PRESENTATION FAQs

Who is the target audience for the MM3 conference?

Makeover Montgomery conferences have attracted planning and design professionals, academics, researchers and the public. The two previous conferences were held from Thursday through Saturday and arranged so the sessions of interest to the public were scheduled on Saturday.

This year's MM3 will be held Wednesday through Friday, so it is more likely the conference will be attended by practitioners and researchers who can attend during workdays. Nevertheless, we expect a good turnout from County residents, local civic organizations and policy advocates.

What is the conference schedule?

Wednesday, May 4
  • Evening keynote address at the University of Maryland, College Park (free to the public – no need to register for the conference to attend)

Thursday, May 5
  • Morning plenary session (1 hour)
  • Three 90-minute breakout sessions (each with three concurrent sessions)

Friday, May 6
  • Lunchtime plenary session (1 hour)
  • Three 90-minute breakout sessions (each with three concurrent sessions)

Generally, the conference will consist of three plenaries (one on each theme – social equity, sharing economy, beyond transit-oriented development) and 18 concurrent sessions (six for each theme).

What is the concurrent session format?

The format depends on the presentation proposals received. Some proposals will suggest a full 90-minute session, complete with multiple speakers/panelists and a moderator. If you plan to submit such a proposal, please describe the session format as part of the proposal description and be sure to include contact information for all confirmed participants.

Most of the proposals, however, will be for shorter, individual presentations. In those cases, two or three related presentations will be matched to create a session and a moderator selected to work with the presenters on the details of the format and time. Typically, these sessions allocate 20 minutes per presentation and the remainder of the session for questions and answers, and speaker transitions.

How many proposals will be selected?

Depending on the format factors discussed above, we'll select approximately 50 presentations to fill the 18 concurrent sessions.

When will I find out if my proposal is selected?

Our new proposal deadline is Friday, January 29 at 5 p.m. We hope to notify selected speakers in late February.

Will travel expenses be covered for out-of-town speakers?

We anticipate being able to cover or defray travel-related expenses for out-of-town presenters. If you are coming from outside the Washington, DC region and would like to be considered for a travel stipend, please indicate this request on the proposal form. Requests for travel stipends will not be a factor in speaker selection.

What is the cost of conference registration?

We have not yet determined the registration fee for MM3. Registration will open in March, after the agenda and speakers have been confirmed. In the past, contributions from sponsors have helped keep the conference affordable and we anticipate the same to apply again this year. Please note that the registration fee is waived for conference presenters.

How many people will attend MM3?

Each of the past two conferences was attended by about 300 people.