Conference Description

The Second National GIS in Transit Conference is being planned for May 1999 to focus on the growing role of GIS in supporting transit planning, service delivery, and decision making. As a follow up to a very successful 1995 conference, this conference will use presentations, discussion panels and demonstrations to explore the most current research and applications experiences in using GIS to address public transportation issues.

Topical areas include:
- GIS and access to employment (welfare to work)
- GIS in paratransit and demand responsive transit
- GIS applications in Major Investment Studies
- GIS applications in service planning and evaluation
- GIS applications in environmental justice and equity analysis
- Progress in GIS hardware, software and data bases
- Research needs and challenges in improving GIS capabilities
- Training and continuing education on GIS for planners and transit professionals
- Using GIS in communications with the public and policy makers
- GIS and customer information
- GIS and livable communities
- GIS in transit management applications

Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, May 16, 1999
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Registration
4:00 PM Group Departs for Welcome Reception at Busch Gardens, Tampa
4:30 PM – 9:30 PM Busch Gardens, Tampa - Admission to Theme Park, Dinner, and Entertainment

Monday, May 17, 1999
7:00 AM Registration
7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:45 AM General Session
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM Lunch with Key Note Speaker
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Refreshments in Exhibit Hall
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions

Tuesday, May 18, 1999
7:00 AM Registration
7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM General Session
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Refreshments in Exhibit Hall
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM Lunch with Key Note Speaker
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Refreshments in Exhibit Hall
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Concluding Remarks

Registration Fees & Deadlines

Early Registration Fee (by April 16, 1999): $295
Late Registration Fee (after April 16, 1999): $325
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Please make checks payable to: GIS in Transit Conference, DTS-930
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Refund Policy

Requests for registration refunds will be honored if a written notice of cancellation is received on or before May 3, 1999. A $50 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds. Sorry, no refunds will be honored for cancellations after May 3, 1999.

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Conference Headquarters

The Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center / University of South Florida has been chosen to host the 2nd National GIS in Transit Conference. The hotel is located at 3705 Spectrum Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33612. A block of guest rooms has been reserved at a special conference rate of $109 plus tax. Please call the hotel at 813-977-7066 and reference the GIS in Transit Conference to reserve your room at the negotiated rate. The deadline to reserve your room is April 16, 1999. After this date, reservations will be honored based on hotel availability.

The nearest airport to the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center is the Tampa International Airport.

In compliance with ADA requirements, participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting Carol-Ann Courtney, Conference Coordinator, at least ten working days prior to the conference. She can be reached by phone at 617-494-2686, by fax at 617-494-2569 or by email at courtney@volpe5.dot.gov.

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Call for papers

One page abstracts are due November 30, 1998. Please see conference description for a list of topical areas. Authors may propose: 1) A presentation, 2) a presentation with paper for publication in the conference proceedings, or 3) a presentation with paper reviewed for possible publication in a special GIS focused issue of the Journal of Public Transportation. Authors will be notified within 45 days whether the presentation/paper will be accepted for the conference.

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Exhibitors

If your organization is interested in exhibiting at the conference, please contact Carol-Ann Courtney (see contact information).