

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Activities Included with Registration

Conference sessions start at 1 pm on Thursday, April 27, and end at 4:45 p.m. on April 28, 2023. All attendees can take part in our Thursday evening reception, at which light food will be served, and our Friday Awards Luncheon, which are included in all registration options. We provide coffee, soft drinks, and water during breaks and have a continental breakfast on Friday. Please note that for a nominal additional cost (\$5) upon registration, you can become a TRF member or renew your membership. Attendees can avail themselves of free campus wi-fi and a FedEx Office one block away. Registration includes a free 45-minute walking tour at 5:15 pm on Friday, prior to the optional dinner. The main conference landing page is [here](#). For our Schedule-at-a-Glance, [click here](#). The registration portal, with fees, is [here](#).

Key Deadlines for Presenters

Registration deadline. We kindly ask that you register by **March 19, 2023**, or be dropped from the program. Please note that registrations are refundable through March 31 less a 5% administrative fee. The registration portal is [here](#).

Submission deadlines for papers/research summaries for lectern sessions: March 19, 2023. We ask that you submit a paper (or if you are not able to provide a paper, a summary document that outlines your methods and data). In short, we will need a document that allows our assigned discussants to offer comments regarding your research at the session. Those submitting papers by the deadline will be eligible for best-paper awards and cash prizes. If you plan to submit a paper and need a little extra time, we can work with you, but you need to communicate and will not be eligible for awards or prizes.

Submission deadlines for poster sessions: *Non-students*, April 9, 2023. *Students*: April 14, 2023. We will provide a reserved space (at a table) and pushpins. Maximum poster size is 3 x 5". A discussant will be assigned to visit your poster to offer feedback. The poster session is 5 p.m. on April 27.

Are you from the Chicago area? Email us prior to registering so we can see if you are eligible for a Chicago chapter discount.

TRF Tour Information

We have three tours currently planned, each costing \$30 per person.

Thursday, April 27, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Tour 1: Moving Millions: Chicago's Rail Passenger Terminals. Includes visits to Chicago Union Station and Ogilvie Transportation Center (formerly Chicago and North Western Station), our two busiest rail terminals. Transportation consultants Erik Cempel and Mark Walbrum will be our hosts.

Tour 2: Chicago River Renaissance. This tour will explore freight and passenger transportation as well as environmental topics. More details are forthcoming. Angelia Millsap, a registered botanist, will be among the guides.

Saturday, April 29, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Tour 3. Chicago's Public Transit System in Transition. This tour will include a guided tour on the famed Loop Elevated rapid-transit line and stops at key downtown locations. Details forthcoming. Joe Schwieterman will be among the guides.

Friday Night Dinner

This is an extra fee beyond the normal conference registration. The cost is \$50, not including alcoholic beverages. This social outing will be like the highly successful river cruise at our 63rd Forum last year (but will not involve water transportation).

Hotel Recommendations

Budget

Millennium Knickerbocker. 1.5 miles away, at 163 E. Walton Place. Reachable via a relatively long walk, a quick bus or subway ride (costing \$3), or by cab/Uber. We can provide instructions. Although the rooms are fairly small, this hotel is in a very attractive neighborhood near the Magnificent Mile.

Economy

Club Quarters Central Loop, .22 miles. 211 West Adams. An easy walk away from the venue.

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Chicago Downtown, .48 miles, 1 S. Franklin Street. Pleasant walk and easy to reach on a city bus. This is a discount for Wyndham Rewards members, with membership being free).

Business

Hampton Inn Majestic Theater District, .2 miles, 22 W. Monroe (roughly three blocks away)

Palmer House at Hilton Hotel, .1 mile (one block away), 17 E. Monroe

Both of these hotels offer discounts to Hilton Honors members

There are many other attractive options on major booking sites, including hostels and Airbnb choices. We will have a place for you to store luggage during the day.

Using our Transit System

The conference venue (14 E. Jackson) is almost perfectly situated for transit use. Also, we are within walking distance of Millennium Park and a three-minute walk from the famed Art Institute of Chicago. The Chicago Riverwalk is also within walking distance. Buses depart every few minutes on Michigan Avenue for the Magnificent Mile shopping and tourist area.

Transit riders can now use a credit card or Apple Pay to board Chicago Transit Authority buses or to pass through turnstiles at CTA rapid transit stops. You no longer need cash or a transit card to ride. A CTA day pass, now only \$5 is available at rapid-transit stations or on the Ventra app, is a real bargain. We are a flat fare system. The cost of a ride is \$3, including trips to/from Midway Airport and O'Hare Airport (slightly less if you have a transit card). It costs \$5 to ride from O'Hare Airport.