

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ADC10 Committee on Environmental Analysis in Transportation and ADC30T Task Force on Ecology and Transportation Business Meetings

The committee and task force business meetings will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday, July 9. All are welcome to attend this both meetings. Both Committee chair, Mark Kross, and Task Force chair Tom Linkous promise captivating and informative meetings.

Opening Reception

The Washington State Department of Transportation will host a reception Sunday evening, July 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza hotel for all registrants. This reception offers an opportunity for firms, agencies and DOTs to promote their environmental efforts around the country. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided.

Conference Tour



The Smith Tower, erected 1914

On Tuesday afternoon, July 11, we will take a leisurely 15-minute walk from the hotel through downtown to the historic Smith Tower. High atop the tower at the observation deck in the Chinese Room, the Director of the Alaska Way Viaduct project will present a vision of the Seattle Waterfront, the complex issues surrounding construction of a new Alaska Way in the wake of the 2001 Nisqually earthquake, and the expansion of the ever busy Coleman Dock—the downtown Seattle terminal for the Washington State Ferries. The Smith Tower offers a breathtaking view of downtown Seattle and surrounding area and provides a unique bird's-eye view of the coming projects shaping the Seattle waterfront.

After taking in some history of Seattle, the outstanding cityscape and discussion of changes to the Seattle waterfront, we will walk back to the hotel and after briefly refreshing board buses to Pier 66. There people can tour the Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center. The center is a regional showcase where people can discover our modern links to the Puget Sound and North Pacific—including commercial fishing, shipping, trade, transportation, recreation, and marine protection. From here, we will board the tour boat with a cash bar to Kiana Lodge.

The lodge is six acres of beautiful gardens and 1000 feet of no-bank waterfront surrounded by fragrant cedars and tall firs. At the lodge, we will spend 2-hours taking in the surroundings and enjoying one of the best salmon dinners offered. After dinner, we will once again board the boat, journey across the scenic Puget Sound where buses will be waiting to whisk you back to the hotel...or you may wish to take a summer walk along the Seattle waterfront and enjoy any of scores of shops, clubs, or other establishments along the way.

REGISTRATION

Members and Friends

The workshop fee is \$225 and the tour is just an additional \$50. After June 30, the workshop fee increases to \$270 but the tour is just still an additional \$50. Combined these fees include all workshop materials, sessions, refreshment breaks and the following meals: three (3) continental breakfasts, and the tour. The tour includes admission to the Smith Tower, bus transportation, cruise and dinner.

[Monday and Wednesday dinner and all lunches will be on your own. Dinner on Tuesday is provided with tour registration. The conference hotel, the Crowne Plaza, is located in downtown Seattle, the hotel has a restaurant and many are within 3 blocks.]

Payment is by either check or money order. No credit cards or purchase orders are accepted. Make payment to "TRB ADC10 2006 Summer Meeting". Return the registration form with your check to Martin Palmer, PO BOX 330310, Seattle WA, 99133-9710. If you have questions, call Martin Palmer at (206) 440-4548 or Ron DeNadai at (215) 568-6500.

Guests

Seattle and its surrounding area offer many activities for guests and children to enjoy. A list of some of these options is enclosed. While we have left the exploration of Seattle and all its treasures to you to find, many are within easy walking distance of the hotel. Metro transit offers a "free ride zone" in the downtown area meaning that you can ride the bus for free in the city's core expanding your access to the many attractions in Seattle. Check the registration materials once you arrive in Seattle for details.

If you would like to bring a guest, the fee is \$80 per guest (adults and/or children). This fee includes three (3) continental breakfasts, and the dinner and the conference tour. If your guest will only participate in either the breakfasts or the tour, the price for each guest will be \$30 and \$50, respectively. Please indicate on the registration form how many guests will be attending and their names. Include guest fees with your conference registration fee.

Cancellations

If you submit your registration and the conference fee, but you have to cancel, we require receipt of a written cancellation letter no later than June 27 for a 50 percent refund or \$112.50 of the registration and \$25 of the tour fees of attendees. We will offer no refunds for either the registration or the tour after June 27 due to our commitments for meals, transportation and other expenses. Persons who must consider canceling their registration do have the option of sending another attendee, provided they inform Martin Palmer at (206) 440-4548 prior to the start of the conference.

Guests who must cancel their registration will receive a \$15 refund on breakfast registration and a \$25 refund on tour registration, respectively, with written notification received by June 27. We will offer no refunds after June 27 due to our commitments for meals, transportation and other expenses.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference hotel is the Seattle Crowne Plaza. The website for the hotel is easy to find and provides a fabulous link to events, local nightlife, shopping, sights and activities, and restaurants. To find the site, do a Google search for Crowne Plaza Seattle Hotel and click on the sponsored site, Crowne Plaza Seattle.

The conference rate is \$124 per night plus tax (or \$143.34 total per night single occupancy). As of June 2, 2006, the going rate for a single or double guest room is \$209 plus tax per night. Rates are good for the duration of the conference up to the number of rooms held. Rooms at this special rate may be available either before or after the conference depending on availability. After June 9, 2006 the room block will go away and the higher rate will apply.

The hotel does have on-site parking. Parking is valet only and is \$27 per day.

Contact Information for the conference hotel is:

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
SEATTLE-DOWNTOWN AREA
1113 SIXTH AVENUE
SEATTLE, WA 98101

Hotel Reservations: 1 800 980 6429

Hotel Front Desk:1-206-464-1980

Hotel Fax:1-206-340-1617

Email: crowneplaza@crowneplazaseattle.com

Check-In Time: 4:00 PM

Check-Out Time: 12:00 PM

Click on this site <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/direction/seadt> for maps and directions to the hotel.

TRANSPORTATION

You can get to the hotel by either rental car or shuttle service. The hotel website above will provide you with access to several rental car agencies. Shuttle Express provides both van and town car service to and from the hotel. For fees and reservations go to their website at <http://www.shuttleexpress.com/index.html> .

CLIMATE AND ATTIRE

July in Seattle is mild—averaging 75 degrees for the high and 55 degrees for the low. Humidity will be about 50-60%. Rainy weather might be anticipated. Attire for the entire meeting is business casual except for the tour which is casual.

SEATTLE AREA ATTRACTIONS

The Seattle Convention and Visitor's Bureau has a website with links to various sites. Please visit <http://www.seeseattle.org/visitors/> for access to maps, photo tours, events calendar, visitor's information packet, suggested itineraries, Mariner's baseball and much, much, more.

Maps, brochures, visitor's guides and friendly assistance will be available at the conference registration counter and the conference hotel.