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ITS Heartland Annual Meeting Preliminary Agenda Posted

The ITS Heartland Board of Directors has posted a [Preliminary Agenda](#) to the Annual Meeting [page](#) for for our April 25-27, 2016 meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.

Call for Abstracts Due Soon

Do not forget to submit your Abstracts! The Call for Abstracts are due in less than **two weeks January 11th** and the details for submitting can be found [here](#).

Attendee Registration Open

[Attendee Registration](#) is now open! And be sure to book your hotel room at the [conference rate](#).

Sponsor and Vendor Registration

The ITS Heartland Annual Meeting attracts transportation professionals from the five-state Heartland region and beyond. Sponsors and Vendors are encouraged to [register now](#) for the Annual Meeting. Many already have registered, thank you to those who have!

Nominees for recognition in the Annual [Best of ITS Awards](#) are due Friday, February 5, 2016. There are two categories: Best ITS Project in the ITS Heartland Region and Best ITS Product. The Easy-Form can be filled out to nominate right through your web browser!



Need a link to the 2016 Annual Meeting Home Page? Here [click here!](#)



Your memberships run from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Now is the [time to join or renew!](#)

Our annual [Student Competition](#) will include a poster presentation with a chance to win up to \$500 for First Place, \$300 for Second Place and \$200 for Third Place. Deadline for students to enter is Friday, March 4, 2016.

Don't miss the social event on opening Monday night!

Upcoming Webinar

[Using the Updated TRID Interface](#) -- The Transportation Research Board (TRB) will conduct a webinar that will provide benefits to new and veteran Transport Research International Documentation (TRID) users by featuring ways to use the new Search History feature to its maximum benefit. Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 at 1:00 PM CST.

News Brief

[The Iowa DOT Plans Highway-Widening Projects for the Spring](#) -- The Iowa DOT will move ahead with plans for two major highway projects in the spring following the approval of a 10-cent-per-gallon state fuel tax aimed at raising at least \$200 million for highway improvements.

[Florida DOT Unveils its Big Plan to Fix Deadly Streets](#) -- The Florida Department of Transportation has released an implementation plan to enact a Complete Streets policy aimed at making streets in the state safer for pedestrians and cyclists. The plan is an effort to displace four Florida cities from the tops spots on America's list of deadliest cities for pedestrians.

[PennDOT, Waze to Share Information on Roads](#) -- The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will work with navigation application Waze to provide drivers in the state with real-time information on road conditions, accidents and construction delays. The

Smart



The United States needs to embrace the 21st Century transportation system and include autonomous vehicles, connected cars and data analytics. A proposal competition, announced by Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, is intended to stir competition between mid-sized cities to win more than \$50 million to help achieve its transportation goals. [Proposals need to be submitted](#) by February 4, 2016.



Intelligent Transportation Systems have been at work across the country and across our highways during this holiday season with safe driving messages. A touch of humor and a hat tip to the new Star Wars movie, including messages generated from one of our regional states Iowa! Check out the New York Times [article here](#).

cooperation is aimed at helping agencies respond more rapidly to traffic issues.

[Commuting is a Necessary Evil](#) -- Technology is enabling shorter travel times. Research shows that there are seven main causes of congestion and cities everywhere are discovering new ways to tackle them. Find out what is being done to make your city flow better.



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