J. Karl Hedrick**, James Marshall Wells Academic Chair and professor of mechanical engineering, UC Berkeley, for analysis and control methods for nonlinear systems with application to practical problems. Hedrick served on the committee that produced TRB Special Report 265, *An Assessment of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Rating System for Rollover Resistance*. He also has been active on TRB standing committees and National Cooperative Highway Research Program panels.
- ◆ **Geraldine Knatz**, Adjunct Professor, Viterbi School of Engi-

neering, University of Southern California, for international leadership in the engineering and development of environmentally clean urban seaports. She retired in January 2014 after eight successful years as executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, one of the largest seaports in the United States. Knatz is the 2009 recipient of the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship. She also served as chair of TRB's Marine Board and provided input on TRB policy studies on the marine transportation system and on landside access to U.S. ports.

- ◆ **R. Keith Michel**, President, Webb Institute, for contributions to the design, construction, and operation of efficient, environment-friendly ships. A former chair of the Marine Board, Michel also has served on four policy study committees—two of which he chaired.
- ◆ **Craig E. Philip**, Chief Executive Officer, Ingram Barge Company, for contributions in information technology and management innovation in the intermodal, rail, and inland waterway industries. Philip is a former member of the TRB Executive Committee and its Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review. He is a past member of the Marine Board and a current member of the National Cooperative Freight Research Program Oversight Committee.
- ◆ **Ian A. Waitz**, Dean of Engineering and Jerome C. Hunsaker Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for analysis of environmental effects of aviation that have enabled practical environmental regulations. Waitz was a member of the committee that produced TRB Special Report 307, *Policy Options for Reducing Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions from U.S. Transportation*.