

**For a more complete listing of lodging options throughout the Twin Cities,
visit the convention and visitor's bureau website:
www.visitsaintpaul.com/where-to-stay/**

GETTING AROUND - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The Saint Paul/Minneapolis area is a major metropolitan area of approximately 3 million people. Transportation can be a challenge at times, especially at rush hour. The conference location is in the heart of downtown Saint Paul, and is generally accessible by bus, train, and car. Below are the major options and alternatives for transportation to the conference headquarters. There is also a wealth of helpful information about Saint Paul, the Twin Cities and transportation options from the Saint Paul visitor's bureau website: www.visitsaintpaul.com.

ARRIVING IN SAINT PAUL

- **By Bus or Train** - Bus and train service are available to downtown Saint Paul, arriving at the Union Depot, which is 4-5 blocks (10 minute walk) from the conference venue. To get to the dormitory lodging options, one would need to take a taxi or city bus from the Depot.
- **By Car** – I-94 and I-35E crisscross in downtown Saint Paul, so there is relatively easy access by car. There is a parking ramp located across 4th street from the conference headquarters, as well as on-street and other ramp parking available throughout downtown.
- **By Air** – The Minneapolis/Saint Paul is a major international airport with 2 separate terminals connected by light rail. Most commercial flights arrive at Terminal 1-Lindbergh. Transportation options from the airport are outlined below.

TRANSPORT TO CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS AND DOWNTOWN HOTELS FROM THE AIRPORT

- **Taxis** - Taxicab service is the most expensive but probably most convenient option for getting from the airport to downtown Saint Paul. Taxicab service is available at both terminals. Taxi service at Terminal 1-Lindbergh is accessible via the Tram Level (Level T). Signs direct passengers one level up to the taxi starter booth, where airport staff will assist passengers in obtaining a taxi. At Terminal 2-Humphrey, taxi service is available at the Ground Transport Center, located on the ground level of the Purple parking ramp directly across from the terminal building. The distance to downtown Saint Paul is approximately 8 miles and fares average \$40-45. A \$6.75 fare will be displayed on the Taxicab meter at the onset of your trip. This fee includes a \$2.50 flag drop and a \$4.25 airport access fee.
- **Van & Shuttle Services** - Shared ride service to and from the airport is available from SuperShuttle, and is recommended by many hotels. Ticket counters are located in the Terminal 1-Lindbergh Ground Transport Center, accessible via the terminal's Tram Level. Follow the signs to take the appropriate escalator or elevator. Advance reservations are highly recommended – visit SuperShuttle's website (www.Supershuttle.com) to book. Fares start at \$18 per person one-way.
- **Uber** - Uber service was recently approved by the airport, with an added airport fee, and pick up at the airport's Ground Transport Center.
- **Public Transportation - Metro Transit Bus and Light Rail:**
 - Metro Transit Bus to Conference Headquarters** – Take route *54 Ltd Stop/Dtwn St Paul/Via Airport*. Depart from Airport Transit Plaza & Gate #4. Travel time is roughly 20 minutes. Depart at the bus stop at *5th St./Wabasha St./Cedar Ave*. Walk 1½ blocks to 340 Cedar Street, the site of conference. Fares range from \$1.75 to \$2.25 depending on the time of day.

About Light Rail – There is a light rail stop right behind the conference hotel, which runs to downtown Minneapolis, making trips back and forth to the “other City” and the University of Minnesota very easy (Saint Paul and Minneapolis are about 10 miles apart). There also is a light rail line from downtown Minneapolis to the airport, but unfortunately there is not a direct

light rail line from downtown Saint Paul to the airport. Thus, bus service is recommended over light rail to and from the airport because the light rail trip takes considerably longer and requires a transfer in downtown Minneapolis.

More information on public transport is available at www.metrotransit.org. The web site includes a trip planner which is useful for finding the best route to any site in the Twin Cities metro area via bus or light rail.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT TO DORMITORY LODGING

Dormitory lodging is not located in downtown Saint Paul. It is located at Holst Hall, Concordia University in Saint Paul. Staying at the dorm requires a metro transit bus or light rail trip to the conference headquarters. Full directions and transportation information on dorm lodgings is available here: www.csp.edu/visit-concordia/campus-maps-directions/. The bus versus light rail options below cost the same, both require transfers and take approximately the same amount of time (45 minutes to one hour). Taxi, SuperShuttle and Uber options also are available for transport to the dormitory at approximately the same cost as listed above.

Option 1: Light Rail Train. Board BLUE LINE - MPLS/TARGET STATION. Travel roughly 20 minutes to US BANK STADIUM STATION. Depart Blue Line and transfer to GREEN LINE – ST PAUL – UNION DEPOT. Travel roughly 20 minutes to HAMLIN AVENUE STATION. Walk approximately ½ mile south to 1282 Concordia Avenue, Saint Paul. Fares range from \$1.75-\$2.25.

Option 2: Metro Bus. Take Route 54 Ltd Stop /Dtwm St Paul/ Via Airport. Depart from Airport Transit Plaza & Gate #4. Depart bus at 5th St./Wabasha St./Cedar Ave stop. Board 21A Selby Lake/Uptown Bus from 6th St/Cedar intersection. Travel for 15 minutes to Hamline Ave & Concordia Ave. Walk short distance East to 1282 Concordia Avenue for Holst Hall. Fares range from \$1.75-\$2.25.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM DORMITORY LODGING TO CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

Traveling to and from Holst Hall (1282 Concordia Avenue) to the Conference Site (340 Cedar St.) is via public transportation. Information on transport will also be available at the conference headquarters and at the dormitory. Free metro transport passes for the week of the conference will be provided to attendees staying at the Concordia dormitory upon arrival at the dormitory.

Option 1: Metro Bus. Take Route 21A Selby Lake/St Paul. Walk short distance west to bus stop at intersection of Hamline Avenue & Concordia Avenue from Holst Hall. Travel on bus roughly 20 minutes to 5th St./Wabasha/Cedar St. stop. Walk short distance to 340 Cedar Street. Reverse for return trip, with a start at the 6th St/Cedar intersection.

Option 2: Light Rail Train. Take GREEN LINE. Walk approximately 1/2 mile north from the dormitory to Hamline Ave Station (at the corner of Hamline and University Avenues). Travel roughly 15 minutes on Green Line to Minnesota Street stop. Walk a short distance to 340 Cedar Street.

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A WORD ON TWIN CITIES SKYWAYS

Many first-time visitors are perplexed by the skyway systems in both downtown Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Skyways are pedestrian bridges above the ground level that link most of the buildings in each downtown. They exist due to our harsh winters (not a problem for the conference – it should be very nice in late June), which can include temperatures of minus 20 or 30 Celsius and Fahrenheit. Thus, one can reach most downtown buildings at the second level via the skyways without going outside, and in both cities many of the retail, shopping and restaurant options are on the 2nd floor rather than the ground level. The conference hotel venue, and the other conference hotels in Saint Paul are connected to the skyway system.