

# CALL FOR PAPERS 2010

## Canadian Transportation Research Forum 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, May 30- June 2, 2010

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Toronto, Toronto, ON Canada

### Conference Theme

*Transportation and Logistics Trends and Policies: Successes and Failures*

The transportation and logistics landscape has changed dramatically in recent times. Shippers have attempted to minimize their working capital by reducing inventory and measuring the impacts of their decision throughout the entire supply chain. Carriers have been forced to become more efficient and responsive as a result, while new global trade patterns have emerged. Government policy has favoured deregulation for the most part after years of heavy-handed direct involvement in transportation service delivery. Individuals have come to expect a greater degree of personal mobility both in terms of local and intercity travel while corresponding activity levels have increased immensely, putting strains on transportation infrastructure and raising environmental concerns.

There is no doubt that some of these trends and policies have produced successful results. But to what extent? What are the trends that have been less successful or even failures? Will the successful trends continue to produce even more desirable results in the future, or do we now have to rethink our government policies and business decisions in the face of changing social and political environments? What new trends and policies will the future produce, for better or for worse?

For the CTRF's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, we invite prospective authors and presenters to consider the implications of the theme: *Transportation and Logistics Trends and Policies: Successes and Failures*. Economic, managerial and policy research on all modes of transport is relevant to this theme. Potential areas of focus include:

Aviation & Airports	Agricultural Transportation	Border Crossings
Carrier Issues	Commodity Prices	Coping with Volatility
Corridors & Gateway	Cold Chains	Commuters
Dangerous Goods	Environmental Issues	Financing/3Ps
Governance & Management		High Speed/ Passenger Rail
Intermodal	Intelligent Transport Systems	Inland Ports
Labour Issues	Local Neighbourhood Impacts	Leisure & Resort Travel
Logistics	Manufacturing Outsourcing	Maritime & Port Issues
Military Transportation	Operations Research	Optimizing Infrastructure
Passenger Transportation	Pipelines	Productivity & Costs
Railway Issues	Road Safety	Risk Management/Safety
Rural Transportation	Security	Shipper Issues
Special Event Logistics	Spiking Energy Prices	Statistics/Data Issues
Supply Chains	Sustainable Transport	Tax Policy
Technological Changes	Tourism & Travel	Trade
Transportation Education	Trucking	Urban Transportation
Vehicle Design	Warehousing	

The emphasis is on forward looking, relevant and thoughtfully presented applied research and policy recommendations of interest to the private sector, academia, and government.

CTRF seeks to maintain its preeminent reputation for open dialogue, stimulating exchange of ideas, challenging debate and forward looking considerations of transportation research for Canadian and international participants.

The CTRF annual conference will be of interest to participants from transport carriers, shippers, public sector, professional service firms, industry analysts, trade press and academics; all within a lively forum that has become a tradition in Canada.

In addition to the plenary sessions, paper presentations, the Conference offers panel discussions, special luncheon speakers, an Oxford style debate and networking opportunities to go alongside a very special companions' program.

### **Key Dates**

Abstracts accepted beginning October 30, 2009

Latest abstract submission December 31, 2009

Latest response to authors January 31, 2010

Full paper due February 28, 2010

Conference May 30 to June 2, 2010

### **Conference Awards & Opportunities**

All papers are published in a pre-conference set of proceedings. CTRF will continue its tradition of awarding prizes for the best conference papers. For 2010, there will be prizes awarded in the following categories:

Best overall paper

Runners-up

Authors of papers that are short-listed for prizes will be invited to submit their papers to the Canadian Journal of Transportation for review and possible publication. All CTRF authors are encouraged to consider submitting their papers through the CJT website.

### **Abstract Format**

Abstracts must be 150-200 words (one page) in length and information should be provided on the name of the author(s), title, organization, mailing address, phone and fax number, and e-mail address. Some abstracts may be placed on the CTRF website to promote the conference.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically in a recognizable word processing format (Word or WordPerfect).

**Submit abstracts or inquiries to the Vice President of Programs and Publications:**

Mr. Vijay Gill

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## **Panel Sessions & Debate**

Suggestions for topics and volunteers to organize or participate in panels are requested. Propositions are also invited for the annual Bison Transport Debate.

## **Conference Location & Venue**

Multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-national, multi-fun: once the "Meeting Place" for Amerindians, now Canada's largest metropolis, the country's business and cultural engine, and a great place to visit-welcome to Toronto!

Toronto is easily accessible from across the country by air, rail and road. In addition to Pearson Airport, Toronto offers the City Centre Airport with quick access to downtown Toronto. Furthermore, those who arrive by train will find themselves in historic Union Station, located in the heart of the downtown core. See Tourism Toronto's web site for additional information <http://www.seetorontonow.com/>.

A block of rooms has been set aside at The Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Toronto, located at 475 Yonge St., Toronto, ON. The hotel is just a few blocks north of Eaton Centre Shopping Mall and just east of Queen's Park and the University of Toronto's main campus. In addition, the hotel is easily accessible by public transportation (College Station stop on the Yonge line). Booking your stay at the hotel will directly support the CTRF conference so please consider it as your first alternative if you require accommodation for the conference.

The most efficient way for delegates to make their room reservations is online at <http://cwp.marriott.com/yyzcy/ctrf>. Alternatively, delegates may contact The Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Toronto by phone at 1-800-847-5075. Please quote The Canadian Transportation Research Forum in order to receive the special conference rate of \$149 per night. Please book your room early in order to ensure the best selection of the available block of rooms. Room availability will not be guaranteed after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.