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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Transortation Research Forum is an independent organization of transportation professionals. Its purpose is to provide an impartial meeting ground for carriers, shippers, government officials, consultants, university researchers, suppliers and others seeking an exchange of information and ideas related to both passenger and freight transportation. The Forum provides pertinent and timely information to those who conduct research and those who use and benefit from research.

The exchange of information and ideas is accomplished through international, national, and local TRF meetings, and by publication of professional papers related to numerous transportation topics.

The TRF encompasses all modes of transport and the entire range of disciplines relevant to

transportation, including

Economics Marketing and Pricing Financial Controls and **Analysis** Labor and Employee Relations Carrier Management Organization and **Planning**

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HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE TRE

A small group of transportation researchers in New York started the Transportation Research Forum of New York in March 1958. Monthly luncheon meetings were established at that time and still continue. The first organizing meeting of the American Transportation Research Forum was held in St. Louis, Missouri, in December The Transportation Research Forum of New York sponsored the meeting and became the founding chapter of the ATRF. The Lake Erie, Washington D.C. and Chicago chapters were organized soon after and have been joined by chapters in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, Roanoke, Seattle, Hampton Roads. Southwest Virginia and North Carolina. The TRF currently has over 700 members.

With the expansion of the organization into Canada, the name was shortened to the Transportation Research Forum. The Canadian Transportation Forum now has approximately 300 members

TRF organizations have also been established in Australia and Israel. In addition, an International Chapter was organized for TRF members interested particularly in international transportation and transportation in countries other than the U.S. and Canada.

Interest in specific transportation-related areas has recently encouraged some members of TRF to form othe special interest chapters, which do not have geographical boundaries-Agricultural and Rural Transportation, Personal Computer Users, High-Speed Ground Transportation, and Cost Analysis. A chapter on aviation transporta-tion was recently formed. TRF members may belong to as many geographical and special interest chapters as they wish.

A student membership category is provided for undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in the field of transportation. Student members receive the same publications and services as other TRF members.

TRF ANNUAL MEETINGS

In addition to monthly meetings of the local chapters, national meetings have been held every vear since TRF's first meeting in 1960. Annual meetings generally last three days with 25 to 35 sessions. They are held in various locations in the United States and Canada, usually in October or early November. The Canadian TRF also holds an annual meeting, usually in the spring

Each year at its annual meeting, the TRF presents an award for the best graduate and undergraduate student papers. Recognition is also given by TRF annually to an individual for Dis-

tinguished Transportation Research.
Annual TRF meetings generally include the following features:

- Members are addressed by prominent speakers from government, industry, and academia.

 • Speakers typically summarize (not read) their
- papers, then discuss the principal points with the members
- Members are encouraged to participate actively in any session; sufficient time is all for discussion of each paper.
- Some sessions are organized as debates or panel discussions.
- The Journal of the Transportation Research Forum is a volume of approximately 500 pages. It is published twice annually. A copy of the current Journal of the Transportation Research Forum is mailed to each member before the annual meeting. The annual Journal of the Transportation Research Forum is widely recognized as an indispensable resource document in transportation. Copies of recent TRF PROCEEDINGS are available from the headquarters office.

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TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH FORUM

32nd Annual TRF Forum

Long Beach, California, USA

October 10-12, 1990 (Wednesday-Friday)

Cosponsored by the Canadian TRF, the Australasian TRF and the World Conference on Transportation Research Society (WCTRS)

Deadline for completed papers for publication: April 30, 1990 (Monday)

Papers received by that date will be considered for presentation and also for publication in the *Journal of TRF*.

Panel sessions, and papers for presentation only, are also welcome. They will be considered as they are received, and a summary will be published in the *TRF Proceedings*.

Awards for high quality papers in several categories are given each year, including student papers. Total awards have exceeded \$5,000 annually.

Papers and panel sessions are accepted on all subjects related to transportation that would be useful to practitioners, policy analysts, or researchers. You are encouraged to volunteer to serve as a session organizer and moderator, or as a discussant of a paper. Session organizers may, subject to the advance approval of the TRF Program V.P., contact people to present papers, to discuss papers presented by others, or to serve as panelists.

Instructions to authors: 1. Original work, property rights. The paper must be the original work of the author(s). Papers accepted for publication become the property of TRF. 2. Identifying information. The paper must not identify the author(s) on the cover page, within the body of the paper, or in the endnotes. (Identifying information will be added after the paper is refereed.) On a separate page, write the title of the paper and the names, affiliations, addresses, telephone and fax numbers of all authors. State, on that same page, whether you intend to use a transparency projector or a 35 mm projector. 3. Two summaries are required, each on a separate sheet of paper. One should be five to 10 lines long, single spaced, for use in the Summaries of Presentations that will be distributed at the beginning of the Annual Forum. The other should be ½ to 1-page long, single spaced, for publication in the TRF Proceedings. Include the title of the paper and the name of the author(s) on both summaries. 4. Number of copies and deadline. Submit six copies of the paper, and one copy of the identifying information and each of the two summaries, to Dr. Thompson at the address below so that they arrive by April 30, 1990. 5. Length. The paper must not exceed 25 pages, double spaced, including exhibits. 6. Style. Please follow the Chicago Manual of Style, using endnotes rather than footnotes. 7. Typesetting fee. At the time a paper is accepted for publication, authors from the United States and Canada who do not submit an acceptable computer disk containing the paper in final form must submit a \$50 typesetting fee. Computer disks that have been acceptable in the past include: 3-½", 5-¼", and 8" sizes on software compatible with various models of the following hardware: Apple, DEC, IBM, Wang, and Xerox. 8. Visual aids. Enlarge the written material before making a transparency. Written material is large enough if, when you place the transparency on the floor and stand above it, you can read it comfortably. Visual aids that are not

Send your completed paper, suggestions regarding sessions and featured speakers, and indications of your willingness to serve as a session organizer, moderator, panelist, or discussant, to the Program Vice President of the 1990 TRF Annual Forum at the address below. His fax #s are (202) 707-6745 and (202) 707-7338, and his phone # is (202) 707-7771:

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