



17th National Congress on School Transportation

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Greetings,

As we continue to experience the effects of the pandemic, questions have come up on the immediate future of the 17th National Congress on School Transportation. As the NCST Steering Committee continues to explore the options available, I wanted to bring you up to speed on what is known so far.

Recently, the Steering Committee sent out a poll to State Delegation Chairs asking for them to provide input from their state delegates regarding a suitable course of action. We received responses from 39 states.

Since travel restrictions are still in effect for most if not all state delegations, and given the current public health measures in Des Moines and Polk County, Iowa, the in-person Congress that had been rescheduled for May 2021 has been canceled. Based on input from states and other factors, the Steering Committee determined that planning either an in-person or virtual Congress during that same time will not be feasible.

The Steering Committee is continuing to gather information and will decide soon whether the on-site Congress will be moved to 2022 or postponed until 2025. Please contact any of the listed Steering Committee members or me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Patrick McManamon
Steering Committee Chair