



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

FALL 2024 CONVENTION

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Thursday, Oct. 17th to Sunday, Oct. 20th

Date and Location: The Fall 2024 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Thursday, October 17th to Sunday, October 20th in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Host Hotel: The host hotel for the convention will be the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place, 3454 Forbes Avenue in Pittsburgh. The hotel is close to the University of Pittsburgh and is easily accessible via transit from the Pittsburgh International Airport. The hotel has free high-speed Wi-Fi internet access and a business center.

Hotel Information: The special MBS room rate is **\$179** per night for a standard King room and **\$199** for a standard room with two Queen beds. The room rates do not include applicable state and city taxes (currently at 21%, subject to change). A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, October 16th to Sunday, October 20th.

The hotel offers the Garden Grille & Bar for lunch and dinner dining. Many other restaurants are within a short walk of the hotel.

Parking is \$30 (plus taxes) per day but cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 18th, 2024.** The hotel room space and rate cannot be guaranteed after that date. All hotel reservations must be made by either calling the hotel directly or by visiting the Hilton Garden Inn website. The phone number for the hotel is (412) 683-2040. Remember to mention the group name "Motor Bus Society" when booking by telephone. The attached "Hotel Reservation Information" form (page 3) has the link for online reservations.

Motor Bus Society is currently in the planning stages for its Fall convention. As these are not normal times, the locations shown (on page #2) are a menu

of several bus company yards and public bus terminals/pulse points. There cannot be guarantees that we will be admitted to all the garages and maintenance facilities due to either health and security protocols or shortages of personnel to handle our visits. Some of the facility tours may require a safety vest. If you have one available, please bring it.

Registration: The MBS convention registration fee is \$70 per person per day or \$250 for all four days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is \$85 per day or \$300 for all four days. To assure that space will be available for the garage and facility tours, advance registration is strongly recommended. In case of any shortage of seat space on the tour buses, persons with reservations will be given priority. ***Please note that paying by PayPal is not available at the present time.*** Please refer to the convention registration page (#4) for more details. The deadline for MBS convention registration is Monday, September 30th.

Transportation Information:

For automobiles, the hotel is in the Oakland area near the University. Coming from the north, follow I-79 south, I-279 south, I-579 south and exit at Boulevard of the Allies. Follow the road east to exit at Forbes Avenue.

From the Pittsburgh International Airport, take Port Authority Transit route 28X (Airport Flyer) which will take you within a short walk of the hotel with a bus ride of just under one hour. PAT routes 61A/61B/61C and 71B provide service between downtown Pittsburgh to/from Oakland via 5th Avenue.

From the Pittsburgh Greyhound Station (near Penn Station), walk to Liberty Avenue and 10th Street (approximately 5 minutes). PAT route 61 will take you to the hotel.



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Convention Activities: Registration and sign-in will take place in the Hilton Garden Inn lobby starting at 7:30 AM on all four days, with buses departing **promptly at 8:00 AM** each day.

Garage and Facility Tours: The itinerary has not been finalized and is highly dependent on whether properties are receptive to having visitors. Possible site visits are shown below. The final lists of stops will be posted on the MBS website and MBS Facebook pages 1 week prior to the convention.

Thursday, October 17 – Southern PA and WV

- Freedom Transit (Washington, PA)
- Mountain Line Transit
- West Virginia University PRT (Morgantown, WV)
- Mid Mon Valley Transit
- Fayette Area Coordinated Transit

Friday, October 18 – East of Pittsburgh

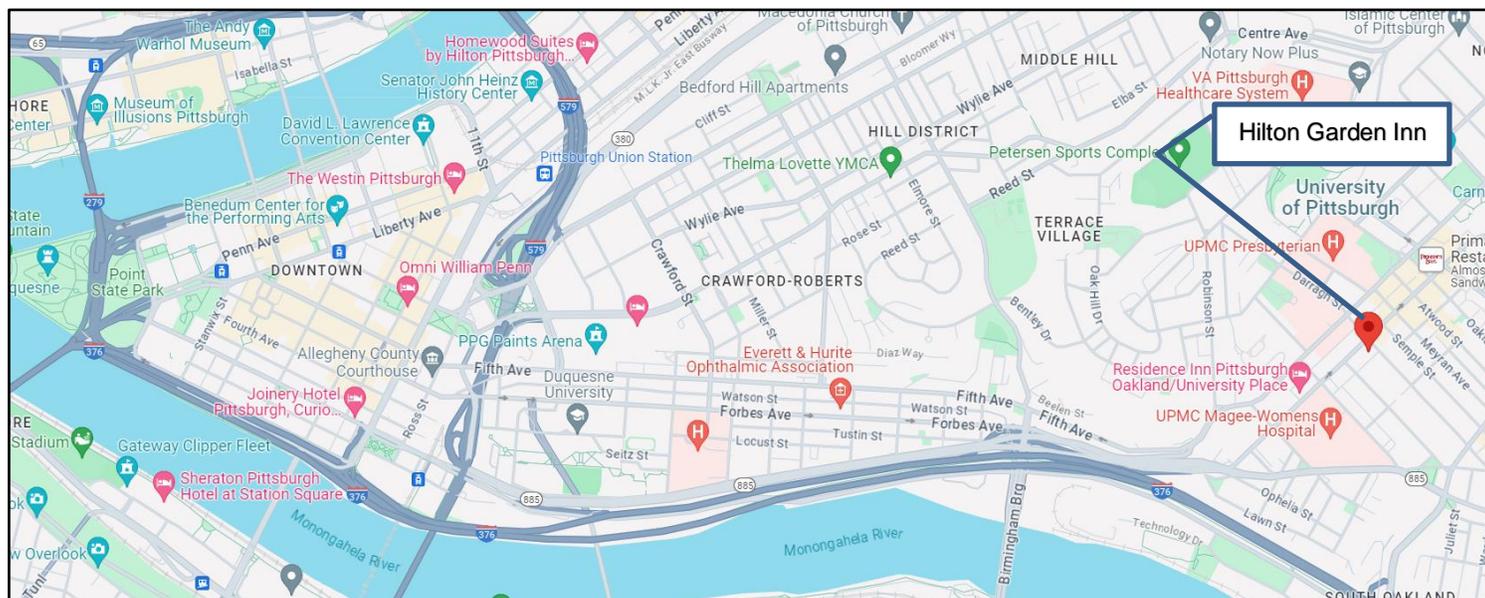
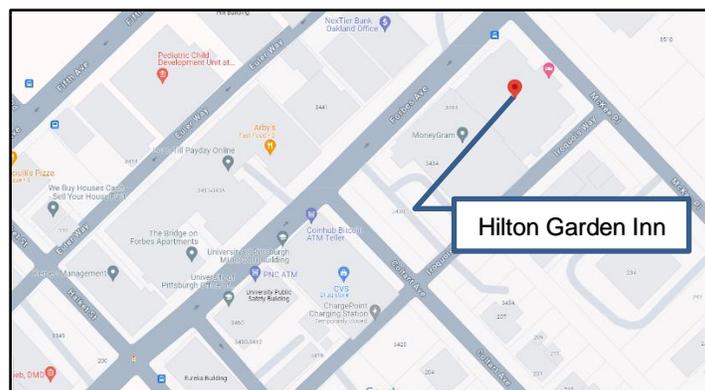
- Westmoreland County Transit
- Camtran (Johnstown, PA)
- Indiana County Transit (IndiGO)
- Town and Country Transit (Kittanning, PA)

Saturday, October 19 – North of Pittsburgh

- Beaver County Transit Authority
- New Castle Transit
- Butler Transit
- PRT Ross Division
- The MBS Meeting will be held on Saturday evening at the host hotel.

Sunday, October 20 – Local Pittsburgh and PTM

- East Liberty or West Mifflin PRT Division
- PRT Rail Facility
- Pennsylvania Trolley Museum (Washington, PA)





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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Room reservations must be made by either the online website (link below) or by calling the Hotel directly.

**Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh
University Place
3454 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA, 15213
Phone: (412) 683-2040**



Group Name: **The Motor Bus Society**
(Please use the group name when booking room via phone)

A block of rooms has been set aside for MBS members based on the room rates and dates shown below. For dates outside of the dates shown, MBS members are asked to use the Hilton website. The MBS room rate will only be available from October 16th to 20th inclusive.

Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place	Wednesday, October 16	Thursday, October 17	Friday, October 18	Saturday, October 19	Sunday, October 20
Deluxe King	\$ 179	\$ 179	\$ 179	\$ 179	\$ 179
Deluxe Two Queens	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199
<i>The room rates do not include local, State and Federal taxes, currently at 21%, subject to change. Parking is \$30 (plus taxes) per day but cannot be guaranteed.</i>					

To book online, please click on the link below for the Hilton Garden Inn secured website:
Click the link to: [**Book your group rate for MOTOR BUS SOCIETY**](#)

- This link should take you directly to the MBS room block page for the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place website.
- The dates are defaulted to Wednesday night to Monday morning; If you need to change this, click on the individual date you want to change, then click on the update tab.
- Note that no King rooms are in the room block for Sunday, October 20. If you change the dates for Wednesday to Sunday, then King rooms will show up as an option. To book a King room for Sunday, October 20, you will have to call the hotel or use the regular room booking site at the available rate.
- Once the appropriate dates have been entered, click on the "Quick Book" button and follow the instructions on the screen after that.
- Reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours up to 11:59 PM on October 14th with no penalty. After that time, cancellation will result in a penalty of one night's rate. A charge of \$75 will be applied for an early checkout.
- The online website does not include the daily parking rate of \$30 plus taxes per night.

*Hotel reservations **must be made Wednesday, September 18, 2024.** Rooms can be guaranteed by a credit card for late arrival. If you are making a reservation by phone, please be sure to have the following information easily accessible when making the phone call:*

Type of card: _____ Number _____ - _____ - _____ Expires _____ - _____

Full name on card: _____



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Attendance Registration Form

Please Mail to: Motor Bus Society, Michael Glikin, Director of Conventions,
118-18 Union Turnpike, Apt. #17L, Kew Gardens, NY, 11415
 Phone Number: (917) 714-7087

Please make ___ reservations for me for the Pittsburgh MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Convention Registration Fees – Please read table below carefully – Remember to register early!
The deadline to register is Monday, September 30th

Convention Registration Fees (Per Person) <i>Please circle appropriate box for the payment you will be making</i>	Rates Shown are in U.S. \$			
	All Four Days		Individual Days	
	MBS Members	Non MBS Members	MBS Members	Non MBS Members
Payment via Check or Money Order	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 70	\$ 85

Payment via Check or Money Order:

The check or money order should be payable to “Motor Bus Society II”. Canadian and International registrants should pay in US\$. A check / money order is enclosed for \$ _____ U.S.\$

Please note that the option to pay the convention registration fee via PayPal is currently not available.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov: _____ ZIP/Code: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - ____ E-mail: _____

If paying for additional guests, please list their name and city for their name badge:

Name: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____

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By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with participating in the activities of this Convention and agree for myself and those registering with me that I/we assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) those registering with me, and further release and discharge the Motor Bus Society for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or their participation in the Fall 2024 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.

Please bring a face covering/mask in case masking is required by certain venues or the bus carrier. By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I agree to release and hold harmless MBS and its officers and trustees from and against damages, liability, claims and expenses arising from the contraction or spread of disease due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the MBS Fall 2024 Convention.
