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Greetings!

This bulletin contains information and updates from the world of activity-travel behavior research. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested in the field. Also, if there is any information that you would like included in future issues of this communiqué, please feel free to send the information to pendyala@eng.usf.edu.

2007 Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) is scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C. during January 21-25, 2007. The paper submission site is now open and can be accessed from the Annual Meeting website: <http://www.trb.org/meeting/>. Papers must be submitted online by August 1, 2006 according to the guidelines outlined in the *Information for Authors* available at:

<http://www.trb.org/Guidelines/Authors.pdf>.

Authors intending to submit papers can get full-text online access to past issues of the *Transportation Research Record*, *The Journal of the Transportation Research Board* for the years 1996 - 2005.

Numerous TRB committees have issued calls for papers that would be of interest to the travel behavior community. The complete list of calls is available at:

<http://www.trb.org/conferences/CallsForPapers/default.asp?event=186>.

In particular, the **Committee on Traveler Behavior and Values (ADB10)** is sponsoring two calls for papers:

- ✓ [Innovations in Time Use and Activity Pattern Analysis](#) (Contacts: Cynthia Chen, chen@ce.cuny.cuny.edu; Dick Ettema, d.ettema@geo.uu.nl)
- ✓ [Decision Hierarchies](#) (Contact: Sean Doherty, sdoherty@wlu.ca)

In addition, the committee is co-sponsoring several calls for papers:

- [A "Showcase" of NPTS/NHTS Data Analyses & Applications](#) (Contact: Ed Christopher, edc@berwyned.com)
- [Advances in Statistical Methods for Activity-Travel Behavior Analysis](#) (Contact: Joan Walker, joanw@bu.edu)
- [Computer Visualization and Simulation Tools for Activity-Travel Pattern Analysis](#) (Contact: Chuck Hixon, chixon@bergmannpc.com)
- [Policy and Planning Applications of Activity- and Tour-Based Travel Demand Modeling Systems](#) (Contact: Kostas Goulias, goulias@geog.ucsb.edu)
- [Urban Transportation and Land Development in Developing Countries](#) (Contact: Sumeeta Srinivasan, sumeeta@deas.harvard.edu)
- [Integrating Demand and Supply Travel Models](#) (Contact: Srinivas Peeta, peeta@purdue.edu; Joan Walker, joanw@bu.edu)

Additional calls for papers that may be of interest to the community are:

- ☑ [Advanced Computing & Modeling Techniques to Transportation Infrastructure Protection & Security](#)
- ☑ [Assessing and Protecting Transportation Networks](#)
- ☑ [Statewide Travel Model Validation](#)
- ☑ [Transportation Network Modeling](#)
- ☑ [Transportation Network Reliability and Vulnerability, Emergency Response, and Evacuation](#)
- ☑ [Integrating Land Use and Transportation Models](#)

Please identify the specific call for papers and/or committee/subcommittee to which you are submitting your paper.

As in past years, activities relevant to the travel behavior community will commence on Sunday morning with some high-impact workshops and conclude only on Thursday at noon. Please plan your travel schedule accordingly and stay for the entire duration of the meeting. Workshops are being planned on the design and application of activity (tour) - based models, integration of travel demand and supply models, and dynamic traffic assignment models in practice. Stay tuned for more details!

Did You Know...

The human race has seen an explosion in urban living over the past half-century. Use this interactive map, courtesy of BBC News, to see how the world's cities have grown over time. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/world/06/urbanisation/html/urbanisation.stm>

More TRB News

The spotlight theme for the TRB 2007 Annual Meeting will be "Transportation Institutions, Finances, and Workforce - Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century".

Former TRB Executive Committee Chairperson [Genevieve Giuliano](#) has been named by the Technical Activities Council to present the [2007 Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lecture](#). Dr. Giuliano will present her lecture on the evening of Monday, January 22, 2007, in conjunction with the TRB Annual Meeting. Dr. Giuliano, Professor in the School of Policy, Planning and Development and Director of METRANS at the University of Southern California, has multiple areas of research, including the relationships between land use and transportation, transportation policy evaluation, and impacts of information technology on transportation and travel behavior.

By the way, unless the Congress acts to address the unintended consequences of SAFETEA-LU on FHWA's research budget and programs, FHWA's level of support will be approximately \$1.1 million per year less than called for in the TRB 2007-2009 triennium budget. Since the passage of SAFETEA-LU, TRB staff has been identifying cost saving and revenue enhancement options to mitigate the consequences of such a funding shortfall.

A Transportation Research Record (TRR) Update

TRB staff is now taking steps to make all or part of the TRR collection available on the web to all users on a full time basis through subscriptions and pay-per-view. (TRB sponsors would continue to have full access at no additional cost.) TRB is now preparing a request for proposals from online subscription services. The objectives are to provide a useful service to transportation researchers, help increase the citation index of the TRR, and generate the revenue necessary to support these services. It is hoped to have this service available by the end of 2006.

Also, the TRB Technical Activities Council is appointing a [TRR Publication Board](#), which will serve as a standing committee providing recommendations and guidance on policy and actions to maintain and enhance the quality of the TRR as a peer reviewed journal. The actual conduct of the peer review process and the selection of papers to be published in the TRR are expected to remain the responsibility of the TRB standing committees.

Finally, the 2006 [TRB Special Issue of *Transportation*](#) (Springer), due in September, contains a selection of five papers presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting dedicated to the theme of "[Activity-Travel Decision Processes](#)". Sean Doherty and Dick Ettema served as guest editors for this special issue.

International Association for Travel Behaviour Research

The Conference

The 2006 IATBR Conference will take place August 16-20 at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan. Please visit: <http://term.kuciv.kyoto-u.ac.jp/iatbr06/> to get complete information about the conference logistics and program. The theme of the conference is "The Expanding Sphere of Travel Behaviour Research". The deadline for *Conference Registration* and for signing up for *Optional Tours* is **July 15, 2006**. The 2005 Eric Pas Dissertation Prize and the 2nd IATBR Lifetime Achievement Award winners will be announced and honored at the conference. If you have not yet done so, please register and make travel and visa arrangements as soon as possible as the conference starts at the tail end of the summer peak travel period in Japan.

Pay Membership Dues

Now is the best time to join IATBR and/or renew your membership. Unless you have registered and paid the full conference registration fee (JPY 45,000 before April 21, 2006 and JPY 55,000 after April 21, 2006), you will need to pay membership dues through the online payment system at the IATBR website: <http://www.iatbr.org>. Please follow the simple instructions to remit your payment online. The annual membership fee is US \$25 and all are encouraged to remit a 3-year dues payment of \$75 at one time. This 3-year dues payment will cover membership until the 2009 conference.

Recent Conferences

- ❖ Association of American Geographers, March 7-11, 2006, Chicago, IL. <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/Chicago2006/>
- ❖ TRB Conference on Innovations in Travel Demand Modeling, May 21-23, 2006, Austin, TX. <http://www.trb.org/Conferences/TDM/>
- ❖ North American Travel Monitoring Exhibition and Conference (NATMEC), June 4-7, 2006, Minneapolis, MN. <http://www.trb.org/conferences/natmec/>

Upcoming Conferences

- TRB Summer (Midyear) Conference, July 9-11, 2006, La Jolla, California. <http://www.trb.org/conferences/jointsummer/2006/>
- URBAN TRANSPORT 2006, Twelfth International Conference on Urban Transport and the Environment in the 21st Century, July 12-14, 2006, Prague, Czech Republic. <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2006/urban06/index.html>
- 5th International Symposium on Highway Capacity, July 25-29, 2006, Yokohama, Japan. <http://www.itr.genv.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>
- Double Workshop on Transport and Sustainable Cities, August 7-11, 2006, Santiago, Chile. <http://tsm2006.cmm.uchile.cl/>
- 9th International Conference on Applications of Advanced Technology in Transportation (AATT 2006), August 13-16, 2006, Chicago, IL. <http://www.asce.org/conferences/AATT06/>

- International Association for Travel Behaviour Research (IATBR), August 16-20, 2006, Kyoto, Japan. <http://term.kuciv.kyoto-u.ac.jp/iatbr06/>
- International Association for Time Use Research (IATUR), August 16-18, 2006, Copenhagen, Denmark. <http://www.iatur.org/>
- 11th IFAC Symposium on Control in Transportation Systems, August 29-31, 2006, Delft, The Netherlands. <http://www.rws-avv.nl/ifac-cts2006/>
- International Symposium of Transport Simulation, September 4-6, 2006, Lausanne, Switzerland. <http://ists06.epfl.ch/>
- 10th National Conference on Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-Sized Communities: Tools of the Trade, September 13-15, 2006, Nashville, TN. <http://www.trbtoolsofthetrade.org/conference.html>
- European Transport Conference, September 18-20, 2006, Strasbourg, France. http://www.aetransport.org/lc_cms/page_view.asp?id=673
- TRB Conference on Freight Demand Modeling: Tools for Public-Sector Decision Making, September 25-27, 2006, Washington, D.C. <http://www.trb.org/Conferences/FDM/>
- TRB International Visualization in Transportation Symposium and Workshop, October 23-26, 2006, Denver, CO. <http://168.178.125.90/TRB2006/ProgOver/ProgOver.htm>
- INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 5-8, 2006, Pittsburgh, PA. <http://www2.informs.org/Conf/Pittsburgh06/>
- 53rd Annual North American Meetings, Regional Science Association International (RSAI), November 16-18, 2006, Toronto, Canada. <http://www.narsc.org/conference.html>
- The 11th International Conference of Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies, December 9-11, 2006, Hong Kong. <http://home.netvigator.com/~hksts/conf06b.htm>
- 86th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board, January 21-25, 2007, Washington, D.C. <http://www.trb.org/meeting>
- 11th National Transportation Planning Applications Conference, May 6-9, 2007, Daytona Beach, Florida. <http://www.trb-appcon.org/>
- TRISTAN VI - Sixth Triennial Symposium on Transportation Analysis, June 10-15, 2007, Bentota, Sri Lanka. <http://tristan.epfl.ch/>
- The 11th World Conference on Transportation Research, June 24-28, 2007, Berkeley, CA. <http://www.wctrs.org/indexconferences.htm>
- 13th International Conference on Urban Transport and the Environment in the 21st Century, September 3-5, 2007, Coimbra, Portugal. <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2007/urban07/index.html>

Do you know of a conference or call for papers that should be listed in future issues of this news dispatch? If so, please send a brief note with conference information and website address to pendyala@eng.usf.edu.

Other Calls for Papers

- Special Issue of *Transportation* (Springer) on "Motorization in Asia: Implications for the Future" (Contact: Ryuichi Kitamura, rkitamura@trans.kuciv.kyoto-u.ac.jp; Ram Pendyala, pendyala@eng.usf.edu) Paper Submission Deadline: Aug 31, 2006 <http://www.jsce.or.jp/committee/ip/upup/Call%20for%20Papers.pdf>
- "Transport, Trade and Land Use Modeling"; *53rd Annual North American Meetings, Regional Science Association International (RSAI)*; Toronto, Canada, November 16-18, 2006. (Contact: Kara Kockelman, kkockelm@mail.utexas.edu) Abstract Deadline: August 1, 2006
- "Transport for the 21st Century"; *53rd Annual North American Meetings, Regional Science Association International (RSAI)*; Toronto, Canada, November 16-18, 2006. (Contact: Ron Buliung; ron.buliung@utoronto.ca; Darren Scott, scottm@mcmaster.ca) Abstract Deadline: July 21, 2006

People in the News

- **Hani Mahmassani**, Charles Irish Sr. Chair Professor in Transportation Engineering at the University of Maryland and founding Director of the Maryland Transportation Initiative, received the **2006 Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Distinguished Alumnus Award** from the American University of Beirut "in recognition of his excellence in research in the fields of transportation systems, transportation planning, & intelligent transportation systems, and his outstanding contributions to education". Read more about this honor at: <http://webfea-lb.fea.aub.edu.lb/feasc/FEASC%20Distinguished%20Alumni%202006.pdf>

Have you recently undertaken a residential or workplace relocation? Are you traveling or taking a sabbatical? Have you or has someone you know received an honor or award? Please send information for inclusion in the next news dispatch.

Research Highlights

Do you have ongoing or recently completed research that you would like to share with the community? Send a short description (1/2 - 1 page long) with the research objectives, methodology, data, and key findings, for inclusion in the next news dispatch.

Recent/Forthcoming Books & Conference Proceedings

- Access to Destinations, edited by David Levinson and Kevin Krizek. Elsevier. http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/bookdescription.cws_home/707443/description#description
- Are you aware of any recent or forthcoming books, web documents, and conference proceedings/volumes that would be of interest to the community? Please send information for inclusion in the next news dispatch.*

Short Courses & Workshops

- Modeling and Simulation of Transportation Networks, July 31-Aug 4, 2006, MIT, Cambridge, MA. http://web.mit.edu/mitpep/pi/courses/simulation_transportation.html
- Advanced Transport Network Analysis: Modeling and Tools, June 18-21, 2007, Thessaloniki, Greece. <http://www.hit.certh.gr/site/indexen.php>

Are you aware of any upcoming short courses or workshops of interest? Please send information with a website address for inclusion in the next news dispatch.

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