



***Announcing the  
Transportation Research Board ADC40  
Transportation-Related Noise and Vibration  
2012 Summer Meeting***

**Sunday, July 22 to Wednesday, July 25, 2012  
Asheville Renaissance Hotel  
31 Woodfin Street  
Asheville, North Carolina 28801**

TRB Committee ADC40 and the North Carolina Department of Transportation invite you to join us for the 2012 Summer Meeting in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

As a 2012 ADC40 Summer Meeting attendee, you will experience one of America's most vibrant areas. Asheville blends big city sophistication with mountain quaintness unlike any place in the country. The Asheville area boasts a thriving arts community, diverse outdoor adventures, a vibrant and inviting downtown, numerous historic attractions and amazing food. See our [ADC40 meeting micro website](#) for more information on things to see and do in Asheville.



*Courtesy Romantic Asheville.com*

The Renaissance Asheville Hotel will serve as the main meeting venue. It is conveniently located downtown, within a short walk to many shops, boutiques, restaurants, nightclubs and historic attractions. Hotel reservations are the responsibility of individual attendees and additional hotel and registration information for delegates and their guests can be found in this meeting packet, along with event descriptions and other area information. Be sure to visit [ExploreAsheville.com](http://ExploreAsheville.com) and [Facebook.com/Asheville](https://Facebook.com/Asheville) for trip planning information.


The agenda will feature new and innovative transportation-related noise presentations, possibly panel discussions and some surprises. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will provide updates on all ongoing topics. In addition, attendees may want to participate in the National Highway Institute Highway Noise Course scheduled for later in the week (separate registration required). The complete meeting agenda will be posted online and distributed via the ADC40 network once it is finalized. Information regarding the Call for Papers is included in this meeting packet.

<b>◀ AGENDA ▶</b>	
Sunday July 22	Registration 2:00 – 6:00 pm Welcoming Reception 6:00 – 8:00 pm; Cash Bar & Substantial Hors D’ Oeuvres
Monday July 23	Technical sessions 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Dinner at the <a href="#">Highland Brewery</a> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday July 24	Technical sessions 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Dinner at Bistro 1896 (additional cost) 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wednesday July 25	Technical sessions & ADC40 committee meeting 8:00 am -12:00 pm

For additional information, contact Greg Smith, meeting coordinator, at (919) 707-6087 or [gasmith@ncdot.gov](mailto:gasmith@ncdot.gov).

<b>◀ CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS ▶</b>
<p>Anyone wishing to make a presentation during a technical session must submit a title and brief abstract to Ahmed El-Aassar (<a href="mailto:aelaassar@envact.com">aelaassar@envact.com</a>) by <b>June 1, 2012</b>. The deadline for receipt of presentations will be <b>July 6, 2012</b>. Presentations are typically 20 minutes each, including questions and answers, although time allowances may be adjusted depending on the number of submittals. Some longer presentations may be allowed, depending on topics.</p>

## ◀ REGISTRATION INFORMATION ▶

<p>To pay by credit card</p> <p>Pay online through the <a href="#">TRB ADC40</a> website, using</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<b>OR</b>	<p>To pay by check:</p> <p>Mail <u>completed Registration Form</u> with check payable to Gregory A. Smith to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greg Smith</b> TRB ADC40 P.O. Box 46806 Raleigh, NC 27620</p>
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<b>Registration Fee</b>		
	Early Registration Through May 31	Registration Postmarked June 1 and Later
Delegate:	\$275	\$350
Guest:	\$85	\$110

Delegate registration fees include a meeting gift packet, t-shirt, admittance to the Sunday reception, all technical sessions, the exhibit hall, continental breakfasts and snack breaks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the group dinner on Monday evening at Highland Brewery.

Guest registration includes a meeting t-shirt, admittance to the Sunday reception and the group dinner on Monday evening at Highland Brewery.

The Monday evening dinner at Highland Brewery includes a catered Carolina barbecue dinner from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. A cash beer and wine bar and vegetarian selections will be available. Transportation to the brewery is provided by free chartered trolley. The brewery is a ten minute drive from the hotel. Please notify Greg Smith at [gasmith@ncdot.gov](mailto:gasmith@ncdot.gov) if you have any special dietary needs.

## ◀ EARLY REGISTRATION DRAWING ▶

Register for the meeting by May 31 and be entered to win a \$30 gift card to [Woolworth Walk](#) courtesy of the Asheville Convention & Visitors Bureau. Woolworth Walk is located a short walk from the meeting hotel at 25 Haywood Street in downtown and offers a selection of fine art and crafts from over 170 local artists and artisans. We'll see you in Asheville!

## ◀ NHI HIGHWAY TRAFFIC NOISE COURSE ▶

NCDOT is hosting the [National Highway Institute Traffic Noise Course](#) in conjunction with the TRB ADC40 Summer Meeting. *Space for this course is very limited.* Please contact Greg Smith with NCDOT at [gasmith@ncdot.gov](mailto:gasmith@ncdot.gov) or (919) 707-6087 for more information.

**◀ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT ADDITIONAL COST ▶**

**Tuesday night dinner at Bistro 1896 in downtown Asheville**  
**\$50 per person**

Enjoy a relaxed dinner with drinks at [Bistro 1896](#), one of Asheville’s premier restaurants. The cost includes a 4-course dinner and non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available. A choice of several salads, appetizers, entrees and desserts will be available for selection. A vegetarian meal option is included. The restaurant is within a short 10-minute walk from the hotel in Asheville’s historic downtown Pack Square. Please notify Greg Smith at [gasmith@ncdot.gov](mailto:gasmith@ncdot.gov) if you have any special dietary needs. Purchase tickets for this event online through the [TRB ADC40](#) website. Seating is limited to 60 delegates and guests. We expect this event to sell out - Please order your tickets early!

**Reduced admission to the Biltmore House and Gardens**  
**\$38.00 per person**




We are delighted to provide adult daytime admission tickets to the world renowned [Biltmore Estate](#) that may be used on any day between July 15 and August 15, 2012 at the incredible cost of only \$38.00 each - a savings of \$11 or more over regular admission. Delegates and their guest(s) are responsible for transportation to and from the Biltmore Estate. There is no limit on the number of tickets for purchase. Purchase tickets online through the [TRB ADC40](#) website. Included in this price is a daytime visit to Biltmore during the regular Summer Daytime Operating Hours below:

		<i>OPENS</i>	<i>CLOSES</i>
<i>Admission Gate to Biltmore</i>		<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>
<i>Front Doors of Biltmore House</i>		<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>4:30 pm</i>
<i>Gardens</i>		<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Dusk</i>
<i>Antler Hill Barn &amp; Farmyard</i>		<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
<i>Winery</i>	<i>Mon-Thurs</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>
	<i>Fri &amp; Sat</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>9:00 pm</i>
	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>
<i>Legacy Exhibition Hall</i>	<i>Sun – Thurs</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>
	<i>Fri &amp; Sat</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>9:00 pm</i>

The Asheville Convention and Visitor’s Bureau has created a [website](#) for our meeting that provides a portal to a wealth of sightseeing, recreational and shopping possibilities. Many attractions are within easy walking distance from the hotel. The annual [Bele Chere Festival](#) takes place in downtown Asheville July 27 – 29, 2012. This event features arts and crafts exhibitors, food vendors and musicians from all over the country in the streets of Asheville.



## ◀ ACCOMODATIONS ▶

Meeting Hotel:	Renaissance Asheville Hotel 31 Woodfin Street Asheville, NC 28801 828-252-8211  <a href="#">hotel website</a>	
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Delegates and guests are responsible for their own lodging accommodations. The Renaissance is holding a block of rooms at the rate of \$99.00/night + applicable state and occupancy taxes (currently 7% and 11.75%, respectively) in effect at the time of check in. This rate is available from Sunday night through Thursday night. Attendees call directly to Renaissance toll free at 1-800-266-9432 and identify yourself as a member of **TRB Noise Summer Conference** prior to **06/22/2012**. After this date, the Hotel will only accept reservations based on space available at the prevailing rates. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured. Check-in time at the Hotel is 4:00 PM and Check-out time is 11:00 AM. Please book your room now, so you don't miss the conference rate. Please note that the rate for Saturday night, July 21<sup>st</sup>, is at regular hotel seasonal rates, ranging from \$219 to \$259.

## ◀ TRAVEL ▶

Driving directions:	Driving East or West on I-40, follow I-240 to downtown Asheville and take Exit 5A – (Merrimon Ave / US 25). Take US 25 South two blocks to Woodfin Street. Turn left on Woodfin and the Renaissance is two blocks ahead on the right.
Flights:	Asheville Regional Airport is served by five <a href="#">airlines</a> , with direct flights to nine cities, including Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Newark, Orlando, Philadelphia and Washington, DC. Although the hotel does not provide an airport shuttle service, available <a href="#">ground transportation</a> includes taxi, car service and bus service. The airport is approximately 20 minutes from downtown. Larger nearby airports include Atlanta (4 hours' drive time), Charlotte (2 hours), Greensboro (2 hours), Raleigh/Durham (4 hours) and Knoxville (2 hours). Most non-direct flights to Asheville are routed through Atlanta or Charlotte.

## ◀ SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS ▶

The Summer TRB ADC40 Meeting provides a great opportunity for vendors to exhibit their products and services and for sponsors to be recognized for generously providing funds essential to the success of this conference. As in the past, vendors will be provided opportunities throughout the technical sessions for mini-presentations.

**Sponsorships** are available in tiered categories, as follows:

**Platinum (\$1500+)** Includes one complimentary standard size exhibit space, one (1) complimentary registration and special recognition in program and sponsor displays or one (1) ticket to the Tuesday evening dinner at Bistro 1896 in place of the exhibit space

**Gold (\$1000-\$1499)** Includes two (2) complimentary tickets to the Tuesday evening dinner at Bistro 1896 and special recognition in program and sponsor displays.

**Silver (\$600-\$999)** Includes one (1) complimentary ticket to the Tuesday evening dinner at Bistro 1896 and special recognition in program and sponsor displays.

**Bronze (\$300-\$599)** Includes special recognition in program and sponsor displays.

**Exhibit Space** is available for \$600 per booth.

The exhibitor fee includes one (1) complimentary registration. One (1) additional registration may be purchased at the reduced rate of \$175.

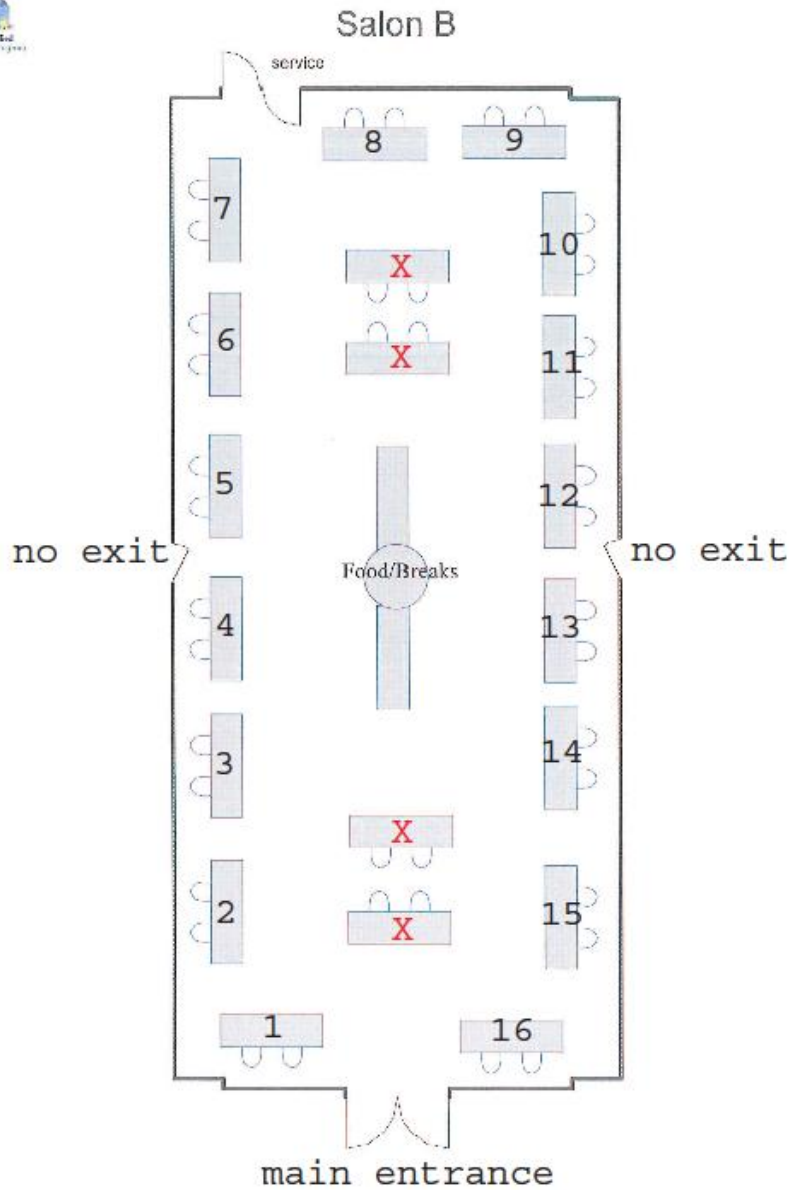
Exhibit space will be located in an enclosed area adjacent to the main meeting room. Breakfasts and AM and PM Breaks will occur in the exhibit area to ensure delegate circulation and visibility. Each exhibitor space includes one (1) 8-foot X 10-foot booth, power, two (2) chairs and one (1) 6-foot skirted table. Exhibit space is available from Sunday afternoon through early Tuesday evening. Special incentives are planned to increase contact time between exhibitors and delegates.

Exhibitors will be given information on shipping logistics upon receipt of payment. Please note that exhibitors will be given their choice of exhibit location in the exhibit hall in ORDER OF DATE OF PAYMENT. See the room layout on the following page.

Reserve today! We expect spaces to go fast!

If you are interested in being an exhibitor or a sponsor, please complete the Sponsor/Exhibitor form found on the following page of this meeting packet and send to Sharon Paul Carpenter at [sharonpc@pcairnoise.com](mailto:sharonpc@pcairnoise.com). Please contact Sharon by the previous e-mail address or by phone at (973) 822-8221 if you have any questions about being a sponsor or exhibitor.

◀ EXHIBIT SPACE LAYOUT ▶



**◀ 2012 TRB ADC40 Summer Meeting – Asheville, NC ▶**

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**◀ Sponsor and Exhibitor Request Form ▶**

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1) SPONSOR**

Sponsor Levels:

Platinum (\$1500+)  Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Platinum Sponsors receive one (1) complimentary standard size exhibit space, one (1) complimentary registration and special recognition in program and sponsor displays OR (1) ticket to the Tuesday evening dinner at Bistro 1896 in place of the exhibit space*

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

*Gold Sponsors receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Tuesday evening dinner at Bistro 1896 and special recognition in program and sponsor displays.*

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

*Silver Sponsors receive one (1) complimentary ticket to the Tuesday evening dinner at Bistro 1896 and special recognition in program and sponsor displays.*

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

*Bronze Sponsors will receive special recognition in program and*

**2) EXHIBITOR**

Exhibitor (\$ 600)

Additional Registration (\$175 - Limit 1)  Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Exhibitors receive one (1) standard size exhibit space and one (1) complimentary registration. One (1) additional registration may be purchased at the reduced rate of \$175.*

Pay by credit card  
 online through the  
[TRB ADC40](http://www.trb.org/adc40) website

OR  
 (payable to Gregory A. Smith)  
 and mail to: Greg Smith

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## ◀ 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 issues.

### **Details**

Between 2 and 4 scholarships will be awarded for the upcoming summer meeting. The number of scholarships awarded will be based on budgetary constraints and may be a full or partial scholarship (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 18, 2012 send a brief letter (submission by email is acceptable) describing your budgetary constraints and needs, and presentation abstract (if applicable) to:

Rob Rasmussen  
The Transtec Group, Inc.  
6111 Balcones Drive  
Austin, TX 78731  
[Robotto@TheTranstecGroup.com](mailto:Robotto@TheTranstecGroup.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, 2012. Award recipients will be required to submit an expense report prior to reimbursement.