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Subject: Invitation for Visiting AECOM and a Bridge Project in Maryland in January 2026

Dear Professor Zhu,

I'm glad to hear that you are coming to Washington, D.C., to attend the 105<sup>th</sup> TRB Annual Meeting during January 11-15, 2026. I'd like to invite you to visit our AECOM office in Germantown, Maryland on January 20, 2026, to have technical exchanges on the latest bridge engineering technologies including bridge instrumentation and monitoring, digital twins, etc. On the following day, January 21, I will take you to visit the US 522 Bridge over Potomac River in Hancock, Maryland. On this 88 years old structure, we have installed a structural monitoring system with multiple types of wireless sensors to understand its behavior and develop an effective rehabilitation plan for service extension.

I understand you that will be responsible for all the expenses incurred during your visit in the U.S. including, but not limited to, air and ground transportations, as well as accommodations.

Please feel free to contact me for any need. Look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Y. Edward Zhou'.

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