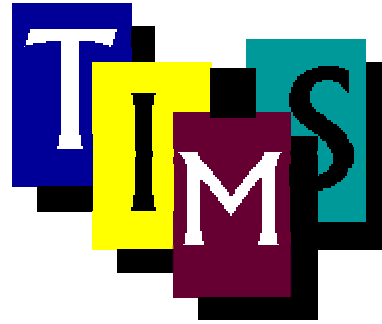


2007 NC Spring Tymposium

Embassy Suites, Greensboro, NC

March 5—7, 2007



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2007 Conference Overview

The Tymposium this year will feature the release of state-wide service indicator data from TIMS, and preview a new, unified annual report that combines TIMS operations data, service indicators data and other DPI financial and budget information.

The consultants that conducted the 2006 transportation funding formula study recommended the publication of data to help LEAs gauge the level of service they are providing to students. Within the next few weeks, each district will receive a review of the newly created TIMS Service Indicators for their LEA. These are preliminary reports, and each district will be given the opportunity to review and correct problem data prior to publication of the final report.

The complete list of indicators includes: earliest AM stop time, latest PM stop time, range of school start times, average student ride time by grade, average student ride time by distance and grade, number of double runs to same school in AM and PM, number of runs per route.

In addition, the Tymposium this year will be offering a range of sessions:

- Boundary Planning
- New features available to move map layers in and out of TIMS to other systems
- GPS and other products available from Edulog
- Technical sessions for TIMS data managers
- Administrative sessions to inform Transportation Directors and supervisors about uses of TIMS and ideas from around the state.

We hope you will join us for this event. The service indicators and annual report will be important new ways that data from your district will be available. Technology and strategies for using TIMS continue to evolve and change. This is an important way for everyone from around the state to share information and get updated on new initiatives.

We look forward to seeing you in Greensboro.

Preliminary Conference Session Descriptions



Monday Afternoon Sessions

Directors' Sessions—Interactive session for Transportation Directors/Supervisors available through the afternoon

New User Orientation— Offered Monday afternoon only; introductory session to orient new users; explanation of annual reports, activities and system capabilities

Special Needs— Explore ways TIMS can be used effectively for special populations

Tuesday/Wednesday Breakout Sessions

GeBndPlan/GISMO— Overview and discussion of the uses of this powerful GIS component of TIMS for analysis, operations and special projects

GIS and Safety— Tools available within TIMS and through the internet that can be used to improve safety

GIS Update—New software available from Edulog that is licensed to districts under 15,000 enrollment. Allows for the updating of geocode files from county GIS data sources

Data Clean-Up for Service Indicator Reports—Tips on how to clean up your data for the service indicator reports

Run/Route Optimization—Powerful tools to assist in the semi-automatic creation of bus runs and run pairings for routes will be demonstrated

System Administration—Tools to manage your server and maintain its health and security, secure ftp key and login information for all users in this session

Edulog Product Review—Q&A with Edulog staff; demonstrations of new software

Directors' Sessions—Interactive session for Transportation Directors/Supervisors available through the day

Registration Information

Registration—Cost is \$125. After February 16, the fee will be \$150.

Rooms—A conference rate of \$119 (single or double) has been established, but rooms are limited. To make reservations, please call the hotel directly at 336-668-4535 and identify yourself as an NC Pupil Transportation Conference participant (this is how we were listed by their system, so we have not changed it to avoid reservations confusion). A full breakfast is included with the price of the room.

The conference hotel rate is available on reservations made by February 11, 2007, RESERVE EARLY!

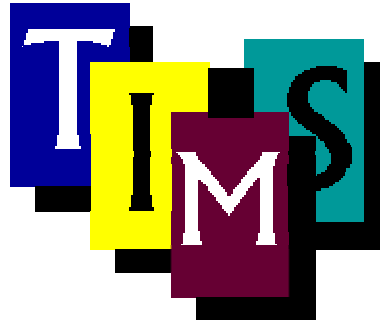
If you have any problems, please call the UNC-Charlotte Urban Institute TIMS Project Office at 704-687-2763.

The sponsors provide the opportunity to request in advance auxiliary aides and services for persons with disabilities. If you need special accommodations to fully participate in this program, please contact the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute TIMS Project Office at 704-687-2763 by February 23, 2007.

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Registration Form

Please make separate copies of this form for each participant

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_____ I will attend—\$125 enclosed (\$150 after Feb. 16)

In order to adequately plan for meals, please check the appropriate response below:

_____ I will be attending the **Transportation Banquet**, Monday evening, March 5, 2007

_____ I will be attending the **Tuesday luncheon**, March 6, 2007

Name: _____

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