

## Local Guide to Transportation

Take full advantage of the District's many public transportation options located all around the hotel—from the Metrorail and Metrobus to the Capital Bikeshare program. Come ready to traverse the city like a local!

**Metrorail, “The Metro”:** The Grand Hyatt is located directly above the Metro station stop Metro Center—a hub located on the Blue, Orange, and Red rail lines. When you get off the train at Metro Center stop and are heading to the hotel, look for the signs directing you to the “11<sup>th</sup> and G” exit. This will take you directly to the Grand Hyatt Lobby. Times and fares between Metro Center and desirable stops like the Smithsonian are modest—around three minutes and \$2 (with a SmarTrip card).

*If you plan on taking more than a couple trips by metro we highly recommend you purchase a reloadable [SmarTrip](#) card, which reduces fares a dollar on each trip (.20 for the bus) and speeds entrance and exit. SmarTrip Cards can be purchased online by mail (pre-conference), and at select CVS, Safeway, and Giant stores, or at Metro Headquarters (main entrance), 600 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The CVS on 1117 St. NW also sells them. Cost is \$10; cards come loaded with \$8.*

**Buses:** DC has two bus options, Metrobus and the Circulator. The Circulator costs only \$1 per ride, arrives every 10 minutes, and provides five handy routes throughout the city. Of interest may be the Georgetown-Union Station route. There are many Metrobus lines departing from the Metro Center area, spreading throughout the city. Of interest may be Metrobus 80 to the Kennedy Center. Metrobus (around \$1.60) and Circulator fares can be paid with cash or SmarTrip only.

**Public Transit Apps:** These apps can help you plan routes with Metro and buses. *DC Metro Transit, NextBus, DC Metro and Bus.* Google Maps also does a terrific job at routing you using public transit.

**Taxis:** DC cabs are well-marked, metered, and display a “TAXI FOR HIRE” banner when available. Fees start at \$3.25 for the first 1/8 mile and increase with extra distance and passengers. All taxis should take credit cards. Hail a cab the usual way or try these apps: *Hailo, MyTaxi, TaxiRadar, TaxiMagic.*

**Uber:** An alternative to DC cabs, this service allows you to request a ride through the mobile app, text message, or the web. The closest Uber driver will respond in minutes. Minimum fare for the cheapest ride is \$4.70; fares rise per minute or mile. Watch for periods of fare inflation.

**Capital Bikeshare:** The popular capital-area bike sharing system allows to you pick up and drop off distinctive red bikes at over 100 stations around the region. Downtown DC has lots of bike lanes, and drivers are pretty good with cyclists. To get a one or three day pass (\$7 and \$15, respectively), go up to any Capital Bikeshare station kiosk and follow the directions. Once you're a member, the first 30 minutes of each trip are free, with a \$1.50 fee for the next 30

minutes (keep your ride free by docking at least every 30 minutes—totally legit). The *Spotcycle* app can help you find bike stations, inform you of bike availability, and provides sample routes. Also try *Ride the City* app for safe bike route recommendations. Bring your own helmet!

**Walking:** DC is a very walkable city and our conference hotel is located within walking distance of lots of restaurants and cultural landmarks. The National Gallery of Art is a 15-minute walk, and walking to National Museum of Women in the Arts or Smithsonian American Art/National Portrait Gallery takes less than 5 minutes. Try the *Google Maps* app or *HopStop* (iPhone only) for walking directions. Also try walking tours on the free *Washington DC City Guide* app from TripAdvisor (this app also has tons of information on restaurants and other attractions).

For more links and information, see *About Washington DC* on the ARLIS conference website.