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Thanks to generous funding from the Barr Foundation, we are thrilled to share that you have been awarded a conference scholarship to attend Designing Cities 2024: Miami-Dade. We are able to provide you with the following:

- **Complimentary Registration** (*valued at \$750*)
 - We invite you to register for the Designing Cities 2023 conference by accessing the following link:
<https://events.bizzabo.com/DesigningCities2024/page/3209159/register?promo=NACTO Barr2024>. We are asking recipients to complete their registration **by April 12, 2024**. However, our popular walking and biking tours (WalkShops) are filling up quickly, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.
- **Airfare** (*the cost of an economy roundtrip flight to Miami, FL is currently valued at around \$350*)
 - NACTO will work with a corporate travel booking company to have awardees book their travel to the conference. NACTO cannot, under any circumstance, make any edits to your reservation; you will need to work directly with our travel booking company. Any travel plans that are not conference-related need to be booked independently and separately by you. NACTO staff are not available to discuss travel.
- **Lodging** (*valued at \$1,125*)
 - NACTO has booked rooms at the InterContinental Miami for scholarship recipients from **Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 10**. You will receive an email with your confirmation number and reservation details at your email address.
- **Stipend** (*\$300*)
 - We are able to offer a stipend to scholarship recipients to supplement the costs associated with your attendance. To receive your stipend, NACTO asks that you fill out the honorarium form provided to you and return it to events@nacto.org. Once we receive your information, our finance team will work to get you into our business payments platform, bill.com. You will be sent an electronic invitation from bill.com to receive an electronic payment directly to your bank account or via check after sharing your account information. Your information will be secure, protected with end-to-end encryption, and not visible to NACTO whatsoever.
- **Attendance at post-conference shareback**

- Scholarship recipients must attend a post-conference virtual shareback. During the shareback, you will share an up to 5-minute presentation about what you learned at the conference. This will be a space for people who did and did not attend the conference. It's an opportunity to hear learnings and reflections from the sessions, plenaries, workshops, and WalkShops. The shareback is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, from 10 am-12 pm EST. Please accept the calendar invite to attend if you have not already.

We look forward to seeing you in Miami, FL!

All the best,
Yadira Cabrera, NACTO
Engagement Manager

Key Information and Details about Designing Cities



Image: Steven Moore

Location (click here for more travel details)

(<https://events.bizzabo.com/DesigningCities2024/page/3209162/information#section-2008056>)

The conference will take place at the Intercontinental Miami (<https://www.icmiamihotel.com/>) from Tuesday, May 7 to Friday, May 10, 2024.

Registration

Details on ticket costs and what is included will be available on November 14th, 2023 so that you can budget well in advance. Early bird registration for our members will open on January 10th, 2024. General registration will open in February 2024.

Participants

1,000 transportation professionals attend the conference each year. NACTO aims to make the conference broadly accessible—especially to city staff. City practitioners are at the core of our conference and make up more than 70% of our conference audience. NACTO member cities and agencies (<https://nacto.org/member-cities/>) get priority registration with access to registration earlier than anyone else, complimentary attendance for one attendee per agency, and a discounted rate.

AICP Credits

After the event, you can receive AICP credits for each workshop, breakout session, and Walkshop you attended.

Programming

The NACTO conference features a mix of formats over four days that promote connection, inspiration, and sharing best practices and lessons learned. The agenda features workshops with hands-on exercises, roundtable discussions, keynote speakers, seamless networking opportunities, panel conversations, and small group meet ups by affinity or topic expertise.

Our conference is best known for our Walkshops - mobile tours of our host city and region that are designed and led by local staff and community members. Three Walkshops are included in the price of each conference ticket for every attendee.

Our program also features our beloved Meet the Cities event, where every NACTO member agency has the chance to share a project they worked on that year.

Last but not least, you can expect to have fun! Mornings kick off with jogs or yoga. Get out of the hotel and join the host for "Neighborhood Dinners" across the city to check out a local's restaurant recommendation. On the first day of our event we have an opening reception for all attendees. Past receptions have included live spray painting and music underneath an underpass; live music from the Uncivil Servants at a historic concert venue; and yard games and food trucks at a brewery.

How to sponsor and support participation from your region

Designing Cities would not happen without our sponsors. We are so grateful to the organizations that support this convening. Learn more about becoming a sponsor of Designing Cities 2024 here and submit our interest form to get in touch. (<https://events.bizzabo.com/DesigningCities2024/page/3209164/sponsors>)

We are also grateful to the place-based organizations that support conference attendees from their region. Local and regional foundations, civic institutions, state and regional government agencies, and other organizations interested in funding a cohort of city staff, young professionals, and/or community representatives to attend the NACTO conference can

get in touch with NACTO via the same form (<https://events.bizzabo.com/DesigningCities2024/page/3209164/sponsors>).

Logistics: Dress code

For the majority of conference activities in the hotel, we recommend business casual/professional attire. For Walkshops, we recommend whatever is comfortable for physical activity and the weather of our host region. Be sure to review the details of your Walkshop - some past tours have required that participants wear sturdy closed-toe shoes, for example.

Logistics: What you should bring

Please bring a reusable water bottle (extra important for Walkshops!), a notebook, a pen, sun protection, and whatever else helps keep you sustained through travel, mobile tours, and a busy week of conference programming! While we will have some on site, we also recommend you bring a mask for COVID-19 protection.

Safety at the conference

NACTO is committed to an engaging, inclusive, supportive, and productive atmosphere for the conference, and we invite all of our participants to commit to helping us build this atmosphere and this community.

We will take a number of measures in planning the conference to help build a safe and inclusive space, including providing a number of opportunities for affinity spaces (including for BIPOC and LGBT+ attendees), working closely with our partners to ensure Walkshops are well-staffed and have a reliable emergency protocol in place, providing gender-neutral restrooms, and providing high-quality masks to those who wish to take COVID-19 precautions.

NACTO's Director of People and Culture, Lauren Nixon, will be the main point of contact regarding safety concerns during the conference. Lauren will serve as a liaison between our conference participants and the hotel staff to ensure that our conference attendees have a great experience and are connected to the hotel staff, who can offer them the resources that they need to have a comfortable experience.

Please read our event code of conduct. (<https://nacto.org/event-code-of-conduct/#:-:text=To%20that%20end%2C%20NACTO%20is,or%20mental%20ability%2C%20color%2C%20physical>)

If you're still unsure about going

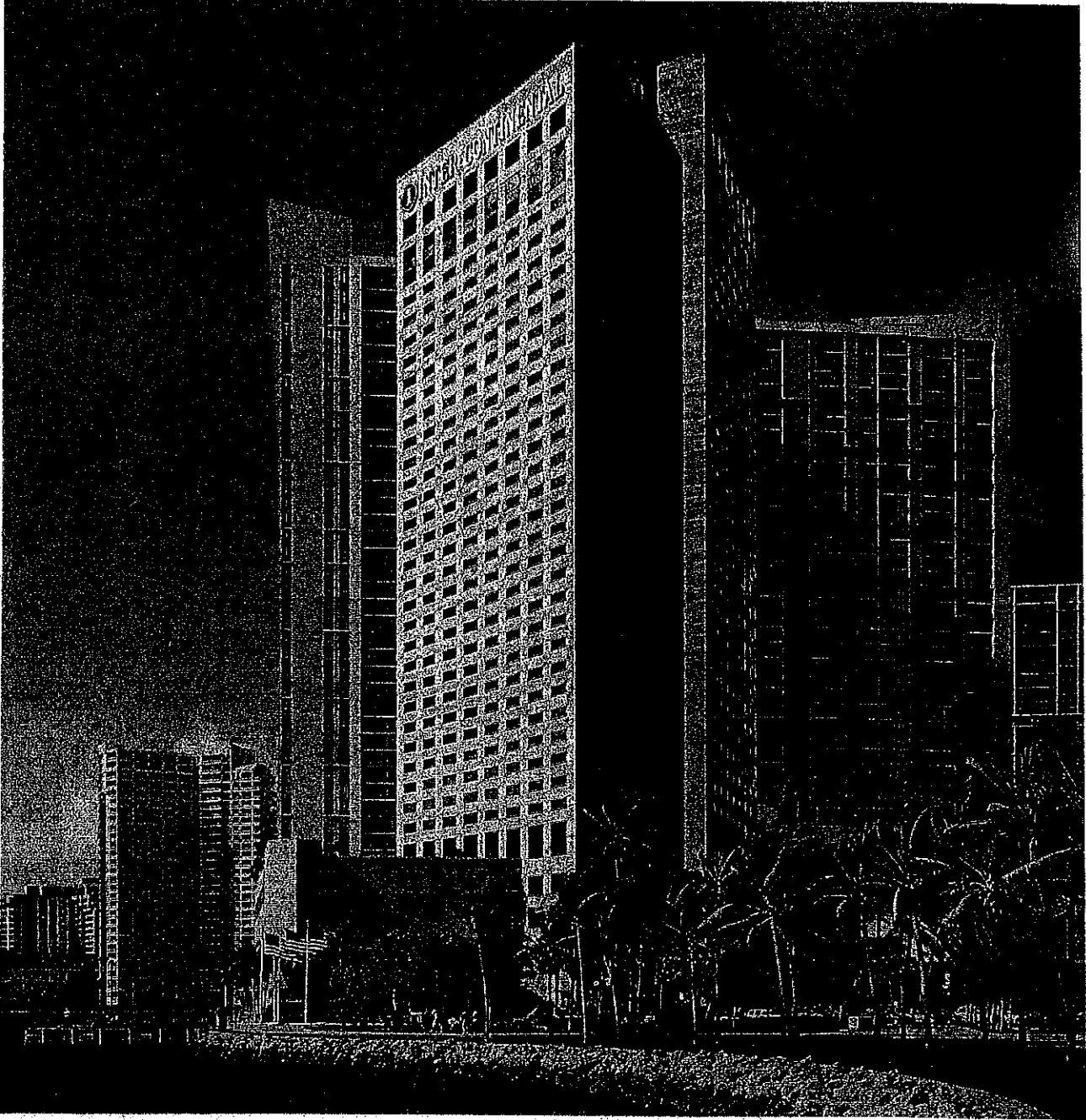
NACTO recognizes that there are numerous safety concerns about attending large-scale events, some of which may be increased due to the political backdrop of the area where the conference is held. We hope the considerations above help your comfort in deciding to attend. However, NACTO understands that not everyone will feel comfortable attending every conference, due to geographical location or otherwise, and respects the decisions of those who decide not to attend this year.

How to contact us

If you have any questions, please contact us at events@nacto.org (<mailto:events@nacto.org>). Kindly note that we are a very small team and due to the volume of emails we receive, we are not able to reply to every message. The best way to ensure you have all the information you need is to read through this website and the emails we send out.

Be sure to subscribe to our newsletter (<https://nacto.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=1df77980a1a876128766fe573&id=8f3492144e>) and follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/NACTO>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/nactocities>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/nactocities/>), and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/national-association-of-city-transportation-officials>) for information on registration and program announcements.

Travel Details



#NACTO2024 is headquartered at the Intercontinental Miami. We have a limited amount of rooms at the GSA rate of \$199/night **for the nights of May 7th and 8th only**, which you can book [here \(https://book.passkey.com/gt/219512760?gtid=9afe1db1d4f436afa0f54c3e84e81e6b\)](https://book.passkey.com/gt/219512760?gtid=9afe1db1d4f436afa0f54c3e84e81e6b). To book additional nights, [book a room in our block \(https://book.passkey.com/gt/219547715?gtid=a361e76a4175e00483fd2f4ce2dbf1\)](https://book.passkey.com/gt/219547715?gtid=a361e76a4175e00483fd2f4ce2dbf1) at a rate of \$229/night (also at a limited capacity). If you make two reservations to take advantage of the GSA rate, the hotel will be able to keep you in the same room.

Book your stay

<https://book.passkey.com/gt/219512760?gtid=9afe1db1d4f436afa0f54c3e84e81e6b>





Taking transit from Miami International Airport to the hotel is easy and direct!

Take the orange Metrorail (<https://www.miamidade.gov/transportation-publicworks/metrorail-stations.asp>) line from the Airport station to Government Center and then transfer to the Metromover Omni Loop. Get off at Bayfront Station, which is a 2 minute walk from the hotel.

Plan your trip

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Conference Location

Intercontinental Miami

