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2022 Portland Meeting Invitation and Information

The Intel Corporation formally invites WG14 to Portland Oregon on January 31st through February 4th, 2022 for the Winter 2022 working meeting.

Hotel and Meeting Location

The meeting will be held January 31st - February 4th, 2022 at:

Hilton Portland Downtown 921 SW Sixth Avenue Portland, OR 97204 USA

This is both the meeting location as well as the recommended lodging location. We encourage participants to stay at the meeting hotel and take advantage of the negotated room rate of \$189 per night, which includes access to a premium guestroom WiFi, a state-of-the-art fitness center, waived early check-in fees, a 20% valet parking discount, and 20% off food in the hotel restaurants. For those who are also attending the WG21 meeting on February 7th through 12th, the room block is available continuously for both weeks.

This document will be updated with reservation information in Fall of 2021.

Traveling to Portland

Flying Into Portland

Portland International Airport (PDX) is located in North East Portland, and has frequent flights from New York, Boston, Denver, Chicago, LA, Atlanta, and more. There is also a non-stop Delta flight from Amsterdam for European attendees.

Travel from the airport is most easily done using the local TriMet MAX light rail service. There is a Red Line station at the airport and trains start every 15 minutes from 4:40am to 12:26pm. Tickets are available via a machine (Cash or Card accepted) and cost \$2.50, which is good for 4 hours. Take any Red Line train from the airport, and get off at either the Mall/5th Ave stop or the Pioneer Square North stop. From there, it is a 3 block walk to the hotel (see attached map).

Travel from the airport by car is around 10 miles, and should take about 30 minutes. The hotel offers valet parking for \$52 per day, though parking garages known as "SmartPark" have a daily maximum of less than \$20. Additionally, taxis (roughly \$40) and Lyft/Uber are readily available at the airport. Directions are as follows:

Take I-205 SOUTH and exit onto I-84 WEST. At the end of I-84 West you will reach a junction of I-5 North and South. Go SOUTH toward Salem (to your left). Immediately follow the City Center signs to cross the

Morrison Bridge. Head STRAIGHT through the traffic light near the end of the bridge onto SW Washington St, go 1 block then turn LEFT onto 3rd Ave. Take 3rd Ave 6 blocks then turn RIGHT onto SW Main St. Take Main 3 blocks and turn RIGHT onto 6th Ave, our front doors are on left.

Driving Into Portland

From the North (Seattle) Southbound on I-5

Take exit 300B off of I-5 Southbound. After exiting, follow the City Center signs which will take you across the Morrison Bridge. Head STRAIGHT through the traffic light near the end of the bridge onto SW Washington St. Take Washington 1 block and then turn LEFT onto 3rd Avenue. Take 3rd Ave 6 blocks then turn RIGHT onto SW Main St. Take Main 3 blocks and turn RIGHT onto 6th Ave, our front doors are on left.

From the South (Salem) Northbound on I-5

Take the I-405 exit, EXIT 299B, on the LEFT toward CITY CENTER/US-26 W/BEAVERTON. Take EXIT 1A on the LEFT toward NAITO PKWY./JAPANESE-AMERICAN HIST. PLAZA. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto SW HARBOR DR. Turn RIGHT onto SW NAITO PKWY. Turn LEFT onto SW TAYLOR ST. Take TAYLOR 4 blocks and turn LEFT onto SW Broadway, LEFT on Salmon Street, LEFT on SW 6th Avenue, our front doors are on left hand side of 6th Avenue.

Taking Amtrak Into Portland

Portland Union Station is only 1 mile north of the hotel. A Trimet MAX Green/Orange line stop is also at Union Station, which can be taken southbound to the Pioneer Place/NW 5th & Glisan MAX Station. From there, it is a 2 block walk to the hotel. Portland Union Station is serviced by one of three Amtrak rails.

Amtrak Cascades

Serves Vancouver B.C. and the Seattle area, and goes as far south as Eugene Oregon.

Amtrak Coast Starlight

Amtrack Coast Starlight serves the west coast United States from Seattle at the north, to Los Angeles to the south. While the line takes roughly 36 hours, it features beautiful views of the California, Oregon and Washington coast. The trains themselves feature sleeping cars and numerous dining options.

Amtrak Empire Builder

For those traveling from the Eastern United States, the Amtrak Empire Builder travels daily from Chicago to Portland. The entire trip takes roughly 46 hours, however also features beautiful views of the Western United States as well as dining and sleeping cars.

Meals and Refreshments

Coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks will be provided at the meeting for the mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks. Attendees are responsible for their own meals. See the below section for suggestions.

Local Dining Options

The Hilton Portland Downtown is located right in the middle of downtown Portland, so dining options are plentiful. Moderately priced options are available within a few city blocks of the hotel in all directions, Upscale options include a Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and Fogo de Chão Brazillian Steakhouse within a block of the hotel.

During the day, Pioneer Square (about 2 blocks north of the hotel) will have a number of excellent food truck options, which are highly recommended by the host. Additionally, there are two food cart pods (for which Portland is famous!) within walking distance of the hotel. At SW 5th Ave & SW Harvey Milk Street (roughly 6 blocks north of the hotel) is the 5th Avenue Food Cart Pod. Roughtly 2 blocks East of that pod is another on SW 3rd Ave and SW Harvey Milk Street. Numerous options are available at each location.

Additionally, Portland has a wide variety of Vegan/Vegetarian restaurants, though the host is unfortunately ill-equipped to make suggestions.

Weather

Portland weather is typically quite mild, even in February. For the meeting, we expect temperature highs to be around 50°F (10°C), and the low around 35°F (2°C). It will likely be cloudy, with a 50% chance of rain so an umbrella or water resistant clothing is recommended, though rain is typically light (commonly described as a 'drizzle'). Though possible, there is a small risk of freezing temperatures and snow.

Local Attractions

For those arriving early or departing late, Portland has a number of fantastic attractions.

Multnomah Falls is a lovely waterfall about a 45 minute drive East of the city, and features fantastic views as well as some wonderful hiking trails.

Washington Park is accessible via the Red and Blue TriMet MAX lines going West, and has a few wonderful and world famous places to visit! The Portland Japanese Garden is a serene and beautiful Japanese garden that features an authentic Tea House, spectacular views, and incredibly intricate displays of plant life. Washington Park is also the site of the Portland International Rose Test Garden. Featuring more than 2500 varieties of roses, and is the origin of Portland's moniker: "The City of Roses."

For those who ski, Mount Hood features world-class skiing, particularly at Timberline Lodge. For those who have access to a car while in Portland it is a roughly 90 minute drive, though many express bus servies are available. Though significantly more time consuming, there is a public transit bus that will get to Timberline Lodge in roughly 4 hours.

Powell's City of Books is a world famous multi-story book store located about 10 blocks north of the hotel. Of particular interest is the Rare Books room, which has a vast collection of antique and other rare books.

Finally, Portland is particularly famous for its microbrewery scene, featuring nearly 60 active breweries in the Portland City Limits (plus dozens more in the metro area!). Portland is frequently ranked as the best beer city in the country, and is consistently ranked among the top 5 beer destinations in the world. Within walking distance of the hotel is Deschutes Public House, 10 Barrel Brewing, two separate Rogue Brew Pubs, and two McMenamins locations, all featuring a unique set of Portland's finest beers. Feel free to explore a bit across the Willamette River to the east to find even more great locations, such as Lucky Labrador's Brew Pub and Hair of the Dog Brewing.



