



2013 AASHTO Subcommittee On Construction

August 11-16, 2013
Detroit, Michigan

Welcome to the “Motor City” - Detroit, Michigan

The Michigan Department of Transportation is proud to host the 2013 AASHTO Subcommittee on Construction Annual Meeting at the beautiful and historic Westin Book Cadillac Detroit.

Registration

Registration is required of all attendees; fees must be paid at the time of registration. The full registration fee includes admission to the general sessions, all workshops, the technical tour, the Sunday evening ice breaker reception, breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, and two dinner events.

Registration starts May 6 and ends August 11. Early bird registration is available until July 20. After this date, you may register at an additional fee. Single day registration is available for those who wish to attend for a single day only. This registration fee covers breakfast and lunch for the day. It does not include the Tuesday evening or Thursday evening dinner events.

Visit the [AASHTO 2013 SOC](#) site to register.

The Registration/Information Desk will be open at the following times:

Sunday, August 11	3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, August 12-15	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, August 16	Closed

Registration refunds requested prior to August 1 will be subject to a 10% service fee. Registration is not refundable after July 31.

Technical Tour

The technical tour is Wednesday, August 14, from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. and will be a tour of the [Ford Rouge Factory Tour](#). Located a few miles south of Detroit at the confluence of the Rouge and Detroit Rivers, the original Rouge complex was a mile-and-a-half wide and more than a mile long. The multiplex of 93 buildings totaled 15,767,708 square feet of floor area crisscrossed by 120 miles of conveyors. Henry Ford’s ultimate goal was to achieve total self-sufficiency by owning, operating and coordinating all the resources needed to produce complete automobiles. It was a city without residents. At its peak in the 1930s, more than 100,000 people worked at the Rouge. Now called the Ford Rouge Center, the 600-acre site remains Ford Motor Company’s largest single industrial complex.

Dinner at the Henry Ford Museum

The dinner event is Tuesday, August 13, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the [Henry Ford Museum](#). We will have private access to the museum floor for the event. Buses will provide round trip transportation from the Westin Book Cadillac to the museum.

Guest Hospitality Room

A guest hospitality room will be available near the conference registration desk on the events floor. This will serve as a meeting place for guests; complimentary beverages and snacks will be provided.

Guest Courtesy Shuttle

A passenger shuttle will be available during the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for guests of conference attendees. The shuttle will loop several times a day to some of Detroit's most popular attractions, including the Detroit Institute of the Arts, the Detroit Zoo, and the unique shopping experience at the Somerset Collection. Other locations of interest may be arranged during the conference, based on the interests of the guests. The meeting area for the shuttle will be the Guest Hospitality Room located near the conference registration desk on the conference events floor.

Internet Café

A small internet café will be available near the conference registration desk between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Internet and printer access is complementary for registered guests. The internet café is located near the conference registration desk.

Detroit's Climate

August in Detroit is usually beautiful. The average high temperature is 81 degrees; average low is 63 degrees with partly cloudy skies. The average August rainfall is 3.00 inches over an average of 8 days.

What to Wear

The event is business casual. A light jacket may be needed in the evenings.

Transportation

[Transportation](#) to and from the airport is not provided, but is available through airport shuttles and taxis.

The City of Detroit [People Mover](#) is a great way to get around downtown. The People Mover is across the street from the hotel and operates each day until midnight during the conference. The People Mover loop includes stops at Greektown, the Joe Louis Arena, and the Renaissance Center, within easy walking distance of downtown restaurants and attractions.

Accessibility

If special accommodations are needed, please describe it on the registration form. Check with the hotel for any special accommodations that may be required.

Conference E-Mail Address

An e-mail address has been set up for this conference and will be monitored daily. During the conference, incoming messages will be posted on a bulletin board near the conference registration desk. The email address is MDOT-AASHTOSOC2013@michigan.gov.

Hotel Information

The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit
1114 Washington Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48226
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www.bookcadillacwestin.com

If you have missed the deadline for securing the conference hotel special daily rate, the [Holiday Inn Express](#) is across the street from the conference hotel and offers the governmental daily rate.