

Call for Presentations

Mark Your Calendar for the *GIS in Transit Conference*, October 16-18, 2013, at the Keck Center of the National Academies in Washington, D.C. *Submissions for presentations are due April 15, 2013.*

Don't miss this unique conference for transit planners, managers, researchers and GIS industry experts who are interested in sharing ways to use geographic and spatial analysis in transit planning, operations, and marketing to increase efficiency and effectiveness. The conference will:

- Provide transit professionals with experience and interest in GIS an opportunity to learn from peers and industry experts (vendors, researchers, and practitioners)
- Discuss emerging trends in geo-spatial analysis and transit informatics
- Demonstrate the use of GIS data to improve transit efficiency and effectiveness
- Provide a forum for public-private discussions about practical applications of new technologies

The Planning Committee invites presentation proposals such as:

Lessons learned using GIS to enhance service planning, analyze transit ridership, and improve transit performance

GIS tools and models for managing transit data; methods for collecting and maintaining data for transit scheduling and operations; standards and practices

GIS applications for the latest Census data

Use of GIS for Title VI and ADA complementary paratransit (for example, demographic analysis, accessibility standards, service analysis)

Data, data, data – Use of archived data for research

Implementing GIS within a transit agency – Making the case for value added funding strategies for GIS initiatives

Ensuring consistent data integration – Incorporating GIS with other transit information systems (scheduling, dispatch, incident records)

Opportunities for public-private partnerships to create practical applications of new technology

Open source toolbox for GIS in transit

Cloud source data for planning and analysis

Third-party applications (apps) for transit

Using GTFS feeds to publish transit data

Role of social media in transit marketing and customer service

Conference Planning Committee

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Submitting an Abstract

All presentation proposals should be submitted by **April 15, 2013**, should not be longer than 300 words, and should clearly convey the material that will be presented. Presentations that market specific products and services will not be accepted and are not acceptable at the conference. Case studies should be presented by the sponsoring organization, not by vendors.

After the conference, abstracts for accepted presentations will be posted on the conference web site. Full papers detailing the presentations will also be accepted for posting; however, these papers will not be peer reviewed.

If the presentation abstract is accepted, you will be informed mid- May, 2013. All poster presenters are expected to register for and attend the conference.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically at *GIS-Call for Presentations Survey*.

More Information

Check <http://transitgis.org/conference/2013-conferences/> for information on registration fees and the conference hotel.

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