

# Call for Papers

## Transportation Efficiency: Fact or Fiction?

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Over the past year, fuel costs have surged in many countries around the world. In the United States, consumers appear to have embraced more fuel-efficient vehicles, catching the Big Three automakers off guard. Early reports suggest that Americans are making further lifestyle changes favoring less travel and alternative transportation modes. Airlines, railways, and trucking firms also appear to be changing their operations/services in an era of high fuel costs. Given such unprecedented changes, is travel and transportation becoming more efficient? If so, will such efficiencies persist over time? How can efficiencies be encouraged?

This session targets research from around the world and across all modes that seeks to enhance our understanding of transportation efficiency, and more broadly, changes in travel and transportation in an era of high fuel costs. In addition to empirical insights, methods and simulations that can enhance our understanding of the topic are also encouraged (e.g., excess commuting).

To submit a paper to this call, you must first register for the 2009 Annual Meeting. After this, please submit your abstract and personal identification number (PIN) to Darren M. Scott by October 7, 2008. If you have any questions concerning the applicability of your paper to this topic, please contact the session organizer.

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