



CALL FOR PAPERS

53rd Annual Conference of the
Canadian Transportation Research Forum
June 3-6, 2018 – Gatineau’s Crowne Plaza Hotel, Gatineau, QC

Conference Theme

“The Future of Canada’s Transportation System”

The future of Canada’s transportation system is being governed by a policy framework put in place in the eighties and nineties. Much has happened since then. As a result, one has to recognize that the influences on transportation go beyond the policy framework. Many factors, including lessons learned from past decisions, shape the visions of what transportation will be expected to do for and to society, for and to the economy. The recent past evolution has continued to praise the benefits transportation provides with a shift towards the inclusion as well of considerations into decision-making of costs imposed by transportation. Changing business practices, such as supply chain integration, evolving travel behaviour, inter-modal relationships and various influences have been guiding decisions made to face current and predictable changes and challenges. New set of paradigms (inter-generational externalities) have emanated from social values recognizing the needs for environmental protection. The pace of innovations in transportation services and operations (e.g. Uber, the sharing economy, technology, autonomous vehicles, etc) is pressuring the transportation institutional environment. Mechanisms guiding priority setting can no longer solely be driven by market force considerations. Views on the role of government in transportation infrastructure decision and funding are evolving forcing reviews and reconsiderations. Under limited financial resources, modal specific decisions face the challenge of placing the decision in a “system” of transportation context.

Future challenges to be faced by the country’s transportation system may differ from the ones confronted in the past. As such, the approaches needed to deal with them may have to use analytical tools, methods and data different from the former ones used. One thing is sure, future transportation challenges will require decisions based on a good and precise understanding of the problems to solve. The objective behind the 2018 CTRF conference is to build the foundations of such an understanding through transportation researchers submitting and presenting their research of relevance to the theme.

For this conference, we are looking for quality research using data and information analysis from which substantiated conclusions and policy recommendations can be drawn for transportation professionals and policy makers. We welcome papers from the private sector, academia and all levels of government. The theme of the conference can be approached from different perspectives – transportation as an industry, as a social function, from the complete chain of impacts of transportation functions, from the supply side of transportation functions. Each perspective can

be approached from different research considerations intertwined in complex relationship between transportation and other industries in the economy as well as social activities. The non exhaustive list below highlights perspectives considerations and factors of relevance for the conference:

- all modes of transportation;
- public versus private sector’s roles and responsibilities in relation to transportation; domestic (local, regional, national) and international services;
- transportation demand and supply (including incidental services such as infrastructure, air navigation control services, etc.);
- operational financial environmental and institutional factors along with transportation costs performance efficiency viability accessibility and/or safety - issues challenges and lessons learned;
- investment priority setting, market factors, transportation’s significance on and importance of/to the economy ;
- data/information, analytical methodologies, decision-making;
- transportation policy, fiscal policy, transportation investment funding approaches.

Key Dates

Abstracts accepted beginning	Monday, Oct 2, 2017
Abstract submission deadline	Thursday, Nov 30, 2017
Latest response to authors	Friday, Dec 29, 2017
Full papers due	Friday, Feb 16, 2018
Full conference registration due	Friday, Feb 23, 2018
Conference	June, 3-6, 2018

Abstract / Paper Submission

Submission of abstracts and papers must be done using the CTRF on-line submission tool found at <https://web2.uwindsor.ca/maohhf/gatineau/ctrf18/> Authors not already registered on the abstract and paper submission website will need to create an account that they can use to submit both their abstracts and papers by the dates given above.

Abstracts may be up to a maximum of 200 words in length. Abstracts and papers must be submitted as per the key dates listed above. All abstracts and papers submitted must adhere to the formatting instructions given in the on-line submission tool.

Some abstracts may be placed on the CTRF website to promote the conference.

Authors who wish to present their work at the conference but do not wish to submit a full paper (4000-4500 words) can submit a short paper (1200-1800 words) through the conference paper submission website. In submitting their abstract, authors must indicate the type of paper that they will be submitting.

All papers will be published in a Conference Proceedings. In order to have a paper published in the Conference Proceedings, at least one author must register for the full conference and present the paper at the conference. Prizes will be awarded for the best conference papers (but short papers will not qualify for any award).

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Panel Sessions and Debate

In addition to research papers, the program will include plenary sessions on the conference theme and key topics of interest, and an annual Oxford style debate (the Bison Transport Debate), an entertaining CTRF tradition.

Conference Location and Venue

The conference will take place at the Gatineau Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Gatineau (Quebec). The hotel facility is a walking distance from downtown Ottawa, Canada's National Capital. It is a short distance to great restaurants, museums, live theatre, pubs, and many other opportunities. A block of rooms has been set aside with a corporate rate for conference delegates.

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