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## Mobilizing our Future: Transport Innovations for a Stronger Canada

### CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

**Canadian Transportation Research Forum 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference May 24<sup>th</sup>  
to 27<sup>th</sup> in 2025 Halifax, Nova Scotia**

### **Mobilizing our Future: Transport Innovations for a Stronger Canada**

The need for transportation research that reflects the Canadian context is at an all time high due to the convergence of governmental and industry priorities relating to economic resilience, safety, sustainability, technological innovation, and public confidence. This year's conference will recognize the need for research and innovation to build a One Canada transport ecosystem that is prepared to address future challenges. This conference will expose your research to the individuals and organizations that are mobilizing transportation research in Canada.

**Join us in May 2026 in Halifax and help shape the transportation 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 AND POSTERS, we invite prospective authors and presenters to submit abstracts (maximum 200 words) of their research for the 2026 CTRF conference focused on “Mobilizing our Future: Transport Innovations for a Stronger Canada”.** Preference is given to relevant and thoughtfully developed applied research and policy recommendations related to the conference theme. However, abstracts, including those from academia, the private and public sectors, 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.

CTRF hosts research committees focused on:

- Sustainability and Equity
- Aviation and Airports
- Freight Rail
- Passenger Rail
- Ports and Marine
- Trucking
- Urban and Rural Transportation Planning and Modelling
- Data
- Supply Chains and Logistics
- Transport Governance

### Key Dates for the 2026 Annual Conference:

Abstract submission deadline	November 15, 2025
Latest response to authors indicating abstract acceptance	January 15, 2026
Completed papers / posters due	March 15, 2026
Presenting authors' conference registration due	March 15, 2026
<b>Conference</b>	<b>May 24 – 27, 2026</b>

### Instructions

**Submission of abstracts for the posters and papers this year will be done using the CTRF Sched Portal available at <https://cfp.sched.com/speaker/4lViy3t9JF>.** Authors will need to create an account on the CTRF Sched Portal to make submissions 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, or if their abstract is for a poster submission.

**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 / poster at the conference.** Authors will be responsible for supplying their poster in the requested format (note: recommendations on local printers can be provided). CTRF will continue its tradition of awarding prizes for the best conference papers and posters. 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 analyze 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

**For both papers and posters, abstracts may be up to 200 words in length and include up to four (4) key words. Abstracts, papers and posters must be submitted as per the key dates listed above, using the CTRF Sched Portal.** If accepted, all papers and posters must adhere to the formatting instructions provided.

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), poster session(s), research committee meetings, workshops, as well as our annual Oxford-style Debate, a delightfully entertaining CTRF tradition.

### **Conference Location and Venue**

CTRF's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Halifax, with organizational partnership with the Dalhousie University's Transportation Collaboratory (DalTRAC) research facility. A block of rooms has been set aside with a corporate rate for CTRF attendees. Information on conference registration and rates will be available on the CTRF website in early January 2026.

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