

CALL FOR PAPERS

Canadian Transportation Research Forum 59th Annual Conference
May 12-15, 2024 at Hotel Eldorado, Kelowna, BC

Mobilizing Transportation Research in Canada

There are big questions we need to answer to improve equity, economic prosperity, and resilience in Canada. This year's conference will provide focus to those questions and attention to the research that answers them. We want to help you put your research in the hands of the individuals and organizations that will use it to make a difference. Our vision is to be the hub to mobilize the transportation research agenda in Canada.

How will we do this? We are launching several research committees, each with a different area of focus. Each research committee will be responsible for identifying and prioritizing transportation research needs for Canada, and shining a light on the most salient research. Come to our conference to influence the direction of these committees that will help shape the research agenda in Canada.

The Canadian Transportation Research Forum (CTRF) is proud of our pre-eminent reputation for open dialogue, stimulating debate and forward-looking considerations of transportation research. The conference will have wide appeal to transportation policymakers, infrastructure and service providers, transportation users and other stakeholders, researchers in academia and organizations, and the press, all within a lively forum that is a tradition in Canada.

With this CALL FOR PAPERS, we invite prospective authors and presenters to submit abstracts (maximum 200 words) of their research for the 2024 CTRF conference. Preference is for relevant and thoughtfully developed applied research and policy recommendations of interest to transportation professionals and policy makers. Abstracts including from academia, the private and public sectors, all disciplines and perspectives, and based on experiences within Canada and abroad, are all welcome and encouraged.

Submissions on matters relating to operational, technological, managerial and economic aspects of transportation, as well as policy issues including governance, regulation, safety, security and the environment, on all modes of transport, are all relevant and welcome. Areas of interest for research and discussion could include **(but are not limited to):**

Research committee focus areas:

- Transportation Sustainability and Equity
- Supply Chains and Logistics
- Data
- Transport governance and policy
- Aviation and airports
- Freight and passenger rail
- Marine and ports

- Trucking and road freight
- Urban and rural transportation planning and modelling

Other topics:

- Trade and transportation corridors
- Infrastructure investment
- Mobility, including pricing, emerging trends, etc.
- Innovative technologies (e.g., quantum computing, network platforms, electric and autonomous vehicles, drones)
- Transportation safety and security
- Decision making and analytical methodologies
- Public versus private sector roles and responsibilities
- Transportation demand and service supply, including infrastructure

Key Dates

Abstract submission deadline	December 15, 2023
Latest response to authors indicating abstract acceptance	December 29, 2023
Completed papers due	March 15, 2024
Presenting authors' conference registration due	March 15, 2024
Conference	May 12 – 15, 2024

Instructions

Submission of abstracts and papers must be done using the CTRF on-line submission tool. This can be done by logging into the conference abstract and paper submission website reached directly at <https://web2.uwindsor.ca/maohhf/ctrf/ctrf24/>, or via www.ctrf.ca and clicking on "Submit Abstracts Here." 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.

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

All papers will be published in a pre-conference set of Proceedings. In order to have a paper published in the Conference Proceedings, the author (at least one author in the case of joint authorship) must register for the full conference by the date indicated above and present the paper at the conference. CTRF will continue its tradition of awarding prizes for the best conference papers. **Please note that short papers will not qualify for any award.**

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Use of Large Language Models and Generative AI

Any use of AI tools to generate text, images or graphics in your paper, or to collect, generate or analyse data, must be described in the Materials and Methods section of the paper. The tool used must be named and its application described. Authors are responsible for validating the information generated, and providing full citations. Avoiding plagiarism remains the responsibility of the author. AI bots such as ChatGPT **shall not** be acknowledged as authors.

Abstract and Paper Format

Abstracts may be up to 200 words in length and include up to four (4) key words. 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.

At CTRF's discretion, some abstracts may be placed on the CTRF website to promote the conference.

Conference Program

In addition to the presentation of research papers, the Conference Program will feature a number of Plenary Sessions on the conference theme and current topics of interest, keynote speakers, technical tours (site visits), workshops, as well as our annual Oxford-style Debate, a delightfully entertaining CTRF tradition. And, new this year, research committee meetings.

Conference Location and Venue

CTRF's 59th Annual Conference will be held at Hotel Eldorado, a stunning lakeside facility in the Okanagan Valley near Kelowna. Kelowna is the fastest growing city in Canada. It is home to UBC's Okanagan campus and Okanagan College. Visit Kettle Valley Steam Railway, and a plethora of wineries and golf courses. With 304 sunny days per year, it's the perfect destination if you must be away from the office. A block of rooms has already been set aside with a corporate rate for CTRF attendees.

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