International Conference on Ecology and Transportation

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

In-Person/Virtual Conference & Training | September 27-30, 2027

Hosted by the Washington and Oregon Departments of Transportation and Departments of Fish & Wildlife

Abstracts can be up to 3000 characters, ~450 words

The world of transportation is changing quickly, with new funding challenges and opportunities, abrupt changes in technology, and growing understanding of impacts on ecology. The International Conference on Ecology and Transportation (ICOET) is *the* educational and sharing forum for practitioners and scientists in governmental, academic, nonprofit, and private sectors engaged in transportation ecology and related disciplines. ICOET workshops and trainings will help you stay up to date and share your knowledge. ICOET presentations highlight project planning and implementation activities, research findings, emerging issues, and best practices related to the interface between transportation, linear infrastructure systems, communities, aquatic, and terrestrial ecosystems. We formally invite you to join us and celebrate your recent endeavors in transportation and linear infrastructure ecology.

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ICOET 2027 will be conducted in-person and virtually, which gives an exciting opportunity to bring together colleagues from around the world. While in-person attendance offers unique opportunities for networking and informal knowledge-sharing, we also very much support our virtual participants. Thanks to the Washington State Department of Transportation for setting up a Pooled Fund Study to support the conference: **https://www.pooledfund.org/Details/Study/728.**

Abstract Submission Deadline – January 22nd, 2027
Professionals, academics, and students are encouraged to submit abstracts and proposals for the following: 1) Trainings – workshops, best practices, new technologies and policies; 2) Individual Presentations -- Podium Talks, Lightning Presentations, and Posters; and 3) Organized Sessions, Symposia and Panels. Your abstract or proposal content should align with the ICOET 2027 theme and topic areas posted at **https://icoet.net/2027/theme**.

Abstract and Proposal Preparation
The body of your abstract, must not exceed 3000 characters (~450 words, including spaces), excluding title, authors etc. All abstracts must be clearly written, in English, with your ideas well communicated. Your training or workshop abstract should describe how you will carry out the activities, suggested audience, and learning objectives. Your individual or organized session abstract should describe a current or recent project or investigation, planning activity, or emerging issue addressing both transportation and ecological concerns. The described presentation should offer applicable research findings or best practices that may advance the field of transportation ecology. Your submission should also be supportive of the conference theme.

Abstract Review and Selection
All abstract submissions are evaluated and scored using several criteria by multiple peer reviewers. The ICOET Program Committee considers score rankings, reviewer comments, and the diversity of topics and presenters in its final selection of presentations (including type) to be given at the conference.

Workshop or Training Abstract Submission Form:

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1) Workshop or Training – A workshop or training involves one or two trainers teaching about a particular topic**.** This could be as narrow as how to accommodate bats in bridges, or as broad as "what are the policies and regulations relevant to transportation ecology?"





There will be space for 3 contributed trainings/workshops for ICOET 2027. The Steering Committee will also organize training courses and workshops. Creative ideas for 90-minute, interactive workshops/trainings are invited. Your proposed workshop or training should consider and describe how to involve both in-person and virtual participation. Your workshop abstract should be detailed in its description of instructional goals and methods. Other than A/V equipment, logistical details/requirements of any accepted workshops or trainings will be the responsibility of the individual or group proposing.

Quick Guide to Presentation Types

This table shows the main types of abstract you can submit using the abstract submission form

Podium	Organized Podium Session/Symposium	Panel	Lightning	Poster
Individual 15-minute presentations, followed by Q&A	Four presentations in a 90-minute organized podium session OR eight presentations (1/2 day) Symposium addressing central theme. Organizer submits abstract for the session	Emphasizes audience engagement, not individual speakers. Multiple disciplines/ varied perspectives on a theme, 90-minutes total with short intros by each panelist, Organizer submits panel abstract.	Seven minutes for each presenter followed by short Q&A	Single poster board (8' x 3') will be posted for a set period of time at a formal poster session at the conference (in-person only)
Submitted separately by individuals	Organizer submits an abstract for the session/symposium and each presenter submits individual abstract	Organizer submits panel abstract. Limited space in the agenda, must have a strong case. Panelists do not submit individual abstracts	Abstracts submitted by individual	Best for attendees who can be in-person, will also make e-copies available for virtual participants

Individual Presentation Abstract Submission Form:
https://airtable.com/appiAle4lg0C77KNx/shrbeb29JEIxTqOqH

2) **Podium** – These are 15-minute talks from a podium at the front of the room given by an individual, who then take questions from the audience.



Individual podium presentations will be live (in-person, or virtual) or pre-recorded, with live Q&A and simultaneously delivered to virtual audiences. Four 15-minute presentations will be organized by the Program Committee in each session according to themes and followed by live, moderated Q&A with attendees and group discussion featuring all in-person or virtual presenters from the session. Podium sessions may be organized, and podium talks proposed as a group (see below). In this case, each podium abstract will still be reviewed.

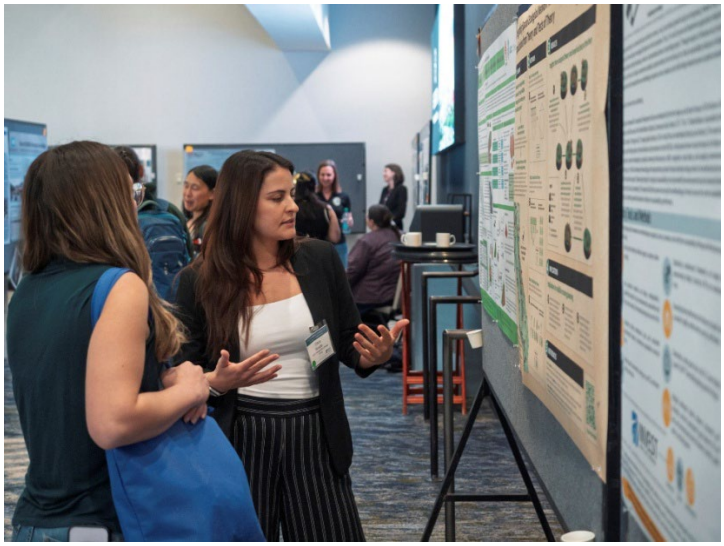
3) **Lightning** – A lightning presentation is like a podium talk, but only 7 minutes long.



Short, lightning presentations may be delivered live (in-person or virtual) or pre-recorded. After acceptance, pre-recorded, 7-minute talks should be sent to the conference staff via a commonly available platform for file-sharing. Talks will be grouped by theme, and groups of presenters will be scheduled in live sessions for the opportunity to answer questions from attendees in a moderated

discussion. Pre-recorded presenters are encouraged to be creative in their approach – feel free to go beyond slides and narration to include innovative ways to relay your work (e.g., videos, story maps).

4) **Posters** –These should be suitable for posting to a single poster board and made available during the conference dates. You should also plan to make an "e-copy" of your poster for virtual participants to see. If you are not able to participate in-person, we suggest you submit a lightning talk abstract.



Organized Session or Panel Proposal Submission Form: https://airtable.com/appiAle4lg0C77KNx/shrp1TYwgcQ7cFWsa

5) **Organized Session/Symposium** – Proposals are invited for complete, 90-minute Organized Sessions, composed of **four** presentations that the organizer recruits. Proposals are also invited for half-day (**eight** presentations) Organized Symposia. Presentations can be in-person (preferred), virtual or pre-recorded, with live Q&A and simultaneously delivered to virtual audiences. Your session should be organized around a central theme with presentations and discussions aligned with the conference theme and relevant topic areas. Your session proposal should describe your central theme; the various issues and perspectives to be addressed; a list of presenter names, their respective titles, and organizations; a list of issues/topics the presenters will address; and an outline of the session agenda. The Session organizer must be present in-person. **All Organized Session/Symposium presenters must also submit their individual abstracts through the Individual Abstract Submission Form link above. Failure to do this will result in the session not being considered.**



6) **Panels** -- Panelists should represent multiple disciplines and varied professional perspectives on the theme. 90-minute panels should consist of brief (approx. 5-minutes each), in-person or pre-recorded presentations by each panelist to orient the audience to the central theme and followed by a live (in-person or virtual), moderated panel discussion of approximately 45 minutes. Panelists will be asked to address questions from attendees submitted to the panel organizer from the audience. Panels are often popular to propose, with limited space for them in the agenda, which means that there is stiff competition among the proposals. The majority of panelists, including the organizer, must be present in-person. Proposed panels only need to submit a proposal through the Organized Session or Panel Proposal Submission Form link above; individual panelists do not need to submit an individual abstract, but all panelists must be registered (one-day registration is okay).



Submit your abstracts and proposals using the links above.

Please share this announcement with all interested people in your network. Plan now to attend ICOET 2027 and share your current research, quality applications, and best practices that can enhance both the project development process and the ecological sustainability of all transportation modes. We especially look forward to abstract submissions from newcomers to ICOET, therefore we will only accept up to three (3) presentations from any one presenter.

For more information about the Call for Abstracts, or ICOET 2027, please contact Fraser Shilling (fmshilling@ucdavis.edu), Lead Organizer of ICOET.

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