

TRB 2025 Committee Call for Papers (CFP)



Freight Transportation Planning and Logistics Committee (AT015)

CFP: Freight Transportation, Logistics Analysis & Modeling

AT015 invites you to Submit Papers for the upcoming TRB Annual Meeting 2025 that will also lead to the selection of 2 Best Paper Awards. Papers are invited under the *broad theme of freight transportation and logistics systems planning, modeling, and policy analysis*. Of particular interest are papers investigating:

- ✓ Strategies to decarbonize the freight transportation sector;
- ✓ Challenges and solutions for privacy and cybersecurity in connected & automated freight;
- ✓ AI/machine learning with freight applications for better predictive and prescriptive modeling;
- ✓ Equity in freight transportation: definitions and approaches to address equity gaps.
- ✓ More Topics on Page 2 of this CFP

Two Best Paper Awards (Academic and Practice-Ready)

For TRB 2025, we are selecting **two papers** for two Best Paper Awards submitted for publication in the Transportation Research Record. The best paper selection is based on the **significance of the scientific contribution** and **practical application**. More about previous Best Paper Awards:

<https://freightplanning.org/best-award-papers/>

full papers are required for all submissions to the TRB Annual Meeting 2025. When submitting, authors can choose a subject, according to which review committees are assigned by TRB. The TRB FAQ for authors can be found at: <https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/TRBpaperReview/trbamfaq>. Send questions to Bo Zou (AT015 Review Coordinator) at bzou@uic.edu at the University of Illinois Chicago and/or Sushant Sharma (Committee Chair) at s-sharma@tamu.edu at Texas A&M Transportation Institute.



Papers in urban or rural areas, multi-modal or intermodal, public or private, and regional or global are all welcome. Sample topics include (but are not limited to) the following:

Non-Traditional Areas

- Coupling of electrification and automation, its implication for freight efficiency and sustainability.
- Innovations in using robots, drones, and active transportation to decarbonize last-mile delivery.
- Transportation, distribution, and storage of alternative energy (battery, hydrogen, etc.).
- Stakeholder behavioral change and adaptation during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Applications of innovative data-driven predictive and prescriptive analytics.
- Identification and categorization of freight equity gaps and policies to address the gaps.
- Role of CPS, IoT, and related cybersecurity issues in connected & automated freight movements.

Traditional Areas

- Network modeling of freight commodity and traffic flow.
- Shipper, carrier, receiver, consumer behavioral models, and decision support tools.
- Commercial vehicle operations, policies, and programs: e.g., weigh-in-motion, drayage, off-peak hour deliveries, and long-haul truck parking.
- Facility operations: e.g., cross-dock operations, port operations, and railyard scheduling.
- Freight transportation economics, including pricing, mechanism, and policy design for better interactions between private operators and public agencies.
- Incident management and safety in freight movements (including hazardous material), e.g. train derailments, truck accidents.
- Emergency relief and humanitarian logistics.

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