



NATIONAL URBAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE 2009

October 21-23, 2009

Hotel Maya, Long Beach, California

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Due by July 15, 2009

Please join us for the third National Urban Freight Conference. The purpose of the Conference is to examine the impacts of goods movement and international trade in metropolitan areas. It gives researchers and practitioners a unique opportunity to consider the “urban side” of freight across many disciplines. We invite abstract submissions for National Urban Freight Conference 2009.

Metropolitan areas are the focus of economic activity. Cities around the world are connected via the global economy, and global economic flows are concentrated around the hubs of commerce and trade. The largest metropolitan areas are home to our busiest airports, largest ports, and largest intermodal centers. Perhaps surprisingly, our understanding of how freight and international trade affect urban areas remains limited. The distribution of economic and environmental impacts within and across metropolitan areas merits further documentation. Tools for modeling and forecasting freight flows within regions are not well developed. The nature of the goods movement supply chain is still poorly understood, and implications of the supply chain logic for urban areas are only developing. This Conference seeks to contribute to our understanding of freight and trade in metropolitan areas by bringing participants from many disciplines together to share research results.

We are seeking papers and presentations on any aspect of urban goods movement. We encourage submissions from both within and outside the US. This year we are soliciting submission of abstracts for papers or presentations. Papers submitted by the deadline will be included in the Conference CD and will be considered for possible inclusion in a special journal issue. See details below. Major topical areas include:

1. Models for transportation, port, air, intermodal operation; impact analysis
2. Port operations and productivity
3. Trucking/air/rail economics and logistics, productivity, labor issues
4. Local and regional environmental externalities: congestion, air quality, etc.
5. Policy and institutional issues in urban goods movement
6. Security/vulnerability of goods movement
7. Best practices/lessons learned

Abstract Submission Requirements

Abstracts must be submitted by July 15, 2009. The abstract is limited to 500 words and must include a statement of the research, methodology and data, and a brief summary of results and conclusions. Format for abstracts is as follows:

- Title
- Topic area
- Authors with full contact information
- Paper or Presentation
- Abstract text

Submit abstracts to:

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By mail: National Urban Freight Conference Program Committee
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Papers:

Papers are invited for inclusion in the Conference CD and consideration for publication in a special journal issue. Selected papers from the 2006 conference were published in *Transportation Research E*, 44E/2; selected papers from the 2007 conference are forthcoming in the same journal. Format instructions for papers will be sent to authors of accepted paper abstracts. Papers must be submitted by September 15, 2009.

Important dates:

Authors submit abstracts by ~~June 30, 2009~~ **July 15, 2009**

Abstracts reviewed and authors notified of acceptance by August 1, 2009

Instructions for papers and presentations issued by August 1, 2009

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Venue: **Hotel Maya**, 700 Queensway Drive, Long Beach, California
Additional hotel information is available at www.metrans.org and at www.hotelmayalongbeach.com.

Conference Registration: Registration will open April 20, 2009. Detailed registration information is available at www.metrans.org. *The registration fee includes two continental breakfasts, refreshments for AM/PM breaks, two lunches, an evening reception, optional site tour, and Conference materials.*

Registration Fee	Early Registration by 10/1/2009	Registration after 10/1/2009
General Attendees	\$350	\$425
Presenters, Moderators	\$295	\$375
Students	\$95	\$120
Keynote Luncheon only (October 21)	\$55	\$70
Conference Committee, Media	No Charge	No Charge