

# Conference for Research on Women's Transportation Issues

**November 18 - 20, 2004**  
**Chicago Marriott Hotel**

The Third Conference for Research on Women's Transportation Issues will review in a comparative context the state of the art in a variety of topics related to women's travel patterns, needs, and behavior. The Conference is designed to identify the additional research and data needed to inform public and private policies that directly or indirectly address women's mobility, security, and safety concerns. The Conference will focus on data-driven comparative analyses of 1) men and women's travel patterns or safety or security risks currently and over time, 2) different sub-groups of women, and 3) women internationally.

Specific topics to be addressed at the Conference include:

- **Travel Patterns, Behaviors, Needs, and Preferences**—as affected by household role, children and aging parents, trip chaining patterns, and/or attitudes and beliefs
- **Older Women's Travel Patterns; Security and Safety Needs**—differences by cohort, mode, personal resources, and/or residential location
- **Safety (crashes)**—trends over time in risk factors and countermeasures
- **Security (crime)**—trends and countermeasures by mode, neighborhood, and/or country
- **Community Design and Development related to Access and Mobility**—walkability, connectivity, safety, security, and accessibility
- **Ergonomics and Injury Prevention**—vehicle or system design for safety, convenience or access in one or more travel modes
- **Travel Needs and Patterns of Under-Represented groups**—differentiated by race, ethnicity, or country of origin; transitioning to employment, central city residents commuting to suburban employment
- **Women's Involvement in, and Impact on, Transportation Planning**
- **Differential Impacts of Public Policies and Programs**—labor force and employment programs, environmental justice strategies, and transportation policies ranging from telecommuting to road pricing

The Conference Committee expects that the papers presented will contain gender-based comparative analyses from a wide variety of professional and scholarly disciplines including but not limited to architecture, city and regional planning, economics, education, engineering, ergonomics, geography, gerontology, history, human factors, psychology, public administration and policy, sociology, and urban design.

Conference participants will include public and private decision-makers working at all levels of government and in all geographic areas, funding agencies, policy analysts, and researchers from the professions and disciplines listed above.

**Please revisit this conference web page in the next months  
for additional information.**