

Announcing the
Transportation Research Board ADC40
Transportation-Related Noise and Vibration
2015 Summer Meeting
Monday, August 10 to Thursday, August 13, 2015
(see agenda next page)

Joint with
Inter-Noise 2015
Sunday, August 9 to Wednesday, August 12, 2015

San Francisco Marriott Marquis
780 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

TRB Committee ADC40 invites you to join us for the 2015 Summer Meeting in the City by the Bay, San Francisco, California. Did you know? ...

- San Francisco is as famous for its restaurants and food trends as it is for its Golden Gate Bridge and cable cars. (We're planning a special TRB-only event to enjoy some of SF's best food!)
- The city's cable cars are the only National Historic Monument that can move.
- Mark Twain never uttered the quote, "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco." (Although it can be chilly if it's foggy, so bring your coats/sweaters.)
- San Francisco was built on 43 hills and has some very steep and curving streets. Vermont Ave is the "crookedest", and Filbert between Hyde and Leavenworth is the steepest at 31.5 degrees.
- San Francisco has the fifth busiest heavy rail rapid transit system in the U.S. with over 100 miles of track and over 400,000 riders every weekday. (So if the conference hotel is beyond your budget, you can look to locations near a BART station and commute in.)

We're joining forces with the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering (I-INCE) for their Inter-Noise conference (in North America only every three years). This allows TRB ADC40 to take advantage of the international perspective on many of the topics of interest to our group and completely geek-out on all the session offerings. I-INCE and INCE USA will be handling almost all the hard work: conference venue, exhibition, guest tours, technical agenda, etc. HOWEVER, TRB ADC40 is taking on the following responsibilities:

1. **SPONSORS!!** We need support to fund scholarships and our TRB-only social event. Any dollar amount would help. TRB exhibitors, consulting firms, and anyone else willing, please see the sponsorship section in this packet for details (check out the incentives!).

2. **Scholarships.** We plan to provide as many scholarships for state or other agencies (or others that qualify) as the budget allows. Please see the scholarship section in this packet for details.

3. **TRB-only Wednesday night dinner social event.** We are currently discussing options with a couple of outstanding restaurants on/near SF Bay. The cost associated with this event will depend on sponsorship funds received. Details and registration for this TRB dinner will soon be sent in a separate e-mail.

4. **TRB-only Thursday sessions/workshop and committee business meeting.** Note: Inter-Noise days are (Sunday-Wednesday) and TRB days are (Monday-Thursday). We listened to your concerns from the last joint meeting, and shifted our schedule a day to allow for some TRB family time on Wednesday evening and Thursday. Details for the Thursday agenda are forthcoming.

◀ TRB AGENDA ▶	
Monday August 10	Exhibitor reception (evening) (INCE organized)
Tuesday August 11	Technical sessions (INCE organized) Optional dinner (INCE organized)
Wednesday August 12	Technical sessions (INCE organized) Inter-Noise closing reception (INCE organized) TRB ADC40 dinner
Thursday August 13	Technical sessions/workshop & ADC40 committee meeting ~8:30 am -12:30 pm (this day is organized by TRB ADC40)

◀ REGISTRATION ▶
<p>To register, go to http://internoise2015.com/registration/. Note: registration is not yet active on the site – it should be available shortly. Registration is being handled through Inter-Noise. You can register for Inter-Noise/TRB or TRB only. Note that if you choose the TRB only option, you will be restricted to sessions starting Tuesday morning in the TRB room(s). Keep in mind that, as with past Inter-Noise meetings, there will likely be parallel transportation sessions throughout the conference duration. If you register for TRB only, you would miss out on the Monday sessions and sessions in the non-TRB rooms. Paul Donovan, Hugh Saurenman, and Judy Rochat are all involved with session scheduling; we will <i>try</i> to schedule presentations of most interest to TRB to start Tuesday in the TRB room(s).</p>

◀ PRESENTATION ▶

To submit an abstract, go to <http://internoise2015.com/abstract-submission/>. All abstract submittals are being handled through Inter-Noise. **Hard deadline: March 28, 2015** – we have been told that this will not slide, even though that is usually the case for Inter-Noise.

When submitting an abstract, you can choose “TRB ADC40” in the section that reads, “Abstract for ...”. By choosing this option, your presentation will be scheduled for a TRB room, and you will have the option of submitting a written paper or not (written papers due in May). Note that if you register for TRB only, you will not have the option to submit a paper (presentation only). Also note that if you choose to submit more than one written paper, there will be a \$100 fee charged for each additional paper (there is no fee charged for additional presentations, without associated papers).

Please be aware that there are core and focused sessions to which you can choose to submit an abstract (if you can’t find one that fits your topic, choose whatever is closest, and details will be worked out during session/presentation scheduling). The transportation-related sessions include the following:

- 2.01 Railway Vehicle Noise
- 2.02 Tire Noise and Quieter Pavements
- 2.03 Highway Noise
- 3.01 Aircraft Noise
- 3.02 Airport Noise
- 12.01 Reducing Transportation Noise through Maintenance
- 12.02 Ground-borne Noise and Vibration Mitigation for Transit Systems
- 12.03 High-Speed Rail Noise and Vibration
- 16.06 Inter-modal Transportation Projects
- 16.10 Transportation Noise and Vibration Impact in Buildings
- 19.05 National Academies Cooperative Research Program Projects

To see a full listing of the proposed core and technical sessions, go to <http://internoise2015.com/program/technical-program/>. The sessions listed there include others that may be of interest to TRB ADC40 folks: Noise from Construction Equipment, Lightweight Construction Noise Control, Barriers, Noise and Vibration Control in Buildings, Community Noise, Noise Mapping, Impact of Noise and Health, Psychological Evaluation of Noise in Daily Life, Noise Policies, Urban Sound Propagation, and Environmental Noise Management.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Rochat at 310-544-1999 or jrochat@atsconsulting.com. (I thought I was just planning the Wednesday social event – what happened?!! ☺)

◀ SPONSOR FORM ▶

Please submit by July 15, 2015 (please e-mail logo you would like to use for recognition to Sharon Paul Carpenter at sharonpc@pcairnoise.com no later May 31, 2015)

Organization: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Sponsor Levels:

Unobtainium (\$2,500+) Amount: \$ _____

Unobtainium Sponsors will receive: prominent logo with link to your organization on www.adc40.org (for one whole year!), TRB ADC40 backpack/tote, two (2) tickets to the Wednesday evening dinner at one of SF's best restaurants, and special recognition.

Platinum (\$1500-\$2,499) Amount: \$ _____

Platinum Sponsors will receive: TRB ADC40 backpack/tote, two (2) tickets to the Wednesday evening dinner at one of SF's best restaurants, and special recognition.

Gold (\$1000-\$1499) Amount: \$ _____

Gold Sponsors will receive: TRB ADC40 backpack/tote, one (1) ticket to the Wednesday evening dinner at one of SF's best restaurants, and special recognition.

Silver (\$600-\$999) Amount: \$ _____

Silver Sponsors will receive one (1) ticket to the Wednesday evening dinner at one of SF's best restaurants and special recognition.

Bronze (\$300-\$599) Amount: \$ _____

Bronze Sponsors will receive special recognition.

Pay by credit card online through the TRB website (www.adc40.org)

OR

Pay by check (payable to TRB ADC40)
Send to: Sharon Paul Carpenter
23 Vreeland Rd, Suite 204
Florham Park, NJ 07932

◀ **DOMENICK BILLERA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** ▶

In honor and memory of Domenick Billera, for his wisdom and foresight in the conception, creation and establishment of the ADC40 Summer Meeting Scholarship Program.

Purpose

To encourage and support attendance (especially by state transportation agency personnel) at ADC40 Committee summer meetings.

Eligibility

All ADC40 Committee members or friends active in transportation-related noise and vibration issues.

Details

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded for the upcoming summer meeting, total number dependent on sponsorship funds and budgetary constraints. The scholarships may be full or partial (may include conference registration, hotel accommodations, and/or travel). Contributing a presentation to the conference program will be considered in the evaluation process.

How to apply

By May 15, 2015 send a brief letter (submission by email is acceptable) describing your budgetary constraints and needs, and presentation abstract (if applicable) to:

Judy Roachat at JRochat@atsconsulting.com

Your submission should include your full contact information, including name, your association/organization, address, e-mail, and telephone.

Submissions will be evaluated and announcement of award will be made by June 1, 2015. Award recipients will be required to submit an expense report prior to reimbursement.