

Transportation

Arriving by air

The San Francisco Bay Area is served by three airports: San Francisco International (SFO), Oakland (OAK), and San Jose (SJC). San Francisco and Oakland are most convenient for traveling to San Francisco itself. Participants arriving in San Jose should consult the airport's website (http://www.sjc.org/travelers/ground_trans.html) for information about ground transportation to San Francisco.

Participants arriving at **San Francisco International Airport** have three choices for transportation to downtown San Francisco. A taxi will cost between \$35 and \$40. A door-to-door (shared) van will cost \$15-\$20 per passenger. A full list of van companies is available on the SFO website, but in general passengers should exit the airport on the departures (upper) level and cross to the center sidewalk where a dispatcher can help them find or choose a van service. The conference hotels do not have dedicated van service of their own.

The least expensive option (\$5.35) is to take BART by catching the airport Airtrain to the Garage G/BART station stop and then transferring to any BART line traveling into San Francisco (all of them except Millbrae). Get off at the Powell St. station in San Francisco. From the station, walk up Powell St. (on the north side of Market) to Ellis St. and turn left; walk two short blocks to Mason St. and turn right. The King George Hotel and the San Francisco Downtown Hostel are on Mason St. between O'Farrell and Geary. To get to the Handlery Union Square Hotel, walk three blocks straight up Powell St. from BART and turn left on Geary.

For more information on ground transportation to and from the airport, SFO has an excellent website: <http://www.flysfo.com/web/page/tofrom/transp-serv/>

Participants arriving at **Oakland International Airport** can also take BART into downtown San Francisco. Take the AirBART shuttle that leaves the airport every 10 minutes to the BART Colliseum/Oakland Airport stop. Take a train headed to Daly City or Millbrae and get off at the Powell St. station, following the directions given above to walk to the hotels. The cost is \$3.55 for the BART fare plus \$3.00 for the airport shuttle.

There are also a variety of door-to-door vans from the Oakland Airport. See the website for a complete list: http://www.oaklandairport.com/ground_transportation.shtml. A shared van will cost between \$25-\$30 and are available outside the terminal on the center strip or by prior reservation. A taxi to downtown San Francisco costs approximately \$55.

Arriving at the conference from the hotels

From the King George Hotel or the San Francisco Downtown Hostel, walk down Mason St. to Ellis St. and turn left. Walk one block to Powell St. and turn right.. From the Handlery Union Square Hotel, walk from Geary St. to Powell St. and turn right. Cross Market St. at Powell and enter 835 Market St., where you will see a SFSU banner by the entrance. After you enter the building, take the elevator to the 6th floor.

Arriving by car

To the King George Hotel or the San Francisco Downtown Hostel

Please see the directions on the King George Hotel website:

<http://www.kinggeorge.com/drivingdirections.php>

The Downtown Hostel is on the same block at 312 Mason St.

To the Handlery Union Square Hotel

Please see the directions on the Handlery Union Square Hotel website:

<http://www.handlery.com/sf/location/>

To the FCHS conference, SFSU Downtown Center, 835 Market St.

From the East:

Take Highway 80 (Bay Bridge) to the Fifth St./Downtown exit to Mission St. Drive north on Fifth St. Turn into the Fifth and Mission Parking Garage on your right.

From the North:

Take the Golden Gate Bridge to the Lombard exit. Drive on Lombard to Van Ness Ave. and turn right. Turn left on Eddy St. and cross Market at Fifth St. Drive one block to the Fifth and Mission Parking Garage.

From the South:

Take 101 North to the Seventh St. exit. Turn right on Bryant, then left on Fifth St. Continue on Fifth St. to Mission St. Turn into the Fifth and Mission Parking Garage on your right.

Parking

The most economical and convenient parking garage to the conference is the one located on Fifth and Mission (<http://www.fifthandmission.com/home.htm>). Parking rates are \$15 for a half day (4-5 hours) and \$25 for a full day (7-12 hours). From the garage walk up Fifth St. to Market St., turn right, walk to 835 Market St., just past the Westfield Center, where you will see a SFSU banner by the entrance, and take the elevator to the 6th floor.

Arriving at the conference by BART (<http://www.bart.gov/>)

Take BART to the Powell St. station. If you exit on the north side, the SFSU Downtown Campus is located across the street, just past the Westfield Center at 835 Market St., where you will see a SFSU banner by the entrance. After you enter the building, take the elevator to the 6th floor.

Arriving at the conference by Caltrain (<http://www.caltrain.com/>)

Take Caltrain to the final San Francisco stop at Fourth and King. Take the Muni #30 bus (\$1.50, exact change required, bills okay) across from the station on Townsend St. and get off at Third and Market Sts. Cross Third St. and walk to 835 Market St., where you will see a SFSU banner by the entrance. After you enter the building, take the elevator to the 6th floor.

For driving and public transit directions to the conference, see also

<http://www.sfsu.edu/~parking/directions/>, scroll down for Downtown Center.