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Dear Members and Friends of the TRB Access Management Committee:

I hope this letter finds you well. It's hard to believe that the holidays are already here and that TRB is once again around the corner. Below is an overview of this year's program, featuring best papers from our 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Selected agendas for our meetings are attached to the e-mail or will be uploaded onto TRB's website. All sessions and meetings are in the Marriott.

Meetings and Sessions	Room	Date	Time
Poster Session: Impact of Access Management Research	Salon 2	Mon Jan 12	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Session 751: Best Papers from the Access Mgt Conference, Pt I	Thurgood Marshall North	Mon Jan 12	7:30 pm-9:30 pm
National Conference on Access Management Subcommittee, AHB70(1)	Taylor	Mon Jan 12	8:00 am-9:45 am
Access Management Research Subcommittee, AHB70(2)	Taylor	Mon Jan 12	10:15 am -12:00 pm
Access Management Outreach Subcommittee, AHB70(3)	Taylor	Mon Jan 12	1:30 pm-3:15 pm
Access Management Manual Subcommittee, AHB70(5)	Taylor	Mon Jan 12	3:45 pm-5:30 pm
Access Management Committee (AHB70)	Washington B3	Wed Jan 14	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Session 381: Best Papers from the Access Mgt Conference, Pt II	Thurgood Marshall East	Wed Jan 14	4:30 pm-6:00 pm

We are also co-sponsoring two sessions this year:

- Graduate Student Research Summaries and Hot Topics in Geometric Design (Sunday, January 11, 2009, 9:00am-12:00pm, Shoreham, Empire)
- Safety and Security in the Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Process (Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 8:00am- 9:45am, Hilton, Monroe West)

The 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference at Baltimore's Inner Harbor was very well received. Special thanks again to Vaughn Lewis and the Maryland State Highway Administration for hosting us and arranging an outstanding program, great food, and a fun trip to Fort McHenry. Thanks also to the many volunteers who made it a success, including our young members who organized two important new pursuits for the conference, Sponsorships (Christina Hopes, Maricopa Association of Governments) and Student Poster Competition (Tom Hiles, HDR).

We are now turning our attention to helping Jeff Altman of the Mississippi Department of Transportation with plans for the 9<sup>th</sup> National Conference (2010) in lovely Natchez, Mississippi. I hope you can attend the Conference Subcommittee meeting and lend Jeff a hand. Plans for our 2009 midyear meeting in Anaheim with the Highway Safety Manual Task force are also underway.

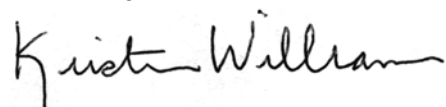
An exciting development for outreach is the support of ITE in publishing a special *ITE Journal* issue on Access Management. Thanks to Jim Gattis, Univ. of Arkansas for taking on the tough task of coordinating the submissions and reviews. ITE also produced several access management webinars in collaboration with committee members Bill Frawley and Bill Eisele of TTI and me and Vergil Stover of CUTR.

On the international front, Dr. Psarianos is planning an international access management conference in Greece in 2011 (travel restrictions - bah humbug!). Dr. Yang and his colleague at the *China Architecture and Building Press* passed the final hurdles in November to publish the *Access Management Manual* in Chinese. And I had a wonderful Fulbright exchange on access management in Thailand with the Asian Institute of Technology and the Thailand Department of Highways.

Regarding research, we are delighted that our NCHRP problem statement on "Development and Application of Access Management Guidelines" and our NCHRP Synthesis idea "The State of the Practice in Roadway Access Management" were selected for funding. These studies, along with ongoing projects related to turn lanes, interchange and ramp spacing, and driveway design, will go far to advance the state of the practice and the planned future update of the TRB *Access Management Manual*.

I look forward to seeing you soon in Washington DC to discuss these and other Committee activities and priorities, as we continue to advance our strategic plan. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



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