



# MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

## FALL 2021 CONVENTION

## PHOENIX, AZ

Thursday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

The Motor Bus Society is pleased to announce that the semi-annual conventions will be resuming in Fall 2021 after a hiatus of two years.

**Date and Location:** The Fall 2021 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix, Arizona. Please note that this is a Thursday to Saturday convention, different from previous conventions which ended on a Sunday.

**Host Hotel:** The host hotel for the convention will be the Holiday Inn Express – Phoenix Tempe - University. Located at 1031 East Apache Boulevard, Tempe, the hotel is only a short walk from the Apache Blvd. and Dorsey Lane light rail station. The hotel has free high-speed WiFi internet access, a business center and free parking.

**Hotel Information:** The special MBS room rate is **\$105.00** (plus taxes, currently 14.07% total tax) per room per night with either two queen beds or one King bed. A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. MBS members wishing to stay outside these dates should check with the hotel to determine if the MBS group rate will be honored. The room rates include the Express Start Breakfast™ buffet-style with Grab 'n' Go options. Many other eateries are available within a short walk or drive or light rail ride from the hotel.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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 Holiday Inn Express or IHG websites: [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com) or [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com) Please refer to the hotel registration page (#2) for further instructions for reserving online.

The phone numbers for the hotel are (480) 966-7202 or 1-877-660-8550. Please see the attached "Hotel Reservation Information" form for more information and remember to mention the group name "Motor Bus Society" when booking by telephone,

**Registration:** The MBS convention registration fee is \$55.00 per person per day or \$150.00 for all three days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is \$ 70.00 per day or \$ 195.00 for all three 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 advance reservations will be given priority. Please note that the fees are slightly more when paying by PayPal. Please refer to the convention registration page for more details.

**Transportation Information:** For transit or auto directions to the hotel, please refer to page three. The Phoenix Sky Harbor airport is located approximately 6 miles from the hotel.

**Convention Activities:** Registration and sign-in will take place in the Holiday Inn Express lobby starting at 7:30 AM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with buses departing **promptly at 8:00 AM** each day.

**Garage and Facility Tours:** The tentative itinerary for the three days includes the following locations, subject to change:

- Thursday – Transit and Intercity properties will be visited in the Phoenix area.
- Friday – The MBS will travel to Tucson. Visits to the Pima Air and Space Museum, the Old Pueblo Trolley Museum and SunTran are planned.
- Saturday – More of the Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale will be covered.
- Coaches will be provided by Arrow Stage Lines and Via Trailways.



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**Holiday Inn Express – Phoenix Tempe - University**  
**1031 East Apache Blvd.**

**Tempe, AZ, 85281**

**Phone: (480) 966-7202 or 1-877-660-8550**

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. Rooms can also be reserved for dates before and after the convention, subject to price and availability.

| <b>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites<br/>Phoenix Tempe - University</b>             | Wednesday,<br>October 6 | Thursday,<br>October 7 | Friday,<br>October 8 | Saturday,<br>October 9 | Sunday,<br>October 10 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Room Rates (Two Queen or King)</b>  | \$ 105                  | \$ 105                 | \$ 105               | \$ 105                 | \$ 105                |
| <i>The room rates do not include tax, currently at 14.07% (subject to change).</i> |                         |                        |                      |                        |                       |

To book online, please click on either link below for the IHG or Holiday Inn Express secured website:

[www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com) or [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

Group Code: **MSI**

- This link should take you directly to the Holiday Inn Express reservation page.
- Enter dates for checking in and checking out. For dates outside of the room block, please contact the hotel to determine availability and rate.
- The group code **MSI** should be entered when making reservations to get the MBS room rate.
- Follow the instructions on the subsequent screens to confirm and pay for your reservation.
- Reservations can be cancelled up to September 29<sup>th</sup>. After that time, cancellation will result in a penalty of the room rate for one night (plus tax).

Hotel reservations **must be made by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.** 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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**Phoenix Convention Hotel:** The headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Phoenix Tempe – University at 1031 East Apache Blvd. in Tempe.

#### **Transportation Arrangements:**

#### **PHOENIX SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PHX):**

For **auto**, follow the signs at the Airport to exit via East Sky Harbor Blvd. Follow the signs to AZ-202 Eastbound. Exit at North Scottsdale Road (exit 7), turn right on North Scottsdale Road and left on East Apache Blvd. The hotel will be on the right hand side.

For **transit**, follow the signs at the airport to the PHX Sky Train. Take the Sky Train to the 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington light rail station. Transfer to the eastbound light rail to the Apache Blvd. and Dorsey Lane light rail station. The hotel will be a 9 minute walk westerly from the LRT station. The hotel will be on the left side of the road.

#### **INTERCITY BUS**

The **Phoenix Bus Terminal**, which is serviced by

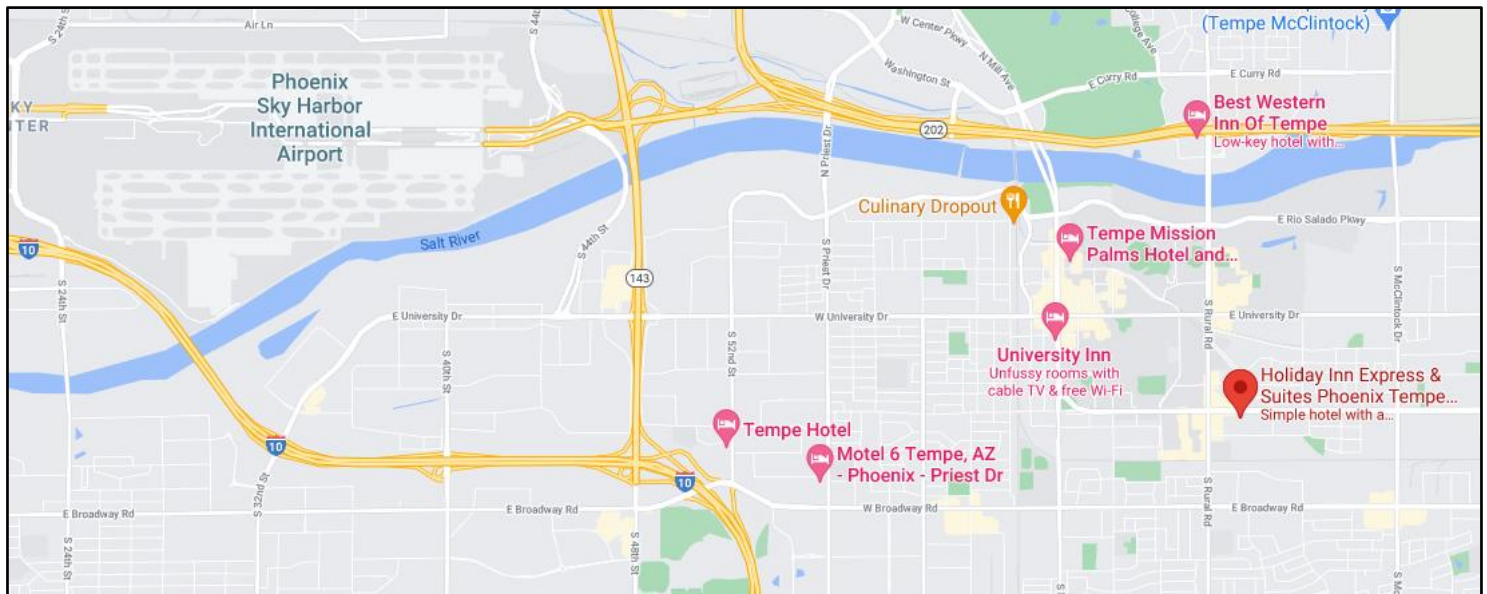
Greyhound, is located at 2115 East Buckeye Road. From the station, take Valley Metro route 70 northbound to the 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Jefferson Light Rail station. Transfer to the eastbound light rail and follow the directions above for transit.

**FLIXBUS** services Phoenix at the University and Rural Transit Center in Tempe. Board the eastbound light rail at the Transit Center for one stop and follow the directions above for transit.

#### **AUTOMOBILE**

From the **west (via I-10)**, follow the signs to AZ-202 Eastbound (exit 147A-147B). Continue east on AZ-202 and exit at North Scottsdale Road (exit 7). Turn right on North Scottsdale Road and left on East Apache Blvd. The hotel will be on the right hand side.

From the **north (via I-17)**, take exit 200A to I-10 eastbound. From I-10 eastbound, follow the signs to AZ-202 Eastbound (exit 147A-147B). Continue east on AZ-202 and exit at North Scottsdale Road (exit 7). Turn right on North Scottsdale Road and left on East Apache Blvd. The hotel will be on the right hand side.





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### Attendance Registration Form

**Mail to:** Motor Bus Society, Director of Conventions. P.O. Box 261, Paramus, NJ 07653-0261

Please make \_\_\_ reservations for me for the Phoenix MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Registration Fees** – Please read table below carefully.

| <b>Convention Registration Fees<br/>(Per Person)</b><br><i>Please circle appropriate box for the payment<br/>you will be making</i> | U.S., Canadian and International (U.S. \$) |                    |                 |                    |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|   | All Three Days                             |                    | Individual Days |                    |
|   | MBS Members                                | Non MBS<br>Members | MBS Members     | Non MBS<br>Members |
| <b>Payment via Check or Money Order</b>   | \$ 150                                     | \$ 195             | \$ 55           | \$ 70              |
| <b>Payment via PayPal</b>   | \$ 156                                     | \$ 203             | \$ 58           | \$ 73              |

**Payment via Check or Money Order:**

The check or money order should be payable to "Motor Bus Society". Canadian and International registrants should pay in US\$.

A check / money order is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.\$

**Payment electronically via PayPal:**

The Motor Bus Society is now accepting electronic payments via PayPal. To send the Convention Registration payment electronically, go to the PayPal website at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). In the title line on the website, click on "Send" and follow the instructions under "Send money in a few clicks". *Note the convention registration rates are different due to the PayPal transaction fee.*



- The registration rate for all three days or per single day is shown in the table above on the PayPal line. All registrants should pay in US\$. The following amount was paid \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.\$

The e-mail address for the MBS electronic payments is [membership@motorbussociety.org](mailto:membership@motorbussociety.org). If you send in the payment electronically, you **must** still mail in the convention registration form to the Director of Conventions at the address above.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

*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 2021 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.*

*The MBS strongly suggests that you be vaccinated against Covid-19 to attend this trip. The MBS cannot guarantee that you will be admitted to all venues that will be visited if you are not vaccinated. Will you have had your second Covid-19 vaccination shot (first shot if Johnson and Johnson) 14 days or more before the first convention activity?*

YES  NO  If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

*Even if vaccinated, 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, including but not limited to Covid-19 and its variants, due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the MBS Fall 2021 Convention.*