



**Chinese Overseas  
Transportation Association**

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## **COTA Activities**

During 2024 TRB Annual Meeting

# **COTA Winter Symposium**

**Hybrid - in person and online**

**SUNDAY  
JAN 7  
09:00-17:30  
ET**

**SUNDAY JAN 7  
22:00-6:30(+1)  
BEIJING TIME**

**Chinatown (M3)  
Marriott Marquis**

901 Massachusetts Ave NW,  
Washington DC 20001

# **COTA Annual Reception**

**MONDAY  
JAN 8  
19:30-21:30  
ET**

**Ballroom C  
Convention Center**

801 Mt Vernon Pl NW,  
Washington DC 20001



The COTA Annual Reception is sponsored by





# THE 26<sup>TH</sup> COTA TRB WINTER SYMPOSIUM

CHINATOWN (M3), MARRIOTT MARQUIS  
901 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW, WASHINGTON DC 20001

## ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 (EASTERN TIME)

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### 08:30 – 17:30 COTA SYMPOSIUM AND MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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#### 09:00 – 09:05 OPENING REMARK

**Opening Remark:** Dr. Guohui Zhang, COTA President-Elect, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
**Moderator:** Dr. Cong Chen, Winter Symposium Organizing Committee Chair, University of South Florida  
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#### 09:05 – 10:20 SESSION 1: ASCE-TRB-COTA PARTNERSHIP

**Moderator:** Dr. Shanjiang Zhu, COTA Vice President, George Mason University  
**Support by:** Shouzheng Pan, University of Utah

**Presenters:**

Christos Xenophontos, RIDOT, Co-chair TRB International Coordination Council (ICC)  
Caroline Almeras, ECTRI, Co-chair TRB International Coordination Council (ICC)  
William “Bill” Anderson, Senior Program Officer, Technical Activities Division, TRB  
Muhammad Amer, Director, Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI), ASCE

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#### 10:20 – 10:30 MORNING BREAK

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#### 10:30 – 11:50 SESSION 2: TALENTS UNDER 40: CAREER SHOWCASE

**Moderator:** Dr. Xianbiao Hu, Assistant Professor, Pennsylvania State University  
**Support by:** Dr. Qing Tang, Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgia Institute of Technology

**Presenters:**

Dr. Kun Xie, Assistant Professor, Old Dominion University  
Dr. Ruijie “Rebecca” Bian, Assistant Professor – Research, Louisiana Transportation Research Center  
Dr. Teng “Alex” Wang, Research Engineer, Kentucky Transportation Center

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#### 11:50 – 13:00 LUNCH BREAK

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#### 13:00 – 14:20 SESSION 3: TALENTS UNDER 40: CAREER SHOWCASE

**Moderator:** Dr. Hanyi Yang, Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
**Support by:** Shuyi Yin, University of Washington

**Presenters:**

Dr. Wei Sun, CEO and Co-founder, AIWaysion, Inc  
Dr. Yanshuo Sun, Assistant Professor, Florida State University  
Dr. Hao Yang, Research Assistant Professor, John Hopkins University

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#### 14:20 – 14:30 AFTERNOON BREAK 1



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**14:30 – 15:40 COTA BEST DISSERTATION AWARD CEREMONY AND PRESENTATIONS**

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**Moderator:** Dr. Yang Liu, COTA Co-Chair of Academic Affairs, National University of Singapore

**Support by:** Shuyi Yin, University of Washington

1. Announcement of the dissertation award winners
2. Oral presentations by the winners

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**15:40 – 15:50 AFTERNOON BREAK 2**

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**15:50 – 17:20 SESSION 4: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES: ACADEMIC JOURNAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA**

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**Moderator:** Dr. Zhengbing He, Senior Research Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Support by:** Dr. Songhua Hu, Postdoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Presenters:**

**Urban Rail Transit, Beijing Jiaotong University**

*Presenter: Dr. Xuesong Zhou, Editor in Chief, Arizona State University*

**International Journal of Transportation Science and Technology, Tongji University**

*Presenter: Dr. Chi Xie, Editor, Tongji University*

**Multimodal Transportation, Southeast University**

*Presenter: Dr. Ziyuan Pu, Editor, Southeast University*

**Transportation Safety and Environment, Central South University**

*Presenter: Dr. Lishengsa Yue, Editor, Tongji University*

**Digital Transportation and Safety, Lanzhou Jiaotong University**

*Presenter: Dr. Jun Liu, Editor, University of Alabama*

**Green Energy and Intelligent Vehicle, Beijing Institute of Technology**

*Presenter: Dr. Yang Zhao, Editor, Harvard University*

**Journal of Highway and Transportation Research and Development, Research Institute of Highway, Ministry of Transport, China**

*Presenter: Dr. Zhengbing He, Editor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

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**17:20 – 17:30 CLOSING REMARK**

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**Closing Remark:** Dr. Cong Chen, Winter Symposium Organizing Committee Chair, University of South Florida

**Support by:** Shuyi Yin, University of Washington

**SYMPOSIUM CHAIR**

❖ Dr. Jianming Ma, TxDOT

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Florida

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❖ Dr. Yang Liu, National University of Singapore

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