Dear members and friends of the TRB Committee on Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics (AHB45):

We hope you will join us at the upcoming TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, DC January 10-14, 2016 (for details, please use the TRB interactive program and enter "AHB45" to find our events):

1. **Committee Meeting**: All members and friends are welcome at our committee business meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 2016 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 5 (M2).
   
   Draft Agenda: Please review the agenda and let me know if you have anything to add or modify.

2. **SimSub Meeting** AHB45(1): Please support the efforts of the Joint Subcommittee on Simulation by participating in our meeting on Monday 7:30 PM-10:00 PM Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 10 (M2).

3. **Crowd Flow Dynamics, Modeling and Management Subcommittee Meeting** AHB45(2): The crowd/ped subcommittee will be meeting on Tuesday 8:00 AM-9:45 AM, Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 17 (M2).

4. **Traffic Flow Modeling for Connected and Automated Vehicles** AHB45(3): The CAV subcommittee will be meeting on Monday 1:30 PM-3:15 PM, Marriott Marquis, LeDroit Park (M3).

5. **Task Force on System Simulation** AHB80T: Monday 1:30 PM- 5:30 PM, Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 9 (M2)

6. **Sunday Workshops**: This year we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring three Sunday Workshops and one doctoral student workshop:
   
   1. **Workshop 134** Toward Automation of Surface Transportation Networks: Opportunities and Challenges: Sunday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Convention Center, 102A. Please help support our new subcommittee and research agenda with this engaging session.
   
   2. **Workshop 181** Transportation System Simulation Manual: Sunday 1:30 PM-4:30 PM, Convention Center, 102A. Join us for the annual SimSub workshop and get there early since there will be a big crowd.

   3. **Doctoral Student Workshop 194** Transportation Modeling: Sunday 1:30 PM-5:30 PM, Convention Center, 145A.

7. **Lectern Sessions**: We have six lectern sessions this year:
   
   1. 221 Crowd Dynamics: Empirical Analyses, Modeling, Simulation, and Management: Monday 8:00 AM-9:45 AM, Convention Center, 103B
   
   2. 278 Calibration Validation and Sensitivity Analysis: Monday 10:15 AM-12:00 PM, Convention Center, 101
   
   3. 414 Integrated Traffic Flow Models and Analysis for Connected Automated Vehicles: Monday 3:45 PM-5:30 PM, Convention Center, 101
   
   4. 620 Advances in Modeling and Traffic Management for Large-Scale Urban Networks: Tuesday 1:30 PM-3:15 PM, Convention Center, Salon C
   
   5. 694 Macroscopic Features of Traffic Flow: Tuesday 3:45 PM-5:30 PM, Convention Center, Salon C
   
   6. 844 Microscopic Traffic Flow Modeling: Wednesday 2:30 PM-4:00 PM, Convention Center, 101

8. **Poster Sessions**: We are sponsoring three poster sessions—please attend and meet the authors:
   
   1. 536 Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, Part 1: Tuesday 8:30 AM-10:15 AM, Convention Center, Hall E
   
   2. 537 Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, Part 2: Tuesday 8:30 AM-10:15 AM, Convention Center, Hall E
   
   3. 589 Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, Part 3: Tuesday 10:45 AM-12:30 PM, Convention Center, Hall E

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Special thanks to all paper reviews, call-for-papers organizers, paper review coordinators, subcommittee chairs, members and friends for the incredible job in putting this meeting together. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or questions. I look forward to seeing you in Washington, best wishes,

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