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Conference to Study Role of GIS in Public Transit

APTA is joining the National Center for Transit Research (NCTR) and the Urban and Regional Information System Association to present the Fifth National GIS in Transit Conference, Nov. 16-18 at the Hilton Bayfront in St. Petersburg, FL. NCTR is part of the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida.

Not long ago, Geographic Information System (GIS) technology was reserved for scientists, researchers, and mapmakers. Today, GIS is a part of daily life, with

applications including web-based maps and new cell phone applications.

As a way to help users collect, manage, and analyze large volumes of spatially referenced data and associated attributes, GIS has become a valuable tool to the transportation industry.

"This conference will offer GIS and transit professionals a unique opportunity to learn about new and relevant issues associated with GIS as it relates to transit," said Amber Reep, a senior research associate with CUTR.

Conference topics will include design, operations, maintenance, safety and security, fleet management, mapping, planning and Intelligent Transportation Systems. Industry experts and representatives from local, state, and federal governments will discuss the state of GIS as it is used throughout the world today, and presenters will provide insights to the opportunities that GIS can offer the transit industry.

Information regarding the conference, including how to register, is available online at <http://www2.transitgis.org>, or by contacting Amber Reep or Molly Buffington at (813) 974-3120 or buffington@cutr.usf.edu.

