

Transportation Information from the Local Co-Chairs

The [Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Seattle's Eastside](#) is our conference hotel. It is 20-30 minutes from [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport \(Sea-Tac, or SEA\)](#) by car, about the same as downtown Seattle. During rush hour, the trip can take 45-60 minutes. Ride share and cab rates vary by time as well as distance, but you can expect to pay around \$50-60 for a car from the airport. More details about where to find car services at Sea-Tac follow on this page.

The Port of Seattle's shared shuttle service is [Premier Airport Shuttle](#).

If you plan to use [public transit in Seattle](#), the [Sound Transit smartphone app](#) lets you plan trips and pre-load funds. A bus ride from Sea-Tac to the conference hotel on [the 560 bus](#) will take about 1 hour and does not require any changes or transfers. Current fares are \$3.25 for most passengers and \$1 for seniors.

To Seattle by air

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

[Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#) (Sea-Tac, or SEA) is 16 miles from the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. SEA is one of the country's busiest airports, so you should have many choices of airlines and arrival / departure times.

Because SEA is a destination for many flights from Alaska, Asia, Europe, and Hawaii, it does not have predictable rush hours. In general, 5 AM to 11 AM every day will be busy. However, Friday and Sunday nights also are busy.

Paine Field

[Paine Field \(PAE\)](#) in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington, is a new, small commercial airport currently served only by Alaska Airlines from a few western-USA cities including Las Vegas, Phoenix, and San Francisco. It is undergoing a name change to Seattle Paine Field International Airport but will keep the code PAE.

During off-peak travel times, flights to and from Paine Field can cost less than flights to Sea-Tac. However, peak-time flights around the weekend can cost more.

Paine Field is 26 miles from the Hyatt Regency Bellevue and the only convenient way to get from Paine Field to the conference hotel is by car.

To Seattle by car

From the south on Interstate 5:

Between Tacoma and Seattle, take Interstate 405 north about 13 miles to Exit 13A-B for NE 4th Street and NE 8th Street. Take the second exit for NE 8th Street westbound. After the cloverleaf, merge onto 8th Street and follow it west about 1.5 miles to the Hyatt Regency Bellevue on your right.

From the north on Interstate 5:

After you pass through Everett, take Interstate 405 south about 16 miles to Exit 13B for NE 8th Street westbound. Turn right onto 8th Street and follow it west about 1.25 miles to the Hyatt Regency Bellevue on your right.

From the east on Interstate 90:

After you pass through Issaquah, take Interstate 405 north about 2 miles to Exit 13A-B for NE 4th Street and NE 8th Street. Take the second exit for NE 8th Street westbound. After the cloverleaf, merge onto 8th Street and follow it west about 1.5 miles to the Hyatt Regency Bellevue on your right.

To Seattle by rail / bus

From the north or the south, [book a ticket to Seattle \(SEA\) – King Street Station](#). Depending on your route, the train/bus station is either 11 or 15 miles from the Hyatt Regency Bellevue by car.

When you book the ticket, be careful to note that Amtrak is a bit cavalier with its claim to have multiple trains running between Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, British Columbia, every day. Amtrak runs two trains on that route each day and several buses, and it does not do a very good job making clear which departures to Seattle leave on the rail and which leave on the street.

It is easiest and safest to take a taxi or an app-based ride share (Lyft, Uber) from the train/bus station to the Hyatt Regency Bellevue.

However, if you choose to take a bus from Seattle (SEA) – King Street Station, it is a short up-hill walk to get the 550 bus to the downtown Bellevue transit center. Because the 550 bus stop is in a location that is undesirable for reasons of both logistics and personal safety, we do not recommend trying to negotiate this trip with luggage.

To the Hyatt Regency Bellevue from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

Taxi

The taxi stand is on the transit island in the parking garage across the street from the airport. Cross the bridge from the airport to the parking garage and follow signs down one level by escalator or elevator to the taxi stand.

App-based ride share (Lyft, Uber)

The app-based ride-share pick-up location is in the parking garage across the street from the airport. Cross the bridge from the airport to the parking garage and follow signs down one level by escalator or elevator, and then continue away from the terminal building a short distance to the pick-up location.

Shared shuttle

Only one shuttle service offers shared rides from Sea-Tac. You can [learn more about Premier Airport Shuttle by Capital Aeroporter at this link](#).

Rental car

You will not need a rental car once you get to the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. The convention hotel is across the street from two shopping malls. Dozens of restaurants, bars, shopping, culture, a grocery, and a drugstore are no more than a block or two away from the hotel, so if you rent a car at the airport, it's likely to stay parked at the hotel while you're attending the conference.

If you want to rent a car for excursions before or after the conference, Avis and Enterprise have locations less than one mile east of the Hyatt Regency Bellevue.

If you want to rent a car at the Seattle airport, you will find the rental car center outside the airport in a nearby garage. Follow airport signs from bag claim on the lower level to the rental car shuttle.

The bus to the off-airport rental car center picks up from the north end of the airport outside the doors closest to bag claim 1. The bus ride to the rental car center is about 10 minutes.

Public transit

- The 560 bus is about a 1-hour ride from the airport terminal to the downtown Bellevue transit center.
- The downtown Bellevue transit center is about three and a half blocks from the Hyatt Regency Bellevue.
- The walk from the transit center to the hotel is a little less than half a mile.
- The drive from the transit center to the hotel is about three-quarters of a mile.
- [This link will let you explore various public transit routes from Sea-Tac to the conference hotel.](#)

Getting around the Seattle metro area

[Public transit in Seattle](#) is much more convenient than public transit in many large American cities. Transit authorities follow the principle of running buses, streetcars, and trains so frequently that you're never late for the ride you just missed – you're early for the next ride you want to get on.

(The exception that proves this rule is the Washington State Ferries, which generally depart on time but at intervals between 30 and 60 minutes, and longer on longer and less-traveled routes.)

From the [downtown Bellevue transit center](#), buses to most major points of interest leave every 10 to 15 minutes or more frequently. Some express routes, which do not stop frequently between distant destinations, might leave at intervals more like 20 to 30 minutes.

If you plan on using public transit, consider downloading [the Sound Transit application](#) on your smartphone ahead of your trip. Loading the app with funds on the go and having it at hand will make your use of local public transportation easier.

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