

SHA 2024 Access Package



Society for Historical Archaeology
2024 Conference on Historical and
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Oakland, California 94607

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SHA Ethics Principles

Historical archaeologists study, interpret and preserve archaeological sites, artifacts and documents from or related to literate societies over the past 600 years for the benefit of present and future peoples. In conducting archaeology, individuals incur certain obligations to the archaeological record, colleagues, employers and the public. These obligations are integral to professionalism. This document presents ethical principles for the practice of historical archaeology. All members of The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA), and others who actively participate in society-sponsored activities, shall support and follow the ethical principles of the society. All historical archaeologists and those in allied fields are encouraged to adhere to these principles. The SHA is a sponsoring organization of the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA). SHA members are encouraged to join the RPA and the SHA will use the RPA grievance process for ethics grievances.

Principle 1

Historical archaeologists have a duty to adhere to professional standards of ethics and practices in their research, teaching, reporting, and interactions with the public.

Principle 2

Historical archaeologists have a duty to encourage and support the long-term preservation and effective management of archaeological sites and collections, from both terrestrial and underwater contexts, for the benefit of humanity.

Principle 3

Historical archaeologists have a duty to disseminate research results to scholars in an accessible, honest and timely manner.

Principle 4 Historical archaeologists have a duty to collect data accurately during investigations so that reliable data sets and site documentation are produced, and to see that these materials are appropriately curated for future generations.

Principle 5 Historical archaeologists have a duty to respect the individual and collective rights of others and to not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, place of birth and/or physical disabilities. Structural and institutional racism, male privilege and gender bias, white privilege, and inequitable treatment of others are prevalent and persistent issues in modern culture. Historical archaeologists have an obligation to treat everyone with dignity and respect and to adhere to zero tolerance against all forms of discrimination and harassment.

Principle 6 Historical archaeologists shall not sell, buy, trade, or barter items from archaeological contexts. Historical archaeologists shall avoid assigning commercial value to historic artifacts except in circumstances where valuation is required for the purposes of appraisal and insurance or when valuation is used to discourage site vandalism.

Principle 7 Historical archaeologists have a duty to encourage education about archaeology, strive to engage citizens in the research process and publicly disseminate the major findings of their research, to the extent compatible with resource protection and legal obligations.

See also the [SHA Ethics Toolbox](#) which lists seven tips on how to meet the SHA's seven Ethics Principles Standards at <https://sha.org/committees/ethics-committee/>

Conference Code of Conduct

The Society for Historical Archaeology is committed to providing a safe, respectful environment at its conferences. To that end, the SHA will promote a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion (or lack thereof), or technology choices. The SHA will not tolerate harassment in any form at any SHA-sponsored events.

Harassment includes offensive comments or behavior related to gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion, technology choices, sexual images in public space, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. Outside of research presentations that include specific considerations of sexuality or sexual representations in the past, sexual language and imagery is not appropriate for any conference venue, including talks, workshops, parties, social media and other online media.

Persons asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately.

If a participant engages in harassing behavior, the Society for Historical Archaeology may take any action it deems appropriate up to and including loss of SHA membership and expulsion from the conference with no refund.

Any person who feels they are being harassed should call or text SHA Executive Director Karen Hutchison (240-753-4397) to report the incident. Incidents will be investigated, and a decision on appropriate action will be reached in a timely manner by a committee comprised of SHA members.

For full details of the SHA Code of Conduct, please visit <https://sha.org/conferences/>

About Oakland, California

The Society for Historical Archaeology's 2024 Conference Committee invites you to join us in Oakland, California, for our annual conference on historical and underwater archaeology. The 2024 conference will be held at the Marriott Oakland City Center and Convention Center on 3–6 January.

Oakland is located on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay. Our theme for the conference, "Portals to the Past—Gateway to the Future," highlights the significant role Oakland has played in California's history, from its indigenous roots to the modern era, as a terminal for the railroads and as a gateway to the Pacific markets by sea. Spanish explorers from the Oakland Hills first encountered San Francisco Bay, not by sea.

The earliest-known inhabitants were the Huchiun tribe, who have lived there since time immemorial. The Huchiun belong to a linguistic grouping later called the [Ohlone](#) (a [Miwok](#) word meaning "western people"). In Oakland, they were concentrated around [Lake Merritt](#) and [Temescal Creek](#), a stream that enters San Francisco Bay at [Emeryville](#). Oakland is one of an estimated 425 shellmound sites in the greater Bay Area. [Conquistadors](#) from [New Spain](#) claimed Oakland and other Ohlone lands of the East Bay, along with the rest of California, for the king of Spain in 1772. In the early 19th century, the Spanish crown deeded the East Bay area to [Luis María Peralta](#) for his [Rancho San Antonio](#). The grant was confirmed by the successor Mexican Republic upon its independence from Spain. The Peralta ranch included a stand of [oak](#) trees that stretched from the land that is today Oakland's downtown area to the adjacent part of [Alameda](#), then a peninsula. The Peraltas called the area El Encinal, which means "the oak grove" in Spanish. This was translated more loosely as "Oakland" in the subsequent naming of the town. The forest was so prominent that ships entering San Francisco Bay would use particular trees as a navigational landmark—hence the logo.

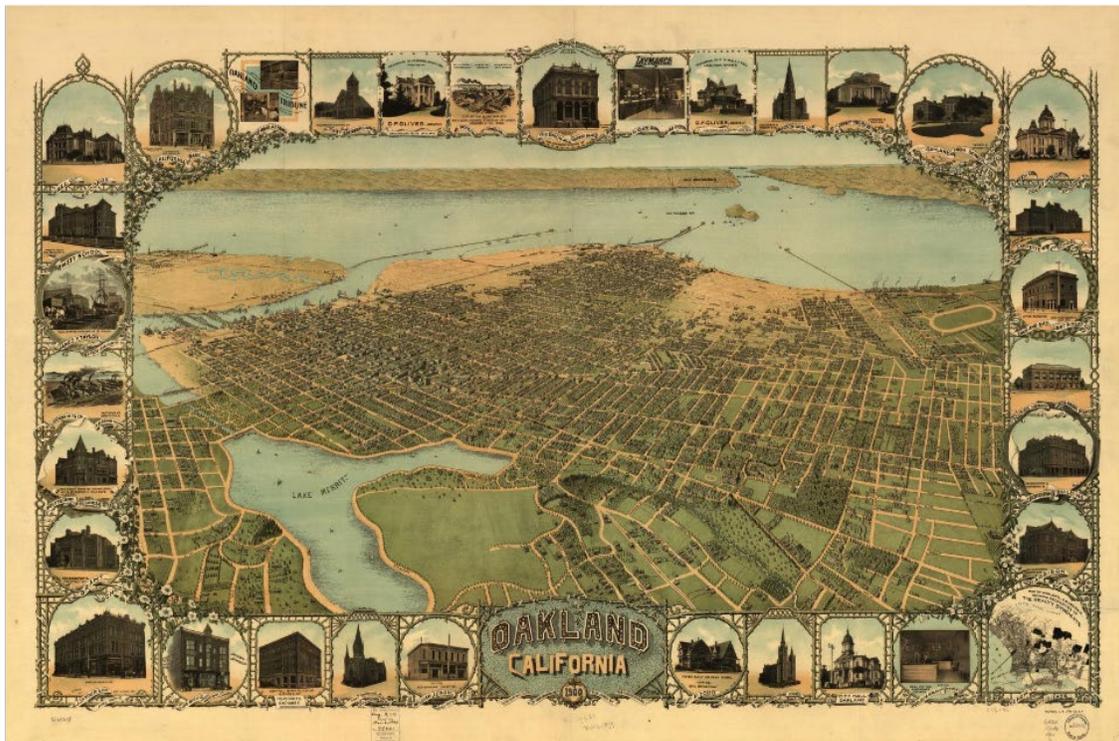
The City of Oakland was incorporated on 25 March 1854. During the city's early development, Mayor [Samuel Merritt](#) (1867–1869) orchestrated the construction of a dam at a small tidal estuary to the east of downtown that raised the estuary's water level and turned it into [Lake Merritt](#). Today the lake is a lively scene for cultural and civic events and a popular jogging site. The city and its environs quickly grew with the railroads, becoming a major rail terminal in the late 1860s and 1870s. In 1868, the

[Central Pacific](#) constructed the [Oakland Long Wharf](#) at Oakland Point, the site of today's [Port of Oakland](#).

In the 1960s, the oldest section of Oakland at the foot of Broadway, [Jack London Square](#), was [redeveloped](#) into a hotel and outdoor retail district. During the 1960s, the city was home to an innovative funk music scene that produced well-known bands like [Sly and the Family Stone](#), [Graham Central Station](#), [Tower of Power](#), [Cold Blood](#), [Azteca](#), and [the Headhunters](#). However, in 1966 only 16 of the city's 661 police officers were Black.

Tensions between the Black community and the largely white police force were high and police malfeasance against Black people was common. In response, the [Black Panther Party](#) was founded by students [Huey Newton](#) and [Bobby Seale](#) at [Merritt College](#).

Today, shipping remains an integral feature of Oakland, which has one of the busiest shipping ports on the Pacific Coast. Oakland has been enjoying a renaissance with restaurants, craft breweries, and the arts in its Downtown and Uptown districts near the conference center. The proximity of Oakland to San Francisco and its position on the “sunny side of the bay” make it a terrific site for a conference.



Perspective map of Oakland, California. Published 1900. Photo courtesy of Library of Congress.

Land Acknowledgement



Mákkín Mak Muwékma Wolwóolum, 'Akkoyt Mak-Warep, Manne Mak Hiswi!

We Are Muwekma Ohlone, Welcome To Our Ancestral Homeland!

**Muwékma Wolwóolum Warep Taššu ~
Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgment
For the Society of Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting
Hosted in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, CA
Ancestral Muwekma Ohlone Territory
Short Version**

We would like to recognize that while we come together at the **Society for Historical Archaeology** conference in the **City of Oakland** in **Alameda County**, we are gathered on the ethnohistoric tribal territories of the intermarried **Huchiun, Jalquin, Carquin,** and **Saclan** of the ancestral **Muwekma Ohlone/Bay Miwok - San Francisco Bay Costanoan** dialect speaking - tribal groups of the greater northern East Bay, who were intermarried with the direct ancestors of some of the BIA documented lineages enrolled in the **Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area**, and whom were missionized into Missions San Francisco and San Jose.

The present-day Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, with an enrolled Bureau of Indian Affairs documented membership of over 600 members, is comprised of all of the known surviving Indian lineages aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay region who trace our Tribe's ancestry through the Missions **San Francisco, Santa Clara de Thámien, and San Jose**, and, during the expansion of the Hispano-European empire into Alta California beginning in AD 1769. The enrolled Muwekma Ohlone lineages are the successors and living members of the sovereign, historic, **previously Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County**, now formally recognized as the **Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area**. **Muwékma means *La Gente* – The People** in their San Francisco Bay Costanoan/Chochenyo-Ohlone dialect.

The lands on which the Society of Historical Archaeology Conference and the **City of Oakland** has been established, was and continues to be of great spiritual significance and historical importance for our Muwekma Ohlone Tribal People. We recognize that every member of the greater Oakland community has, and continues to benefit from the

use and occupation of this land, since and before, it was founded in 1853. Consistent with our values of community, diversity, and inclusion, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make known through various enterprises the City of Oakland's relationship to Native Peoples. As members of the greater Oakland and Alameda County community, it is vitally important that we not only recognize the history of the land on which we live, work, and learn, but also, we recognize that the Muwekma Ohlone People are alive and thriving members of the Oakland and broader Bay Area communities today.

The Muwekma Ohlone Tribe would like to thank the **Society for Historical Archaeology** for reading the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land

**Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgment for the Society of Historical Archaeology 2024, City of Oakland, CA
Huchiun, Carquin, Jalquin, and Saclan Ancestral Muwekma Ohlone/Bay Miwok Territory**

Travel & Necessities

Travel to Oakland, California

Oakland is the largest city in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area, the third largest city overall in the Bay Area, and the eighth most populated city in California.

Because of this, the city is served by two major airports and is connected to other Bay Area metropolitan hubs via Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train.

Air Travel

Oakland is served by two major international airports: Oakland International Airport (OAK) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Both airports have various transportation options including rental cars, cars for hire, and BART train stations to and from the conference hotel. We recommend either hiring a car (taxi or rideshare) or utilizing BART as the most economical and convenient option. Please know that you will need to purchase a Clipper card (physical or digital) before using the train service. How to purchase a Clipper card and other transportation options are discussed in-depth on [pages 18-27](#).

Oakland International Airport (OAK)

If possible, we recommend arriving at Oakland International Airport (OAK), which is 10 miles from the conference hotel, making it the closest and most convenient option.

Airlines at OAK

The following airlines operate out of OAK: Alaska, Allegiant, Contour, Delta, Hawaiian Airlines, SARA Azores, Southwest, Spirit, Volaris, and JSX.

Directions from OAK to the Conference Hotel*If travelling by car:***Oakland International Airport****1 Airport Dr, Oakland, CA 94621****Get on I-880 N from John Glenn Dr and 98th Ave | 7 min (2.6 mi)**

↑	Head west on Airport Dr	0.3 mi
↘	Turn right onto Alan Shepard Way	249 ft
↘	Turn right onto John Glenn Dr	0.5 mi
↘	Turn right onto Ron Cowan Pkwy	200 ft
↗	Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto the ramp to Interstate 880/Downtown Oakland	0.3 mi
↗	Merge onto Bessie Coleman Dr	0.2 mi
↶	Keep left to continue on 98th Ave	1.0 mi
↗	Use the right 2 lanes to merge onto I-880 N via the ramp to Downtown/Oakland	0.2 mi

Follow I-880 N to 6th St. Take exit 41B from I-880 N | 7 min (6.7 mi)

↗	Merge onto I-880 N	6.3 mi
↘	Take exit 41B toward Broadway/Downtown	0.3 mi

Take Broadway to 10th St | 2 min (0.4 mi)

↑	Continue onto 6th St	0.1 mi
↘	Turn right onto Broadway	0.2 mi
↶	Turn left onto 10th St	121 ft
	Destination will be on the right	

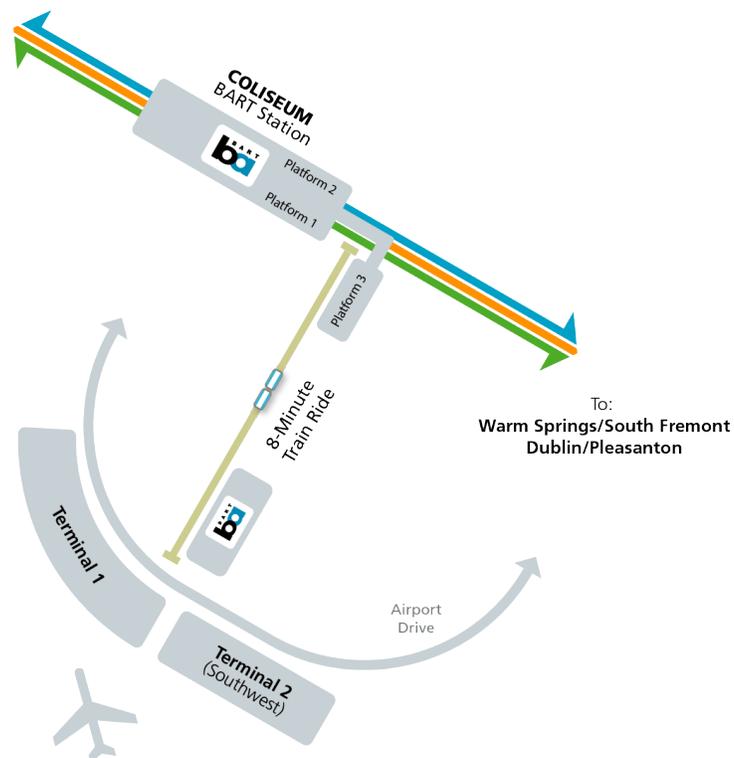
Oakland Marriott City Center**1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607**

If traveling by rideshare or taxi:

- Rideshare companies Uber, Lyft, and Wingz all operate out of OAK and have designated pick-up zones. To learn more about what rideshare entails, please see [page 30](#).
- To learn about the specific pick-up locations for rideshare visit <https://www.oaklandairport.com/ground-transportation/transportation-network-companies/#:~:text=Ride%20Sharing&text=Lyft%2C%20Uber%20%26%20Wingz%20pick%2D,Curb%20at%20Sections%203C2%2D3C9>.
- For information about taxi service at OAK visit: <https://www.oaklandairport.com/ground-transportation/shuttles-limos-taxis/>

If traveling by BART train:

To:
San Francisco/
Downtown Oakland/
All other destinations



Illustrative map of the BART station location at Oakland International Airport (OAK)

Step 1: Take the Beige Line toward Coliseum. → Coliseum

- This line arrives every 7 minutes and is nonstop. Travel time approximately 8 minutes.

Step 2: Take the Orange Line toward Richmond. → Richmond

- This line arrives every 10 minutes.

Step 3: Depart the train at 12th Street / Oakland City Center (third stop).

- Travel time approximately 10 minutes.

Step 4: From the station, head southwest on Broadway toward 11th street until you reach the conference hotel.

- About a 2-minute walk. Destination will be on the right. Total cost estimated to be \$8.85

Note: there is currently no courtesy shuttle that operates directly from the airport to the conference hotel. If you have other accommodations, consider checking OAK's shuttle information here: <https://www.oaklandairport.com/ground-transportation/shuttles-limos-taxis/>

Oakland Airport Accessibility Resources

- Official Website: <https://www.oaklandairport.com/>
- ADA Compliance and Accessibility: https://www.portofoakland.com/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-PO-ADA_504-Policy-07.02.18.pdf
 - ADA Coordinator Contact: Amy Tharpe
Phone: (510) 627-1302 *Email:* atharpe@portoakland.com
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan: http://www.portofoakland.com/files/PDF/LEP_English.pdf
 - Language Assistance Contact: Amy Tharpe
Phone: (510) 627-1302 *Email:* atharpe@portoakland.com
- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) OAK Airport Guide: <https://www.bart.gov/sites/default/files/docs/OAKguide2022.pdf>
- For nursing parents: OAK offers Mamava Lactation Suites for your convenience. These suites are always free to use. Consider seeing where else Mamava Lactation Suites are available here: <https://www.mamava.com/find-mamava>

San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

If you are unable to arrive in Oakland, then San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is a great alternative. SFO is a much larger airport that serves a variety of airlines and is 23 miles from the conference hotel.

Airlines at SFO

The following airlines operate out of SFO: Aer Lingus, AeroMexico, Air Canada, Air China, Air France, Air India, Air New Zealand, Air Transat, Alaska, American, ANA, Asiana, Avianca, Breeze, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, China Airlines, China Eastern, China Southern, Condor, Copa Airlines, Delta, Emirates, EVA Air, Fiji Airways, Flair Airlines, Frenchbee, Frontier, Hawaiian Airlines, Iberia, ITA Airways, Japan Airlines, JetBlue, KLM, Korean Air, Level, Lufthansa, Norse, Philippine Airlines, Qantas, Qatar Airways, SAS, Singapore Airlines, Southwest, Sun Country, Swiss International Airlines, TAP Air Portugal, United, Vietnam Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, WestJet, and Zipair.

Directions from SFO to the Conference Hotel*If travelling by car:***San Francisco International Airport**

San Francisco, CA 94128

Get on US-101 N from Airport Access Rd | 4 min (1.5 mi)

↑	Head south	33 ft
↙	Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Terminal 1/Terminal 2/Terminal 3	0.6 mi
↑	Continue onto Airport Access Rd	315 ft
↖	Use the left lane to turn slightly left to stay on Airport Access Rd	312 ft
↑	Continue straight to stay on Airport Access Rd	0.1 mi
↪	Make a U-turn	0.2 mi
↪	Use the 2nd from the right lane to stay on Airport Access Rd	404 ft
↗	Use the 2nd from the right lane to keep right at the fork, follow signs for US-101 N/San Francisco and merge onto US-101 N	0.4 mi

Continue on US-101 N. Take I-80 E to Brush St in Oakland. Take exit 1C from I-980 W

23 min (21.9 mi)

↗	Merge onto US-101 N	11.0 mi
↗	Keep right at the fork to continue on I-80 E, follow signs for Bay Bridge	7.6 mi
↪	Use the right 3 lanes to take exit 8B for I-580 E toward Oakland/US-24	0.8 mi
↑	Continue onto I-580 E	1.0 mi
↪	Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 19C toward Downtown Oakland	0.6 mi
↪	Continue onto I-980 W	0.7 mi
↪	Take exit 1C for 12th St	0.3 mi

Drive to 11th St | 2 min (0.4 mi)

↗	Use the left lane to merge onto Brush St	295 ft
↶	Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto 11th St	0.3 mi

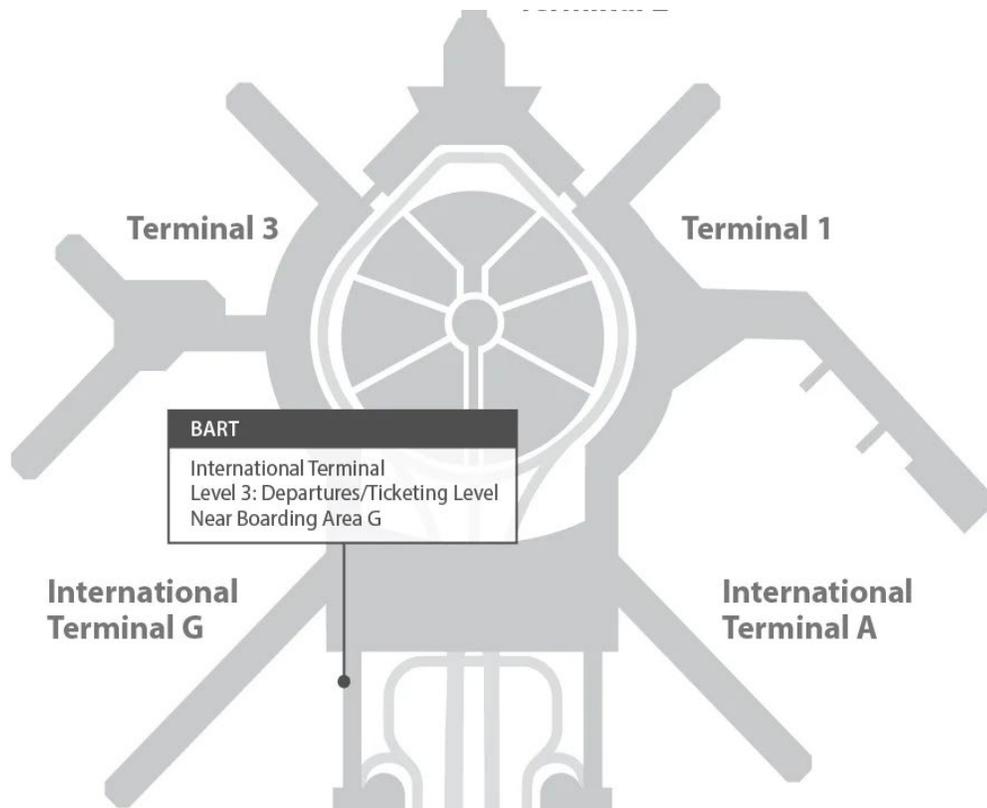
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- For information about taxi service at SFO visit: <https://www.flysfo.com/taxis>

If travelling by BART train:



Illustrative map of the BART station location at San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

Step 1: Take the Yellow Line toward Antioch. → San Francisco / Antioch

- This line arrives every 15 minutes. You will need a Clipper card or paper ticket for this ride (see [page 21](#) for instructions on how to get a Clipper card)

Step 2: Depart the train at 12th Street / Oakland City Center (fourteenth stop).

- Travel time approximately 45 minutes.

Step 4: From the station, head southwest on Broadway toward 11th street until you reach the conference hotel.

- About a 2-minute walk. Destination will be on the right. Total cost estimated to be \$10.35

Note: there is currently no courtesy shuttle that operates directly from the airport to the conference hotel. If you have other accommodations, consider checking SFO's shuttle information here: <https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/ground-transportation/hotel-shuttles>

San Francisco Airport Accessibility Resources

- Official Website: <https://www.flysfo.com/>
- ADA Compliance and Accessibility: <https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/services-amenities/accessibility/reasonable-modification-policy>
 - ADA Coordinator Contact: Susan Kim
Email: susan.kim@flysfo.com
- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) SFO Airport Guide: <https://www.bart.gov/sites/default/files/docs/SFOguide2022.pdf>
- Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Resources: <https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/travel-tips/transgender-gnc-guests>
- Traveling with Children Resources: <https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/travel-tips/traveling-with-kids>
- Additional Accessibility Resources: <https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/services-amenities/accessibility/at-sfo>

Additional Air Travel Resources

- US Department of Transportation’s Air Travel with a Disability: https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/Horizons_2009_Final_0.pdf
- US Transportation Security Administration’s Policies on Traveling with Children: <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/special-procedures/traveling-children>
- Accessible Outdoor Activities in Northern California: <https://accessnca.org/>
- Alzheimer's Association Tips for Traveling: <https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/safety/traveling>

Public Transportation

There are two primary methods of public transportation in Oakland: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train and the AC Transit bus system. For BART, a Clipper card is needed to ride. For AC Transit, you may use a Clipper card or cash.

Train Travel: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)



Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) connects the San Francisco Peninsula with Oakland and other communities in the East Bay and South Bay.

For more than 50 years BART has provided fast, reliable transportation to downtown offices, shopping centers, tourist attractions, entertainment venues, universities and other destinations for Bay Area residents and visitors alike.

BART Trip Planner

For the most up-to-date and accurate train information, we recommend utilizing BART's Trip Planner which can be accessed here: <https://www.bart.gov/planner>

If you have a smartphone, you can also download the BART app detailing all of this information and more at <https://www.bart.gov/guide/apps>

The trip planner service allows you to see which trains and (if needed) connecting routes you will need to take to get to your required destination.

BART Service Hours

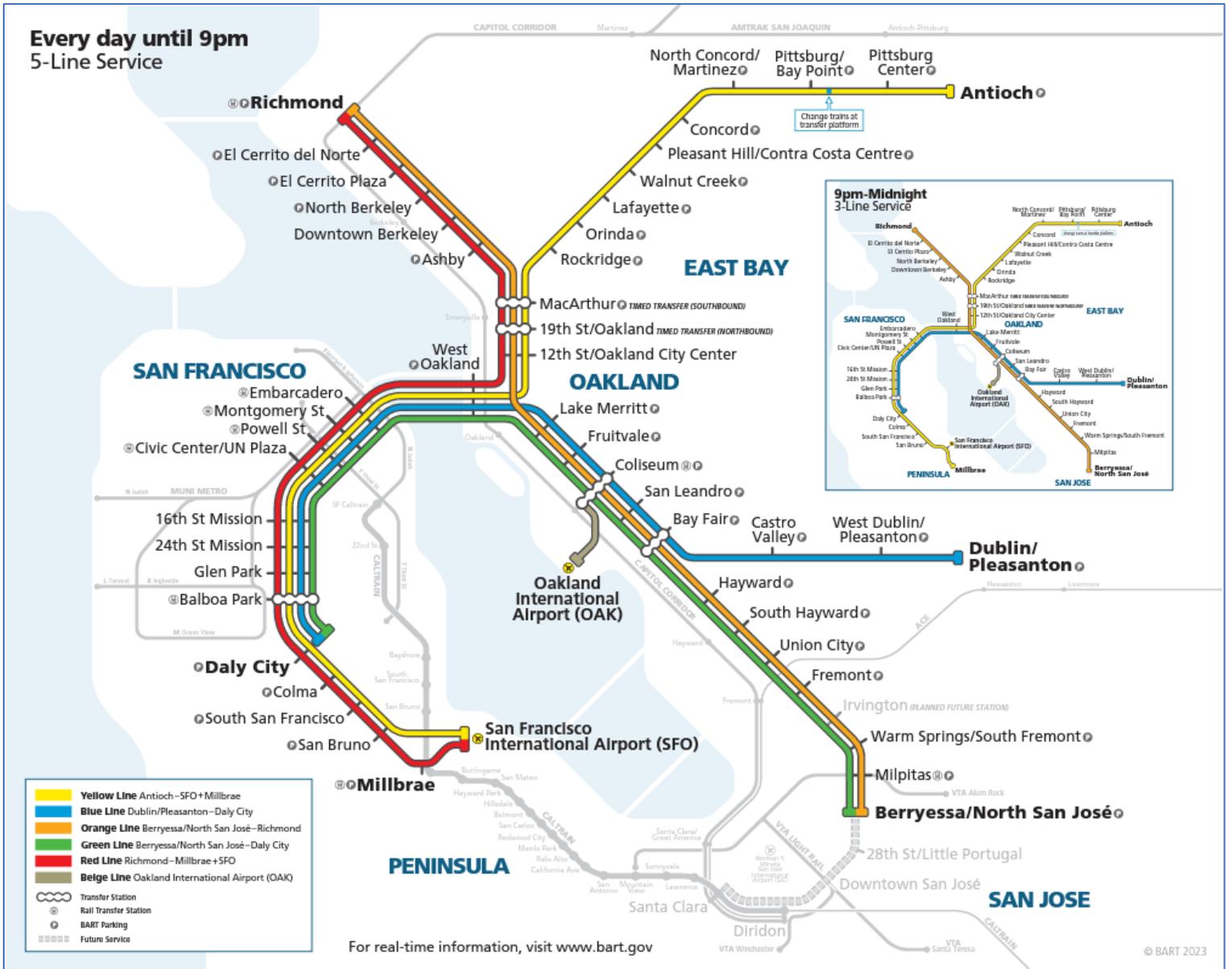
Weekdays: 5:00AM – Midnight

Saturday: 6:00AM – Midnight

Sunday: 8:00AM – Midnight

BART has 5 different main train lines all designated by color: **Yellow**, **Blue**, **Orange**, **Green**, and **Red**. The **Beige** Line only operates between Oakland International Airport and the Coliseum Stop, so it is not counted as a major line. The **Yellow**, **Orange**, and **Red** lines all stop near the conference hotel (12th Street / Oakland City Center). Please see the BART train map on the following page for more information.

It is important to know that only the **Yellow, **Orange**, and **Blue** lines run until midnight, while the **Red** and **Green** lines only run until 9:00PM.**



BART Service Map detailing all lines and stops.

The Red, Orange, and Yellow lines all stop near the conference hotel at 12 St / Oakland City Center.

Clipper Card



To ride BART, you will need to either purchase a physical Clipper card or you can link your Clipper account to Apple Pay or Google Pay on your smartphone.

Clipper cards are the Bay Area's all-in-one transit card administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Clipper is reusable, reloadable, and regionally accepted on other transit systems including AC transit and Bay Wheels Bikeshare.

All BART stations sell Clipper cards through automatic vending machines that accept nickels, dimes, quarters and \$1 coins, as well as \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. There is a one-time \$3 per card purchase charge from Clipper. Credit and debit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) may be used at all stations in select machines. To add funds to your Clipper card, you may do so at one of these vending machines or you can visit <https://www.clippercard.com/> to manage your account.

If you need a new Clipper card, save \$3 dollars and use Clipper with Apple Pay and Google Pay on your phone or Apple Watch. Instructions on how to do this are detailed here: <https://www.clippercard.com/ClipperWeb/pay-with-phone#lets-get-started>

Other ways to obtain a Clipper card

- Call Clipper's customer service line at (877) 878-8883 to order one through a customer service representative in advance
- Visit the AC Transit Customer Service Center to purchase one in person at 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA
 - **Hours of Operation:** M-F / 8:00AM – 5:00PM
- Purchase at various retail locations throughout the Bay Area. See where to buy here: <https://www.clippercard.com/ClipperWeb/locations.html>

IMPORTANT: As of October 2022, new plastic Clipper cards are in limited supply at the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) BART station due to global supply chain issues. BART is primarily selling paper tickets from the vending machines at this airport. However, there are 3 Clipper vendors at SFO. A Station Agent can help direct you.

BART Fares

Children 4 and under ride free but everyone else must have a Clipper card (a plastic card or in your digital wallet) or a BART paper ticket (no longer sold at stations except SFO) with funds loaded. Proof of payment is required.

Fares are based on distance traveled. Weekly and monthly passes are not available. To find the cost of a particular BART trip, use the BART Fare Calculator here:

<https://www.bart.gov/tickets/calculator>

BART offers a variety of discounts on Clipper cards including those for youth, seniors, and those with a qualifying disability. There are no discounts available at the BART vending machines. All discounts are set up in advance through Clipper. In particular, to apply for a disabled discount, there are several options. A Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Discount Card is available to qualified persons with disabilities. This card entitles you to a reduced fare on BART, fixed-route transit, rail, and ferry systems throughout the San Francisco Bay Area but you must apply at a local transit agency that issues the RTC discount cards (<https://511.org/transit/rtc-card/locations>). If you are visiting, you are eligible for an RTC Discount Card, but you must apply. Other options are to purchase a Red Disabled Discount paper ticket (good only on BART) at the Lake Merritt BART station, the Clipper Customer Service Center at Embarcadero BART station, or at one of the information booths at SFO airport, or you can purchase a discount ticket by mail (https://www.bart.gov/sites/default/files/docs/Tickets%20by%20Mail%202016%20REVISION%20010518_0_0_0.pdf).

To learn more about these discounts, please visit

<https://www.bart.gov/tickets/discounts>

There are no discounts available at the BART vending machines. All discounts are set up in advance through Clipper.

BART Tips

All BART stations are equipped with elevators. The elevators occasionally go out of service, so it is highly advised to call ahead or check the BART app to make sure the elevator is operational at your destination station. The elevator signs can be hard to find, but the elevators are often located at either end of the stations. If you are unable to process your ticket, proceed to the station agent.

There is level access to all trains but be aware that there can be a large gap between the platform and the train. This may present a problem for some wheelchairs with small front wheels. To safely board it's advisable to back on and off the trains.

All platforms have tactile edges for detection by people who are blind or visually impaired. Announcements are made informing you which train has arrived. Announcements of each stop are made onboard the train.

BART Accessibility Resources

- ADA Compliance and Accessibility: <https://www.bart.gov/guide/accessibility>
 - ADA Coordinator Contact: Bob Franklin
Phone: (510) 464-6133 *Email:* bfrankl@bart.gov
- Low Vision or Blind Resources: <https://www.bart.gov/guide/accessibility/vision>
- Service Animal Resources: <https://www.bart.gov/guide/pets>
- Hard of Hearing or Deaf Resources:
<https://www.bart.gov/guide/accessibility/hearing>
- Wheelchair or Limited Mobility Resources:
<https://www.bart.gov/guide/accessibility/mobility>
- Accessibility Pathways: <https://www.bart.gov/guide/accessibility/elevators>

Bus Travel: AC Transit and Paratransit



The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) bus system is based out of Oakland and has been in operation since 1960. It is the largest public bus-only system in California, and the 3rd largest bus-only transit agency in the United States. There are no AC Transit stops at either the OAK or SFO airports, however, there are many lines that operate near the conference hotel to various locations around Oakland and San Francisco.

AC Transit Trip Planner

For the most up-to-date and accurate bus information, we recommend utilizing AC Transit's Trip Planner which can be accessed here: <https://tp.actransit.org/#/>

If you have a smartphone, you can also download the AC Transit app detailing all of this information and more at <https://www.actransit.org/app>

The trip planner service allows you to see which bus lines and (if needed) connecting routes you will need to take to get to your required destination.

AC Transit Line Information and Service Hours

There are a total of 21 bus lines that serve the conference hotel from the 12th Steet / Oakland City Center BART stop, making it a great starting point for exploring other areas of Oakland. For detailed maps and schedules for these lines, visit

<https://www.actransit.org/maps-schedules>

This information is also available in the table on the following page. There are no flat service hours for all buses, so please be sure to check the bus schedule for the line that you are interested in.

Bus lines that operate from the 12th Steet / Oakland City Center BART stop include:

Bus Line	Cities Served	Map & Schedule Link
1T*	Oakland, San Leandro	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/1T
6	Oakland, Berkeley	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/6
12	Oakland, Berkeley, Piedmont	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/12
14	Oakland	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/14
18	Oakland, Albany, Berkeley	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/18
19	Oakland, Alameda	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/19
20	Oakland, Alameda	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/20
29	Oakland, Emeryville	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/29
33	Oakland, Piedmont	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/33
40	Oakland, Ashland, San Leandro	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/40
51A	Oakland, Alameda	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/51A
72	Oakland, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Richmond, San Pablo	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/72
72R	Oakland, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Richmond, San Pablo	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/72R
72M	Oakland, Albany, Berkely, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Richmond	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/72M
88	Oakland, Berkeley	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/88
96	Oakland, Alameda	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/96
800*	Oakland, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Richmond	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/800
802*	Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/802
805*	Oakland	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/805
840*	Oakland	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/840
851*	Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley	https://www.actransit.org/bus-lines-schedules/851

Asterisk (*) indicates an all nighter bus line

AC Transit Fares

Children 4 and under ride free but everyone else must either have a Clipper card (see [page 21](#) for details on how to obtain a Clipper card), the AC Transit Mobile Payment App, or cash. Fees may differ depending on payment modality. Proof of payment is required. Fares are determined based on ride type and age range/ability. Ride types include Local Single Ride, Transbay Single Ride, Local to Transbay Upgrade, and Day Pass. **Note:** “Transbay” refers to any bus that crosses any of the major Bay Area bridges. Age/ability range includes Youth (5-18), Adult (19-64), and Senior (65+) / Disabled. Fare prices are shown in the table below.

Fare Type	Youth (5-18)	Adult (19-64)	Senior (65+)/Disabled
Local Single Ride	\$1.12 (\$1.25 cash*)	\$2.25 (\$2.50 cash*)	\$1.12 (\$1.25 cash*)
Transbay Single Ride	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3.00
Local to Transbay Upgrade (not available for payment on AC Transit mobile app)	\$1.88 (\$1.75 cash*)	\$3.75 (\$3.50 cash*)	\$1.88 (\$1.75 cash*)
Day Pass	\$2.50 (\$2.75 cash*)	\$5.00 (\$5.50 cash*)	\$2.50 (\$2.75 cash*)

Asterisk (*) indicates different prices for cash payment compared to Clipper/AC Transit app

For more information on AC Transit fares visit: <https://www.actransit.org/fares>

AC Transit Accessibility Resources

- ADA Compliance and Accessibility: <https://www.actransit.org/Civil-Rights>
 - ADA Coordinator Contact: AC Transit's Customer Relations Department
Phone: (510) 891-7261 *Email:* mtseng@actransit.org
- All AC Transit buses are equipped with the following accessibility features: passenger lifts or ramps, kneeling capability, priority seating near the front of buses for persons with disabilities and seniors, two wheelchair securement areas on each bus, and stop announcements at major intersections and transfer points are provided either verbally by drivers or by automated equipment. Read about accessible services here: http://www.actransit.org/wp-content/uploads/US_accessibility_brochure_025619.pdf
- A personalized wheelchair marking/tether strap program is also available for providing proper securement points on wheelchairs. Call (510) 891-7113 to schedule an appointment.

East Bay Paratransit

Paratransit service is available to persons with a disability, who because of their disability, cannot independently use the regular public buses. To be eligible for East Bay Paratransit you must first fill out an application (found here: <https://www.eastbayparatransit.org/CMS/uploadedFiles/v3-1-PTEligApp-Long.pdf>), and then be certified as eligible to use the service. Visitors that have already been certified where they reside are eligible for services with East Bay Paratransit when they fax their certification in advance to 510-287-5069. If the certification is not faxed in advance, visitors must apply in person and bring their current paratransit certification paperwork to the East Bay Paratransit Office, 1750 Broadway, Oakland.

More information on East Bay Paratransit: <https://www.eastbayparatransit.org/>

Car Travel

For some, car travel is essential for travelling to cities like Oakland, especially for individuals who are not well served by existing train, bus, and air options. The security and ability to use your own car is a necessity for many. However, there are some things that you should know before planning to travel by car. Oakland, like many other metropolitan cities, faces unsustainable levels of traffic congestion, underserved infrastructure, and limited parking. Street parking in many areas of the city is limited, or nonexistent, and the city may be confusing, and even dangerous, for outside drivers to navigate. Many roads that appear to be one-way are actually two-way streets (and vice-versa), street signs are not necessarily clearly visible, and there are frequent car break-ins. While this information is not intended to discourage your choice of travel modality, it is important to keep these realities in mind when planning your trip.

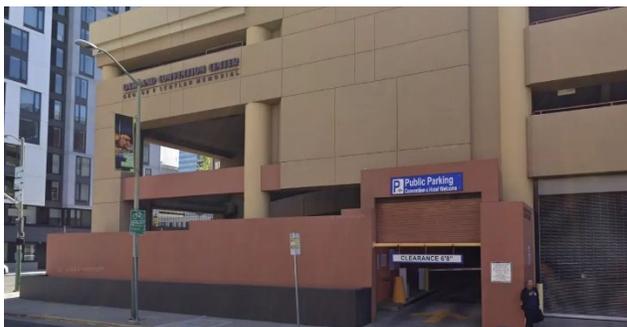
Conference Hotel Parking

Parking is available at the Marriott Oakland City Center for conference attendees at the discounted rates of \$40.00/day for self-parking and \$45/day for valet parking.

For those guests staying at the hotel, the front desk will ask if you have a car upon check-in, and if so, the discounted parking rate will automatically be reflected on your room folio. Please bring your parking ticket to the front desk when you check in.

For day attendees (not staying in the hotel), a parking validation machine will be available at the SHA Registration Desk. Attendees can insert their parking ticket into the machine for a discount code and the discounted rate will automatically be charged when payment is made upon departure.

The parking garage for the conference hotel is located on the corner of 11th Street and Clay Street, with entrances on both 11th and Clay Street.



Clay Street Entrance



11th Street Entrance

Additional Parking Options

There are three other large parking garages near the conference hotel:

Oakland Convention Center Garage	555 City Center Parking Garage	Pacific Renaissance Plaza Parking Garage
7-minute walk to conference hotel	7-minute walk to conference hotel	5-minute walk to conference hotel
Located at 550 10 th Street, Oakland	Located at 555 12 th Street, Oakland	Located at 388 9 th Street, Oakland
Open 24/7	Open M – F, 6:00AM – 7:00PM	Open M – TR & SUN 7:00AM – 11:00PM, F-SAT 7:00AM – 12:00AM

For more information (including pricing) on these parking garages as well as other options, consider using Parkopedia’s parking locator service here:

<https://en.parkopedia.com/>

Street Parking

If you are lucky enough to find free street parking, then huzzah! You are good to go. However, the majority of street parking is donned with parking meters. Most meter hours in Oakland are Monday - Saturday from 8AM to 6PM. Most meters cost \$2 per hour, but rates range from \$1 per hour up to \$4 per hour. All meters take coins and credit or debit cards. You can also pay by smartphone using the Parkmobile app at most meters. In fact, many Bay Area cities use Parkmobile to make paying for street parking more convenient. You can learn more about the Parkmobile app here:

<https://parkmobile.io/>

Rental Cars

Most major car rental chains are available in Oakland. Conveniently, Hertz Car Rental and Thrifty Car Rental are both adjacent to the conference hotel, making renting a car easy. For disabled persons, the following car rental companies offer hand controls, spinner knobs, and other adapted equipment but all require 24-hour advance reservations: Avis, Budget, Dollar, Hertz, National, Thrifty, and Alamo. These companies are available at both OAK and SFO airports.

Rental Cars at Oakland International Airport (OAK)

Rental cars are available at the Rental Car Center near the Oakland airport. Rental Car Shuttle buses operate between the terminals and the Rental Car Center, every 10 minutes or less, 24/7. Rental car companies available at OAK include: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Fox, Hertz, National, Payless, and Thrifty. For more information about how to rent a car at OAK visit:

<https://www.oaklandairport.com/ground-transportation/car-rentals/>

Rental Cars at San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

Rental cars are available at the Rental Car Center near the San Francisco airport. To access the Rental Car Center from the airport terminals, take the AirTrain Blue Line. AirTrain, SFO's fully automated train, operates 24 hours every day and provides frequent service throughout SFO. AirTrain stations are located in all terminals, terminal parking garages, the Rental Car Center and SFO's BART station. Rental car companies available at SFO include: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Sixt, Hertz, National, and Thrifty. For more information about how to rent a car at SFO visit:

<https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/ground-transportation/rental-cars>

Other Rental Car Options

Turo	Turo is one of the world's largest car sharing marketplace where you can book a car of your choosing from a community of vetted hosts across the US, Canada, and the UK. Prices are usually less expensive compared to traditional car rental retailers since you are renting directly from the owner. Additionally, many hosts can arrange to have a rental car waiting for you at the airport (including both OAK and SFO). You can learn more about Turo here: https://turo.com/
Adapted Van Rentals	<p>Mobility Works and Access Options both provide ramped minivans for rent and offer daily and weekly rates as well as airport delivery for a fee. These vans must be reserved in advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility Works contact: https://www.mobilityworks.com/ or call (877) 275-4915 • Access Options contact: https://www.accessoptions.com/ or call (408) 734-5438

Rideshare

Uber and Lyft are the two major rideshare companies operating in Oakland. Both services are available 24/7 and provide a variety of ways to travel across the city at rates that vary based on distance, time of day, and service popularity. Both services require that you either have a smartphone and download their app or book online in advance using a device that can access the internet. Uber and Lyft “pool” are both available in Oakland, which allows you to save money by carpooling with another rider going in a similar direction. Both Uber and Lyft have accessible options including wheelchair access, deaf and hard of hearing access, and service animal access. In particular, Uber has introduced Uber WAV (Wheelchair Access Vehicles). A limited number of ramped vans are available as part of Uber WAV’s program. You must first download the Uber app, enter your destination, and if an adapted vehicle is available, it will appear under the category, “More.”

To learn more about Uber visit: <https://www.uber.com/> and to learn more about Lyft visit: <https://www.lyft.com/>

Uber Accessibility Resources: <https://www.uber.com/us/en/about/accessibility/>

Lyft Accessibility Resources: <https://help.lyft.com/hc/en-us/all/articles/360045782413-Lyft-s-commitment-to-accessibility>

Taxi Service

Taxicab service is a reliable way to get around Oakland. However, unlike many east coast cities, taxis are not as prevalent on the streets. If you do see one, you may “hail” (wave at one to get the driver’s attention) to pick you up. If they are available, they will pull over and take you to your desired destination. It is good practice to know the specific address of where you would like to go. Taxis are also available at both OAK and SFO on standby, so no need to book in advance.

If using a taxi service beyond the airport, we recommend booking one in advance by calling the company directly. Please know that many taxi companies are limited in their ability to offer accessible options. Taxis fares depend on distance traveled as well as traffic conditions and associated waiting fees. To get an overall estimate of what a particular trip may cost based on national statistics visit <https://www.taxi-calculator.com/>

Below are some recommended taxi services in Oakland:

Taxi Service	Phone Number	Website
Oakland Yellow Cab	(510) 658-2222	https://oaklandyellowcab.com/
Yellow Taxi Cab: Oakland	(510) 444-9191	https://yellowtaxicaboakland.com/
Friendly Cab *offers wheelchair accessible vans if booked in advance	(510) 536-3000	https://www.friendlycab.com/
Taxi in Oakland	(510) 601-0345	http://taxiinoakland.com/

Additional Transportation Resources

Below are additional resources to aid you in planning your trip.

Bay Area Information Hotline

For trip planning assistance using public transit and traffic, updates call 511 from within the Bay Area. 511 is your phone and web source for Bay Area traffic, transit, carpool, vanpool, and bicycling information. It's FREE and available 24/7 – from anywhere in the nine-county Bay Area. Call 511 or visit <https://511.org/> for more information.

Bike Share

Operated by Lyft, Bay Wheels is the Bay Area's regional bike share program with over 7,000 bicycles at 550 docking stations. Bikeshare is great for stand-alone trips and is often the quickest, most affordable way to get around. Unfortunately, Bay Wheels' accessible bike program for those with disabilities was discontinued.

Rides begin at \$3.49 and the price increases depending on the length of the trip. You can rent these bikes using the Lyft app (<https://www.lyft.com/>) or Clipper card (see [page 21](#) to learn how to obtain a Clipper card). To use your Clipper card, you will need to link it in advance. To learn how to do this visit <https://www.lyft.com/bikes/bay-wheels/clipper-card>

Please know that helmets are not provided. To learn more about Bay Wheels including bike docking locations and rules of the road, visit <https://www.lyft.com/bikes/bay-wheels>

Motorized Scooters

Commonly referred to as E-Scooters, motorized scooters are available for rent throughout Oakland. Unlike the bikeshare program, these scooters are owned and operated by various private companies and are not heavily regulated by the city of Oakland. Please know that helmets are not provided. Some of these companies include LINK, VeoRide, Lime, Lyft, Bird, and Clevr. For more information, visit the respective companies' websites.

In particular, LINK, VeoRide, and Lime offer accessible adaptive vehicles for persons with disabilities. See the links below to learn more and participate:

- LINK Accessibility Resources: <https://superpedestrian.com/accessibility>
- VeoRide Accessibility Resources: <https://www.veoride.com/oakland/> (scroll to bottom of page)
- Lime Accessibility Resources: <https://www.li.me/why/community/lime-assist#adaptive-vehicle-form>

Rules of the road for motorized scooters mirror those of bicycles. To ride a scooter, please be sure to ride in the street and stay to the right, use the bike lane (if there is one), and do not ride on the sidewalk. Scooters may be parked on sidewalks, so long as they do not block driveways, building entrances, curb ramps, color curbs (such as blue zones or yellow zones) or utilities such as fire hydrants. Make sure to leave at least 6 feet of sidewalk space for people walking or rolling. Because these scooters have a motor, a driver's license is required for use. For more information about riding motorized scooters in Oakland visit <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/e-scooter-frequently-asked-questions>

Accommodations

Conference Hotel

The Marriott Oakland City Center will serve as our conference hotel. The address is:
1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607

The hotel is attached to the Oakland Convention Center and is a short walk from the Oakland Museum of California, the Library of African American History, and Lake Merritt. We are adjacent to Oakland's Chinatown and Jack London Square with its breweries and restaurants; the marina is a 15-minute walk. Rooms at the hotel have lovely views of the bay, the Oakland Hills, and downtown skyline. The hotel and conference center is linked to Oakland and San Francisco International Airports by Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) with a station entrance across the street from the hotel (see [pages 18-23](#) for more information). From this station, conference attendees are only two stops away from downtown San Francisco via the Transbay Tube or a 20-minute ride to the University of California, Berkeley campus.

The immediate vicinity hosts hundreds of restaurants and more than 30 craft beer breweries and taprooms, all within a 1-mile radius of the hotel in the Downtown and Uptown areas. An interactive map detailing food and drink options near the conference hotel is available at <https://www.visitoakland.com/meet/meeting-facilities/convention-center/map/>

A virtual tour of the hotel is available at <https://visitingmedia.com/tt8/?ttid=oakland-marriott-city-center#/360?group=0&tour=0>

Reserving A Room

Room rates for the SHA block at the Marriott Oakland City Center are \$159.00/night for a single/double room. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 14% and subject to change), CA Tourism Assessment Fees (current \$.65 and subject to change), and Oakland Tourism Business Improvement District Fees (currently \$1.50 and subject to change), in effect at the time of check in. ADA accessible rooms are available at the abovementioned price point and include mobility accessible rooms as

well as hearing accessible rooms with visual alarms and notification devices for door and phone. To request an ADA room, please indicate you would like one on your reservation.

If a roll-in shower is needed, please call the hotel directly at (510) 451-4000 after making your reservation at the link below to ensure that you will be placed in the proper room.

To reserve your room in the SHA block at the Marriott Oakland City Center, use the following link:

<https://book.passkey.com/gt/219032744?gtid=ea367ffccdc6e86e263102f03d3f1bd2>

IMPORTANT: The cut-off date for reservations in the SHA room block is Monday, December 11, 2023, at 5:00pm PST. After that date, rooms may not be available at the conference rate for attendees.

Conference Hotel Accessibility

For more specific information about the physical features of accessible rooms, common areas or special services relating to a specific disability please call (510) 451-4000

Hotel Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible on-site parking and is Van Accessible Property has elevators Service Animals are Welcome Gender neutral bathrooms
Accessible Areas with Accessible Routes from Public Entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance to On-Site Business and Fitness Center is Accessible Main Entrance is Accessible Meeting Spaces are Accessible On-Site Restaurants are Accessible
Guest Room Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible Vanities Adjustable Height Hand-Held Shower Wand Alarm Clock Telephone Ringers Bathtub Grab Rails, Bathtub Seat Closed Caption TV, Electronic Room Key

Flashing Door Knockers, TTY/TTD Compatible
Guest Room and Suites Doors Self-Closing
Guests in mobility-accessible rooms may inquire about lowering the bed height
Hearing Accessible Rooms and/or Kits
Lever Handles on Guest Room Doors
Lowered Deadbolts on Guest Room Doors
Lowered Electrical Outlets
Lowered Night Guards on Guest Room Doors
Lowered Viewports in Guest Room Doors
Mobility accessible rooms
Non-slip Grab Rails in the Bathroom
Roll-in Shower (call hotel directly to ensure this)
Safety Chains and/or Latches on Guest Doors
Toilet Seat at Wheelchair Height - Toilet for Disabled
Viewports in Guest Room and Suites Doors

Childcare and Nursing Room

If you need to make arrangements for childcare during the SHA 2024 Conference, please consider utilizing Care.com at <https://www.care.com/>

Care.com is an online platform that connects families with childcare providers throughout the country. Care.com implements their own screening and vetting process for providers as well as the option to view past reviews of the childcare provider from those that utilized their services.

Nursing Room

The Nursing Room for the Conference is located down the corridor from the West Hall on the ground floor of the Hotel and Conference Center. Please come to the SHA Registration Desk for the key.

Surrounding Accommodations

As with any major city, there are many hotels and motels located in downtown Oakland, ranging from large chains with many amenities to smaller accommodations equipped with the bare essentials. When considering your accommodations, we recommend checking the public transit, walking, and driving distances to and from the conference hotel. Please also keep in mind that staying in accommodations other than the conference hotel leaves you vulnerable to downtown traffic conditions which are usually congested. Below is a list of suggested accommodations that are within a 5-minute walking distance to the conference hotel:

Washington Inn	495 10 th Street, Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 452-1776 https://www.choicehotels.com/california/oakland/choice-hotels/cah52?mc=llgoxxpx Notes: Low-key lodging with free breakfast. 1-minute walk to conference hotel.
Courtyard by Marriott Oakland Downtown	988 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 625-8282 https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/OAKCD-courtyard-oakland-downtown/overview/ Notes: Contemporary hotel with an outdoor pool. 1-minute walk to conference hotel.
Hampton Inn Oakland Downtown City Center	378 11 th Street, Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 607-8200 https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/oakdchx-hampton-oakland-downtown-city-center/ Notes: Modern hotel with gym and free breakfast. 4-minute walk to conference hotel.
Ramada by Wyndham Oakland Downtown City Center	371 13 th Steet, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 683-1190 https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/oakland-california/ramada-oakland-downtown-city-center/overview?CID=LC:RA Notes: Unassuming hotel with dining and gym. 5-minute walk to conference hotel.

For even more accommodations, consider using Google's hotel finder or another hotel database, such as <https://www.hotels.com/>

Hostels

Unlike other areas of the world, hostels are not common in North America, and there are unfortunately no hostel options available in Oakland.

Conference Venue & Schedule of Events

The Marriott Oakland City Center will serve as our conference hotel. We will be hosting forums, poster sessions, symposia, and other conference events taking place on the 1st, 2nd, and 21st floors of the hotel. Floorplans for these areas can be found below.

Sessions and symposia are assigned to rooms based on a variety of intersecting factors including projected attendance, time of day, and subject matter in an attempt to avoid too much overlap between events going on at the same time.

Schedule of Events

Specific information regarding sessions and symposia topics and locations will be detailed in the conference program and can be found online here:

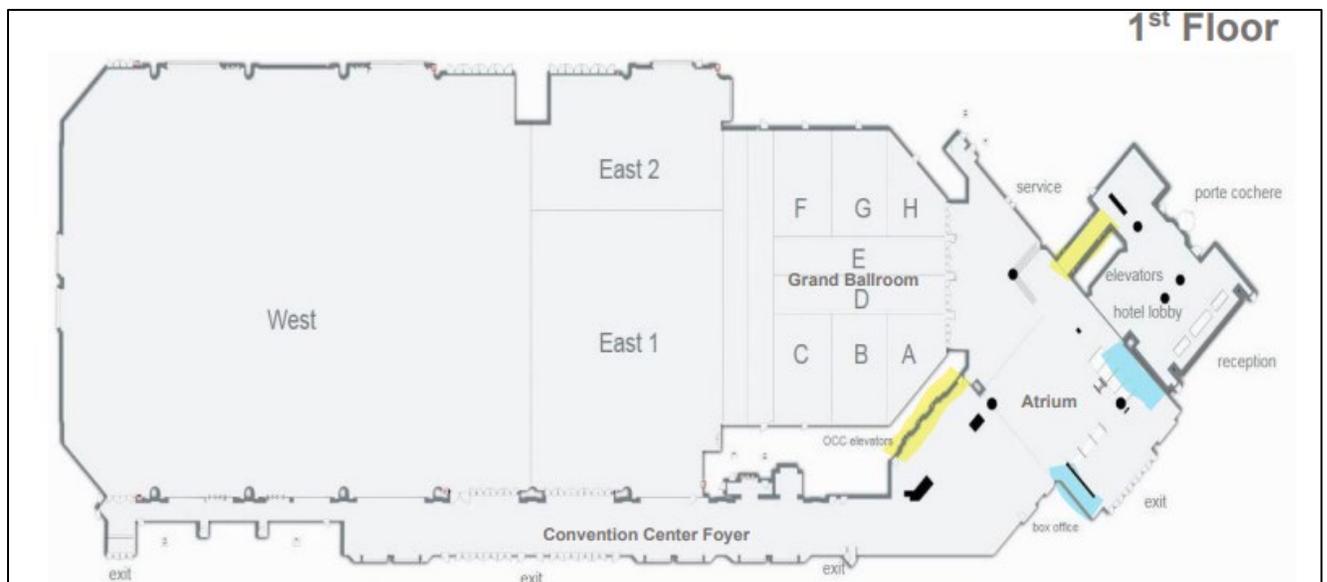
<https://sha.org/conferences/>

Conference Venue Floor Plans

If you find yourself lost, please feel free to ask one of our SHA 2024 Oakland Volunteers for help in finding a room location.

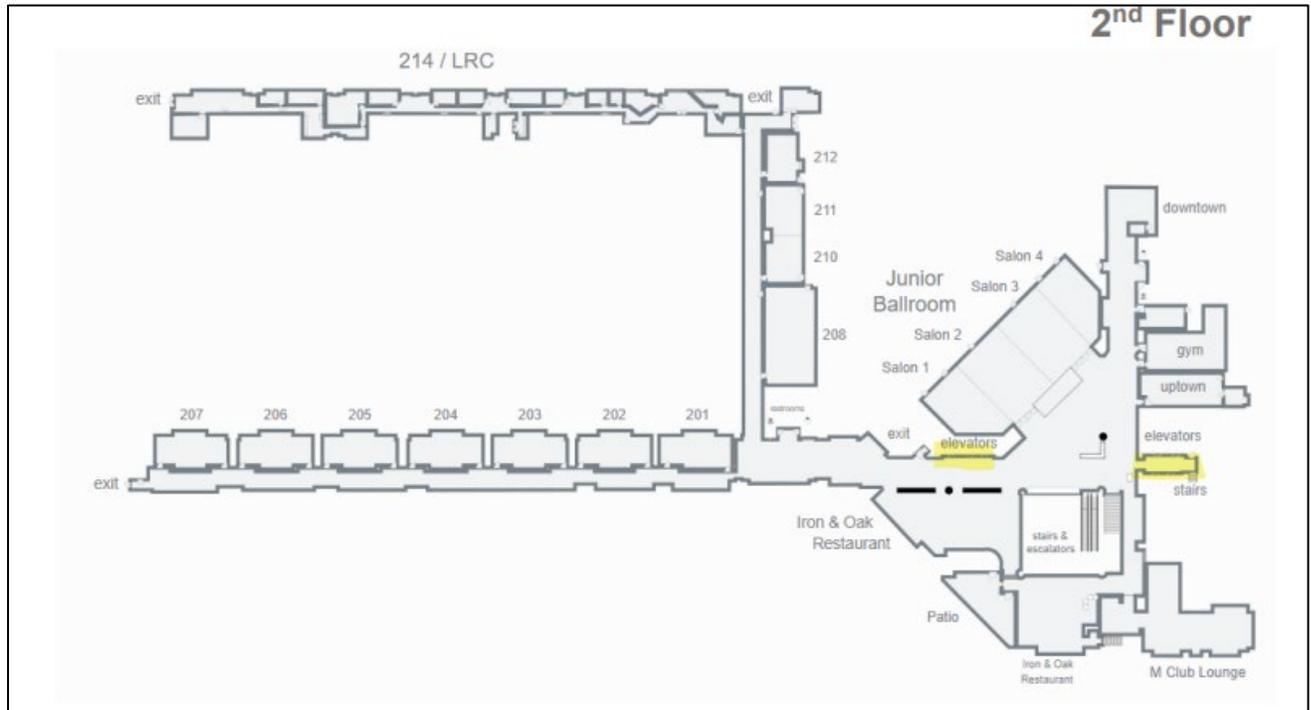
1st Floor

The 1st floor of the hotel includes the Grand Ballroom as well as the East and West Halls. Elevators are highlighted yellow while accessible ramps are highlighted blue.



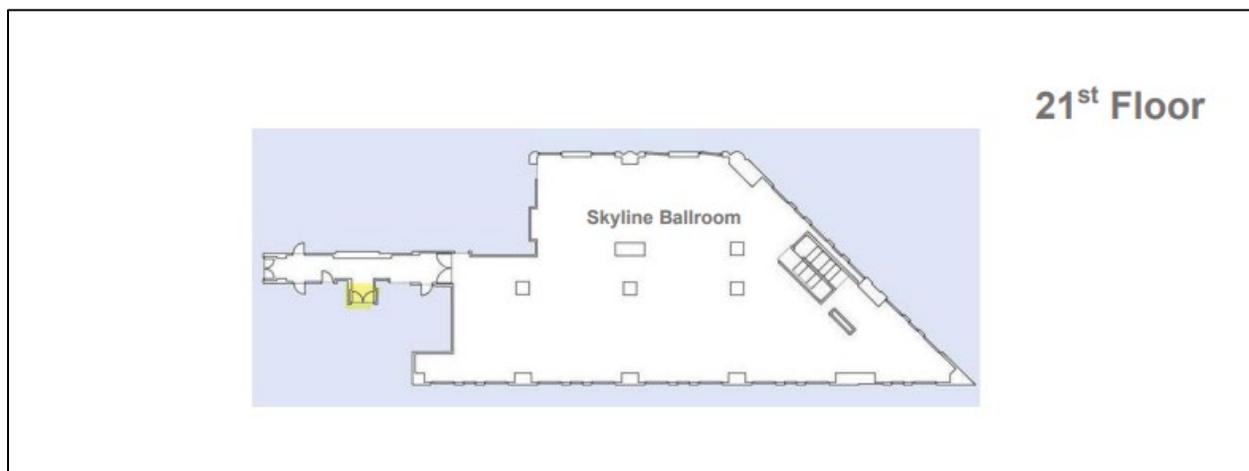
2nd floor

The 2nd floor of the hotel includes the Junior Ballroom as well as Conference Rooms (OCC) 201 - 213. Elevators are highlighted yellow.



21st Floor

The 21st floor of the hotel includes the Skyline Ballroom. Elevators are highlighted yellow.



Accessible Presentations and Posters Guide

You might worry that making a presentation or poster “accessible” may be difficult or take too much time, but we would ask you to consider that making your research as accessible as possible is an integral part of archaeology, and makes us all better scholars, educators, and communicators. Including our fellow archaeologists in the work we do should be considered equally as important as including stakeholders, community members, government entities, and the general public. If we are making our work inaccessible to our fellow archaeologists, we do our entire discipline a disservice.

That being said, some of the best advice for creating an accessible poster or presentation is rooted in simplicity. Some of the top recommendations we have are as follows:

- Limit words on presentation slides and posters; instead of writing out paragraphs of complex information, think critically about the most important components of slide/section and use short, descriptive sentences that can be expanded upon in your verbal discussion and written resources you may make available.
- Use a microphone if one is available-- no matter how loud your voice may be. Make sure your speech is slow and measured, and that your audience can see your face whenever you are speaking. Facial expressions are key to understanding meaning in many cases, and turning away from the audience limits their ability to fully understand your research.
- Make an effort to include content warnings at the beginning of your presentations, especially when dealing with potentially traumatic subjects. Many historical archaeologists work on sites of violence and oppression, as well as with human remains, and we strongly urge you to question whether an image is strictly necessary before you include it in your presentation.
- If at all possible, try to finish your paper/presentation notes well ahead of time so they can be shared digitally or in hard copy format to those who may request them. Consider including a shortened link to a digital document containing your slide notes or paper on your first slide and read out the link if possible.

- Have your conference presentation or poster, and any associated notes, available on a USB/memory stick for people who use screen readers, cannot hear your verbal descriptions, or may take longer to process your presentation for any number of reasons.
- Use sans serif fonts, which do not include the decorative lines called “serifs” seen on the end of letters like T or F. The most common (and free) sans serif fonts are Calibri (which this document is typed in), Verdana, Arial, and Tahoma.
- When creating figures and designing your presentation slides, ensure that the colors you use are part of a color-blind friendly palette.
- Describe all figures used in presentations -- charts, graphs, photos, etc. Do not assume everyone can see the details of the images you are using to communicate your research. Try to use captions for images as much as possible.
- Selectively use bold and italics when writing out long portions of text.
- Make sure that your poster does not have any projecting parts that may impede people’s ability to easily pass through the poster room. Dioramas and displays can be useful tools, but please be aware of how much space you are taking up.
- Take a moment at the beginning of your presentation to let the audience know if they can record or otherwise post online about your research.
- Make sure any videos included in presentations or associated with posters have subtitles.
- Ensure that text is adequately sized-- generally speaking, anything under size 24 font is going to be unreadable from the back of a conference room.

- On posters, consider filming or typing up a short (under 5 minute) version of your in- person poster presentation and making that available for people who visit your poster via a clearly marked QR code.
- Be aware of your time limits, and do not go over time. Not only do you inconvenience your fellow presenters, but by taking up more than your allotted time you may impede someone's ability to leave the room. This can disrupt medication, breastfeeding, and other self-determined schedules, perhaps even cause lasting harm to people with a variety of health issues that require them to follow a tight and precise schedule.

Other Important Resources

Below, please find additional important resources to help plan for your trip.

Emergency Services

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance. In the event of an emergency, you can call **9-1-1** anytime from telephones in California and many parts of the United States. The call is free from all telephones, including pay phones. You can also make 911 calls on cell phones that are charged but have no account.

Medical Services

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call **9-1-1** and request an ambulance. There are three hospitals within 3 miles of the conference hotel that offer emergency medical services:

- 1) Kaiser Permanente: East Bay Emergency | **2 miles away**
3600 Broadway Oakland, CA 94611 (Emergency entrance on Piedmont Ave):
<https://thrive.kaiserpermanente.org/care-near-you/northern-california/eastbay/departments/emergency/>
- 2) Sutter Health: Summit Campus Emergency Department | **1.6 miles away**
357 34th St Oakland, CA 94609:
<https://www.sutterhealth.org/find-location/facility/summit-campus-emergency-department>
- 3) Alameda Health System: Wilma Chan Highland Hospital Campus | **3 miles away**
1411 E 31st St Oakland CA 94602:
<https://www.alamedahealthsystem.org/locations/highland-hospital>

Please know that emergency services prices may vary between hospitals. It is advised to ask for an itemized bill after your visit.

Legal Rights in California

The 2024 Oakland Organizing Committee, and the Society for Historical Archaeology at large, cannot offer legal advice regarding personal situations. However, we would like to provide some information on protected classes and their associated rights in California, which may be very different from other states and countries.

The most powerful state anti-discrimination laws and regulations are enforced by the California Civil Rights Department.

The California Civil Rights Department website details how all people in California, residents and non-residents alike, are protected from discrimination in public places, and defines a public place as “a wide range of business establishments and public places. These may include, but are not limited to retail stores, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, theaters and event venues, hotels/ motels, hospitals, medical offices, barber shops, beauty salons, nonprofit organizations that have offices open to the public. Public places and businesses may not exclude you or limit your access based on your personal characteristics.”

This means that, in California, you cannot be discriminated against based on your membership in one or more of the following protected classes: race, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity. In California, an individual’s gender identity may be demonstrated by any evidence that the gender identity is sincerely held as a part of the person’s core identity. This includes a person’s gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior is different from their assigned sex at birth. Gender identity encompasses individuals who are transgender.

For more information, please visit <https://civildrights.ca.gov/>