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# The Historic Context & Context-Sensitive Design

*2002 Summer Meeting  
Kansas City, Missouri  
July 18 – 20, 2002*

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**Coming Soon!**

The 2002 Kansas City Summer Meeting Program with downloadable presentations will be online shortly.

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The Archaeology and Historic Preservation in Transportation Committee (A1F05) is holding its July 2002 meeting in Kansas City! The participants will examine issues to help integrate cultural resource management (CRM) with regional transportation and land use planning, especially "context-sensitive design." We will meet at the Fairmont Hotel on the renowned [Country Club Plaza](#) to explore the netherworld where inter-governmental relationships, finance, and Cultural Resources meet. The Plaza was originally designed some 75 years ago by J.C. Nichols, a founder of the [Urban Land Institute](#), and still integrates pedestrian and vehicular traffic with modern amenities.

Integrating transportation into an existing community is always tricky. Develop the skills of "Context Sensitive Design" as they relate to cultural resources. Sessions will be arranged in general tracks: Cultural Resources (Archaeology & Historic Structures) and Planning (Transportation Planning & Land Development). Some of the topics we will consider include traditional redevelopment, National Park Service planning programs, and cultural resources of all types.

Two workshops are planned. "[Engaging the Public on a Transportation Archaeology Project](#)" is a hands-on session, and will focus on tailoring public outreach programs, focusing on archaeology. [Metropolitan Transportation Planning](#) is a 3-day course (July 15-17) sponsored by the Federal Transit Administration through the National Transportation Institute, and free to many government employees. Call (732) 932-1700 for NTI information!

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
(Download the [Brochure!](#) 168K PDF)

*Wednesday July 17*  
2:00-5:00 PM *Registration*

5:00-7:00 PM *Reception & Pre-Mixer*

*Thursday July 18*  
8:00-9:30 AM *Continental Breakfast*

8:30-10:00 AM *Workshop*

Engaging the Public on a Transportation Archaeology Project

9:00-5:00 PM *Registration*

10:00-12:00 PM *Committee Business Meeting*

1:15-2:00 PM *General Session: Grand Ballroom*

Committee Chair Welcome  
Opening Remarks

2:00-3:30 PM *General Session: Grand Ballroom*

Country Club Plaza: Yesterday & Today

3:30- 5:00 PM

*A1F05 Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Tribal Issues  
Topic: Historic Infrastructure

*Planning Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Hotel as Phoenix  
Topic: The Central Business Corridor

5:00-6:30 PM *Reception (Fairmont)*

6:30-8:00 PM *Dinner & Keynote Address: Grand Ballroom*

*Friday July 19*  
All Day *Registration*

7:30 - 8:00 AM *Breakfast: Networking*

8:00 - 10:00 AM

*A1F05 Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Applied GIS  
Topic: Geomorphology

*Planning Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Neo-Traditional Planning & The Historic Prototype  
Topic: Heritage Corridors (Planning)

10:30-12:00 PM

*A1F05 Joint Session*  
Topic: Environmental Streamlining

*Joint Planning Session*  
Planning for National Parks

12:00-1:00 PM *Lunch (on your own)*

1:30-3:00 PM

*A1F05 Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Mid-20th Century Resources  
Topic: Archaeology & Public Involvement

*Planning Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Vernacular Spaces & Crafting Memorable Places  
Topic: Public Building Reconstructions

3:30-5:00 PM

*A1F05 Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Agrarian Cultural Resources  
Topic: Remote Sensing

*Planning Breakout Sessions*  
Topic: Financing  
Topic: Planning for Intermodal Freight

*Dinner (on your own)*

*Saturday July 20*  
7:30-8:00 AM *Continental Breakfast*  
8:00-9:30 AM *General Session*

Panel Discussion: The Historic Context & Context-Sensitive Design

10:00-12:00 PM *Wrap-up and Recap of the Week*  
2:30-4:00 PM *Steamboat Arabia Museum Tour* (Admission \$8.75)

## WORKSHOPS

### [Metropolitan Transportation Planning, July 14-17](#)

Contact the National Transit Institute (732)932-1700  
Download more information, [NTI Training](#) (PDF File 139K)

### [Engaging the Public on a Transportation Archaeology Project: A Hands-On Workshop, July 18](#)

Contact Carol Ellick, SRI Foundation, (505) 892-5587

## PROPOSED MOBILE WORKSHOPS & TOURS

Leavenworth/Ft. Leavenworth  
Brown v. Board & Lawrence (12:30-7:00 PM)  
St. Joseph Parkway System

### [Fairmont Hotel](#)

In 1967, Miller Nichols, the president of J. C. Nichols Company, Inc., purchased 6.5

acres of land in the southwest corner of Ward Parkway and Wornall Road in the historic Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. What once was the site of 13 duplex dwellings and two single-family houses soon became the vision of a 400-room hotel and a set of luxury apartment buildings.

Nichols' vision was to build a contemporary luxury hotel in the Plaza area that would provide warm and personal service to transient guests, residents in the area and business groups, as well as improve the image of Kansas City in the eyes of tourists and conventioners. On February 1, 1969, that vision became a reality and construction began on the hotel.

In keeping with the Spanish theme of the Country Club Plaza, Nichols hired Kansas City architects Kivett & Myers to design The Fairmont Kansas City at the Plaza. Contemporary Spanish architecture is reflected throughout the hotel, from the custom-designed furnishings to the guest rooms and refinished Hispanic artifacts throughout the hotel.

On May 1, 1972, The Fairmont Kansas City at the Plaza opened its doors to the public. During the next 18 years, the hotel catered to the needs of such famous celebrities as Michael Jackson, Shelley Long, The Rolling Stones, ZZ Top and Steve Guttenberg.

Today, The Fairmont Kansas City at the Plaza still stands by its original decree: "To earn the loyalty of our guests by exceeding their expectations and providing warm and personal service in distinctive surroundings."

## RESERVATIONS

The Committee has reserved a block of rooms at the Federal per diem rate (\$85 per night at the time of this posting) for rooms reserved prior to June 10, 2002.

The Fairmont Kansas City at the Plaza  
401 Ward Parkway  
Kansas City, Missouri 64112  
Telephone: (816) 756-1500  
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Email: [kansascity@fairmont.com](mailto:kansascity@fairmont.com)

Kansas City is reinventing itself, and the rehabilitation of hotel and loft spaces Downtown testify to those efforts. Scheduled sessions on core area redevelopment include local examples, as well as broader perspectives.

Other local attractions include the [Arabia Steamboat Museum](#), [Science City](#) at the redeveloped [Union Station](#), and the [Airline History Museum](#). And don't miss the [American Jazz Museum](#) in the historic 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine District! All in all, we are planning a memorable experience that is both informative and entertaining, and participants are encouraged to bring their families to visit one of America's most livable cities!

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Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Mid-America Regional Council  
Federal Transit Administration  
Topeka/Shawnee County MPO

Educational credits also may be available, so check with your licensing agency. The meeting's \$200 registration fee provides a budget-sensitive alternative in a relaxed, professional environment, augmented by Kansas City's central location. Based at

the Fairmount Plaza Hotel, peer-to-peer interactions are easy to arrange, either on-premises or on the Plaza itself.

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*We'll see you there!*

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