



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Canadian Transportation Research Forum

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 3-6, 2012

Roderick Mah Centre\*, Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada

#### *Sustainable Transportation: Economic, Social and Environmental Perspectives*

Policy makers, managers and the public increasingly seek balanced sustainable practices that reflect environmental, economic and social needs. This goes beyond traditional cost reduction strategy by taking a holistic view in which environmental, social and economic perspectives are intertwined to identify and research creative approaches.

We invite authors and presenters to submit their work to our annual conference in support of this theme. Particular interests include papers about: technological and operational developments and research in the various sustainable transportation initiatives; issues concerned with environmental footprints and initiatives towards enhancing the sustainability of transport; how policies and regulations influence sustainable innovations; and issues concerned with creating appropriate balance in regulating the economics, safety and security of transport.

**Potential areas of specific focus include, but are not limited to:**

Aviation & Airports	Labour Issues	Statistics/Data Issues
Agricultural Transportation	Logistics	Skills/Research Capacity
Border Crossings	Maritime & Port Issues	Supply Chains
Coping with Volatility	Military Transportation	Sustainable Transport
Corridors & Gateways	Operations Research	Technological Innovation
Commuters/Transit	Optimizing Infrastructure	Tax Policy
Dangerous Goods	Passenger Transportation	Research Funding
Environmental Issues	Productivity & Costs	Tourism & Travel
Financing/3Ps	Railway Issues	Trade & Transportation
Governance/Management	Transportation Safety	Transportation Education
High Speed Rail	Rural Transportation	Trucking Issues
Intermodal	Security Issues	Urban Transportation
Inland Ports	Shipper Issues	Warehousing
Intelligent Transport Systems	Spiking Energy Prices	

CTRF has a reputation for open dialogue, stimulating exchange of ideas, challenging debate and forward looking consideration of transportation research presented by Canadian and international participants. The target audience for participation includes governments, transport carriers, shippers, shipper associations, professional service firms, industry analysts, trade press and academics; all within a lively forum that has become a tradition in Canada.

In addition to papers, plenary and panel sessions, the conference features special luncheon speakers, an Oxford style debate and networking opportunities to go alongside a very special companions' program.

\*<http://www.mtroyal.ca/wcm/groups/public/documents/pdf/leedbrochure.pdf>

## Key Dates

Abstracts accepted beginning	October 31, 2011
<b>Abstract submission deadline</b>	<b>January 30, 2012 – New Deadline!</b>
Latest response to authors	January 15, 2012
Full paper due	February 20, 2012
Conference	June 3 – 6th, 2012

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 2012, there will be prizes awarded in the following categories: Best overall paper and runners-up. Authors of papers that are short-listed for prizes will be invited to submit their papers to the Canadian Journal of Transportation (CJT) for review and possible publication. All CTRF authors are encouraged to consider submitting their papers through the CJT.

## 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:**

Dr. Kalinga Jagoda [kjagoda@mtroyal.ca](mailto:kjagoda@mtroyal.ca)

## Panel Sessions & Debate

In addition to conference research papers, the program will include a plenary session on the conference theme and various panels on topics of interest. As we are developing the conference program, we welcome suggestions for topics and volunteers to organize or participate in panels and suggested debate propositions are also invited for the annual Bison Transport Debate.

## Conference Location & Venue

The 2012 CTRF conference is to be hosted at Mount Royal University's Roderick Mah Centre which is a LEED Conference Facility located in Calgary, Alberta Canada. Out of town guests should be aware that special accommodation arrangements have been made for:

- attractively priced and modern university residence facilities on campus. Per night costs will range from approximately \$55 per night to \$100 per night inclusive of GST and will include access to complimentary vehicle parking. Note the campus residences in June are virtually empty and the University is easy walking distance to more than one pub, a Tim Horton's and other amenities and is well served by transit services.
- or, optional hotel accommodations located off campus for attendees preferring that option. Our off campus hotel partner for CTRF has blocked rooms at a nightly rate of \$119.99 plus taxes for a standard Queen accommodation with a limited number of Atrium King rooms available for \$131.99 plus taxes. (details to follow for conference registration)

Look forward to a well hosted and economical conference experience here in Calgary, a city considered by many to be a jeweled destination on the eastern slopes of Canada's Rocky Mountains. For additional information on visiting Calgary, please visit the Visit Calgary website at: <http://www.visitcalgary.com/>.