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Dear Dr. Zhu:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the TRB 105th Annual Meeting, which will be held January 11-15, 2026, in Washington, D.C. We expect thousands of transportation professionals from 70 countries to attend, and hope that you will be among them.

In order to receive your visa in adequate time to enable you to attend, we urge you to begin the visa application process now. U.S. regulations require security checks for most visa applications, resulting in a review process that may take three months or more. Attendees will be responsible for their own travel expenses including airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals and travel insurance.

Please be advised visitors eligible to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program are required to complete and submit an electronic travel authorization prior to boarding their airline bound for the U.S. This Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) is managed by the Department of Homeland Security. Travelers without the ESTA authorization will not be permitted to enter the United States (see <https://www.dhs.gov/electronic-system-travel-authorization-esta>)

Official information on U.S. visa policies and procedures is available from the U.S. Department of State at www.Travel.State.gov. General information on the U.S. visa application process is available through the National Academies International Visitors Office.

Thank you for your interest in the TRB Annual Meeting. We hope to see you in January!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Sheehan".

Victoria Sheehan
Executive Director