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Federal Aviation Administration
William J. Hughes Technical Center
Atlantic City International Airport, NJ 08405

Introduction:

There is really no way to get to the Technical Center other than driving. There is no public transportation to the Technical Center, although the trains to Atlantic City pass right by on the other side of the runway (there's no station there).

The roads in our area are, to say the least, confusing. This is largely because the Atlantic City Expressway and the Garden State Parkway were built around an existing rat's nest of smaller roads. If ever the phrase, "You can't get there from here" applied anywhere, it applies here.

Some notes may be helpful. There are three main roads into Atlantic City. The Black Horse Pike (US 322 / US 40), the White Horse Pike (US 30), and the Atlantic City Expressway. Two county roads run diagonally across these highways: Delilah Rd (CR 646) and Tilton Rd (CR 563). The Garden State Parkway runs north to south, and cuts across all of these roads, although not necessarily intersecting with them. All of these roads (except the Black Horse Pike) actually are adjacent to or through the Technical Center's massive boundaries.

The NAFEC Circle, which is named for our facility (it used to be called the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center), is at the intersection of Delilah and Tilton roads. The Technical Center and the Atlantic City International Airport share an access road, which also intersects at this circle.

Another nearby circle, the Cardiff Circle, has recently been eliminated and replaced with a jughandle, a connector road, and three traffic lights. This is at the intersection of the Black Horse Pike (US 322 / US 40) with Tilton Rd and Washington Ave. It is highly unlikely that you will find this change on any map yet.

If you ever need help with directions, it is likely that people will NOT know the name of the Technical Center, as it has *only* been called that for 20 years now. Instead, you may need to call it by the old name, NAFEC (pronounced Nay-Fehk). Everybody knows where that is.

Because these roads all run across each other, my directions may seem more than confusing if you compare one set to the other. They are correct, though (I think). Tilton Rd, for instance, runs to the Black Horse Pike, and then disappears for a while, and then reappears later on. Delilah Rd. was rerouted a few years ago with a mysterious blinking traffic light that serves no purpose other than to confuse people. Welcome to New Jersey!

If you use Interchange 9 to exit or enter the Atlantic City Expressway (the interchange nearest the Technical Center), you MUST have \$0.50 exact change.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: about 1 hour (if traffic free) from the Technical Center

Exit the airport for I-95 North. Exit I-95 at the Walt Whitman Bridge exit, and take the bridge into New Jersey (this will be I-76 east, but it's not necessarily clearly marked that way.) [This is a toll bridge, but there is no toll heading into New Jersey. You'll have to pay \$3.00 to get out of New Jersey, though.] Stay OUT of the right lane as you cross the bridge. You will continue on straight, which is I-76, the North-South Freeway. Basically, just follow the signs towards Atlantic City.

After the exit for I-295, the North-South Freeway becomes state highway 42. Just keep going straight towards Atlantic City. Eventually, the freeway splits into two, with the left two lanes becoming the Atlantic City Expressway, and the right two lanes becoming the Black Horse Pike. They all go to Atlantic City, but it's wise to pay the \$2.00 toll on the Expressway to avoid the traffic and lights on the Black Horse Pike.

To the Technical Center:

Take the Atlantic City Expressway to Exit 9 (which will be another \$0.50 toll – exact change required). At the traffic light, turn left onto Delilah Road.

*At the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle), take the THIRD road off (just past the WAWA market), which is the entrance to the Atlantic City Airport and the Technical Center. This is the only 4 lane road off of the circle.

**Stay to the right. Just before the traffic light to the airport, there is a lane on the right for visitors. Park at the Visitor's center, where they will issue you a visitor's badge (if you have no FAA ID), or a parking permit (if you have an FAA ID). People WITH and FAA ID are permitted to drive on base after getting the parking permit. People with only a visitor's badge will either have to take a shuttle bus to the hangar, where they must be met by an FAA person, or wait at the Visitor's Center until an FAA person comes for them.

For those permitted to drive on base, proceed through the gate after you get your parking pass. It's quickest to turn left at the stop sign once past the guard inside the gate, but you may not be able to. Assuming that you can, follow the road until you reach the next stop sign, and turn right. The hangar parking lot will be on your immediate right, and the hangar on your left.

(If you can't make the left turn, follow this loop road around to the right. You will pass the main building on your left, the security lab, the new Air Marshals facility, and then the Coast Guard hangar and facility on your right. The really BIG aircraft hangar is where you want to go, and it will be on your right after the Coast Guard. The parking lot is on the left across from the building.)

Park in the lot, and proceed to the right-most door to the building. Assuming that you can get access the building (the security folks *may* let you in the card-key accessed entry door), cross the hangar floor and enter the Flight Ops building. The meeting will either be in the mezzanine conference room, which is located up the flight of stairs as you enter the lobby (or take the elevator up to the mezzanine.), or in Room 308 on the third floor.

*****To the Days Inn, Clarion Atlantic City West, Holiday Inn Express, and Comfort Inn (the four nearby hotels I suggested):**

Remain on the Atlantic City Expressway and exit onto the Garden State Parkway South. Take the 1st exit, Exit 37, which is labeled something like Washington Avenue / Pleasantville. Make a left at the traffic light onto Washington Ave. Make a right at the first traffic light onto Fire Rd. At the next traffic light, (which is the Black Horse Pike / US322 / US40), go straight ahead on Fire Rd to the Days Inn, or turn left for the other three hotels.

The Days Inn will be on the near right corner at the next traffic light (which is the intersection of Fire Rd and Tilton Rd)

The other three hotels will be on your right on the Black Horse Pike.

Alternately, you can get to the Days Inn (only) by exiting the Garden State Parkway at the 2nd exit, which is Exit 36, and is labeled something like US 322 / 40 Atlantic City (even though you can't get to that road from this exit.) This exit will put you on Tilton Rd heading east. You must quickly get into the left lane as you exit, as the Days Inn will be on the left almost immediately after you go under the Parkway overpass. There is a left turn lane to enter the hotel and diner. You CANNOT turn left at the next traffic light, so be sure not to miss the turn lane.

To the Hampton Inn (or others) in Absecon:

Exit the Atlantic City Expressway at Exit 12 (Route 40 – Mays Landing). Turn left at the stop sign (be sure to stop! It's not easy to see it's coming) onto Wrangleboro Road (CR 575). Turn right at the 2nd traffic light onto the White Horse Pike (US 30). (The airport you pass on the way is the Atlantic City Airport / the Technical Center.) Continue east on US 30 for quite some distance. Not long (perhaps another traffic light or two) after you pass under the Garden State Parkway (the only underpass you'll encounter), the Hampton Inn will be on your right. It's right next to the Denny's. There are MANY other hotels in the area. (Note that the strip of hotels in this area runs for miles, and other routes may be easier.)

To get to hotels in Atlantic City:

Continue on the Atlantic City Expressway until you get to Atlantic City. Good luck from there. There are small signs along the streets pointing you towards the different casinos.

FROM WASHINGTON DC, BALTIMORE, AND POINTS SOUTH OF NEW JERSEY:**To get to the Technical Center:**

Take the Delaware Memorial Bridge into New Jersey, and then follow signs to US 40 to Atlantic City. After an hour or more, you'll get to the place where US 40 joins US 322. This is a big intersection with traffic lights, and a huge shopping mall straight ahead. Keep right at this intersection to merge into US 322 heading towards Atlantic City. Continue on US 322 / US 40. You'll pass three traffic lights after you merge. (The first is right where you merge in, the next is a shopping center entrance, the third is McKee Avenue.) At the fourth light, turn left onto Linwood St, which becomes Delilah Road. (There is a large (vacant) garden center there on the far left corner.) Bear right at the mysterious blinking light that serves no purpose. Continue on to * above.

To get to the 4 nearby hotels I suggested:

Once on the Black Horse Pike (US 40 / 322) (as above), continue heading east for several miles.

The Clarion, Holiday Inn Express, and Comfort Inn will be on the right not long after the Garden State Parkway underpass.

The Days Inn is located on Tilton Rd, which splits off from the Black Horse Pike just in front of the Shore Mall. (As a hint, the Black Horse Pike will be completely straight until just before this intersection.) Bear right onto Tilton Road (two new lanes form here, by stay in the left of these two new lanes to the right.) There will be a left turn lane for the Days Inn and Diner just after the Parkway overpass.

If you miss the turn for Tilton Rd here, you may continue on the Black Horse Pike under the Garden State Parkway overpass. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Fire Rd. The Days Inn will be on the near right corner at the next traffic light (which is Tilton Rd.)

FROM POINTS SOUTH OF NEW JERSEY VIA CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY:

If you're coming from the south, it may be more convenient to drive to Lewes, Delaware, and then take the Cape May – Lewes Ferry to New Jersey. From here, follow the signs to get on the Garden State Parkway north. This is a toll road.

To get to the Technical Center:

Continue on the parkway, and take the Atlantic City Expressway exit west towards Philadelphia (NOT towards Atlantic City.) Exit at Exit 9 [a \$0.50 toll – exact change required]. Make a right onto Delilah Rd. Go to * above.

To get to the 4 nearby hotels I suggested:

Exit the Parkway at Exit 36 (we think it's marked something like Atlantic City via 322). It's the exit before the Atlantic City Expressway exits. At the end of the ramp, make a left at the traffic light onto Fire Road. There is a traffic light for a shopping center, and then the next light is for Tilton Road. The Days Inn is on the far left corner here. To get to the other three hotels, continue on Fire Road until the next traffic light, which will be the Black Horse Pike, US 322 / US 40. Make a right turn here. The hotels will be on your right.

FROM THE NEWARK INT'L AIRPORT and POINTS NORTH: about two hours

Find the Garden State Parkway south. Continue on [paying occasional tolls] until you get to the Atlantic City Expressway.

To get to the Technical Center:

Take the first Atlantic City Expressway exit (west, towards Philadelphia). Take Exit 9 [a \$0.50 toll – exact change required]. Make a right onto Delilah Road. Go to * above.

To get to the 4 nearby hotels I suggested:

You're already on the Parkway heading south. Follow the *** directions above, remembering to take the first exit (Exit 37) AFTER the Atlantic City Expressway exit to Atlantic City.

TO THE TECHNICAL CENTER FROM THE HOTELS:**To the Technical Center from the Days Inn:**

Turn right out of the parking lot onto Tilton Rd. (Or, if you turn out onto Fire Rd, turn right onto Tilton at the traffic light on the corner.) At the light, turn left onto the Black Horse Pike / US 322 / US 40 heading west. At the second traffic light, turn right onto the connector road (there is a McDonalds on the near right corner). Turn left at the next traffic light (almost immediately) onto Tilton Road. Continue on to the circle, which is the NAFEC Circle, take the 2nd road off the circle (just after the WAWA market), which is the access road to the airport and the Technical Center. Go to ** above.

To the Technical Center from the Clarion, Holiday Inn Express, and Comfort Inn:

Somehow, turn left onto the Black Horse Pike (you'll probably have to turn right, and then make a U turn somewhere, like at the next traffic light). Pass under the Garden State Parkway overpass. At the third traffic light from the overpass, turn right onto the connector road (there is a McDonalds on the near right corner). Turn left at the next traffic light (almost immediately) onto Tilton Road. Continue on to the circle, which is the NAFEC Circle, take the 2nd road off the circle (just after the WAWA market), which is the access road to the airport and the Technical Center. Go to ** above.

To get to the Technical Center from Atlantic City:

Ask for directions at your hotel. Depending on where you are, the White Horse Pike or the Atlantic City Expressway may be best.

From the White Horse Pike (US 30), take the Delilah Road exit, and then follow Delilah Road to the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle). Take the first road off of the circle, which is the entrance road to the airport and Technical Center. Go to ** above.

From the Atlantic City Expressway (**from Atlantic City**), exit at Exit 9 [a \$0.50 toll – exact change required]. Make a right onto Delilah Rd. Go to * above.

To the Technical Center from the Hampton Inn (or others) in Absecon:

Head east (Note that there are more hotels east of Mill Road, so your directions may vary depending upon your hotel choice) on US 30 (the White Horse Pike), and turn right on Mill Road

(we think that's the name, anyway). It's easy to spot. There's a traffic light there, and on the south corners there are a Commerce Bank and a McDonald's. You'll cross over a bridge (you'll see the dam for one of the Atlantic City reservoirs on your right). Just after that, the road forks. Follow the road to the right, which is Westcoat Rd. You'll pass along the edge of the Technical Center. Continue on until the stop sign, and then turn right onto Delilah Road. At the NAFEC circle, take the 1st road off of the circle, which is the access road to the airport and the Technical Center. Go to ** above.

TO THE HOTELS FROM THE TECHNICAL CENTER:**To the Days Inn and Clarion, Holiday Inn Express, and Comfort Inn:**

Take the access road back to the NAFEC Circle. Take the 3rd road off the circle (just past Christie's Bar and Restaurant, which is Tilton Road east. At the first traffic light, turn right onto the connector road, and then left at the next light (almost immediately) onto the Black Horse Pike (US 322 / US 40) east.

Stay on this road for the Clarion, Holiday Inn Express, and Comfort Inn.

To get to the Days Inn, bear right onto Tilton Road just before the second traffic light (just in front of the Shore Mall). Stay in the left lane. There will be a left turn lane for the Days Inn and Diner just after the Parkway overpass. If you miss the turn for Tilton Rd here, you may continue on the Black Horse Pike under the Garden State Parkway overpass. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Fire Rd. The Days Inn will be on the near right corner at the next traffic light (which is Tilton Rd.)

To get to Atlantic City:

Depending on your destination, either the White Horse Pike (US 30) or the Atlantic City Expressway may be better.

For the Atlantic City Expressway, take the 2nd road off of the NAFEC circle, which is Delilah Road west. Cross over the expressway on the overpass, and then enter the Expressway east towards Atlantic City. [\$0.50 exact change required]. The expressway ends in Atlantic City.

For the White Horse Pike, take the 4th road off of the NAFEC circle (just past the Coastal gas station), which is Delilah Road east. Follow this until it ends at the White Horse Pike heading east. The Pike ends in Atlantic City.

To the Hampton Inn (or others) in Absecon:

Take the access road back to the NAFEC circle. Take the 4th road off the circle, which is Delilah Road east. Then make the first left (well after the Wawa store) onto Westcoat Road. Continue left (that's the normal flow of traffic) when this road meets Fire Road, at which point it becomes Mill Road. At the traffic light (which is the White Horse Pike (US 30)), turn left. The Hampton Inn will be on your left after a while. This is a divided highway, so you'll have to stay to the right and take a jughandle to make a U-turn to get to it. (Note that other hotels are located east on Route 30.)

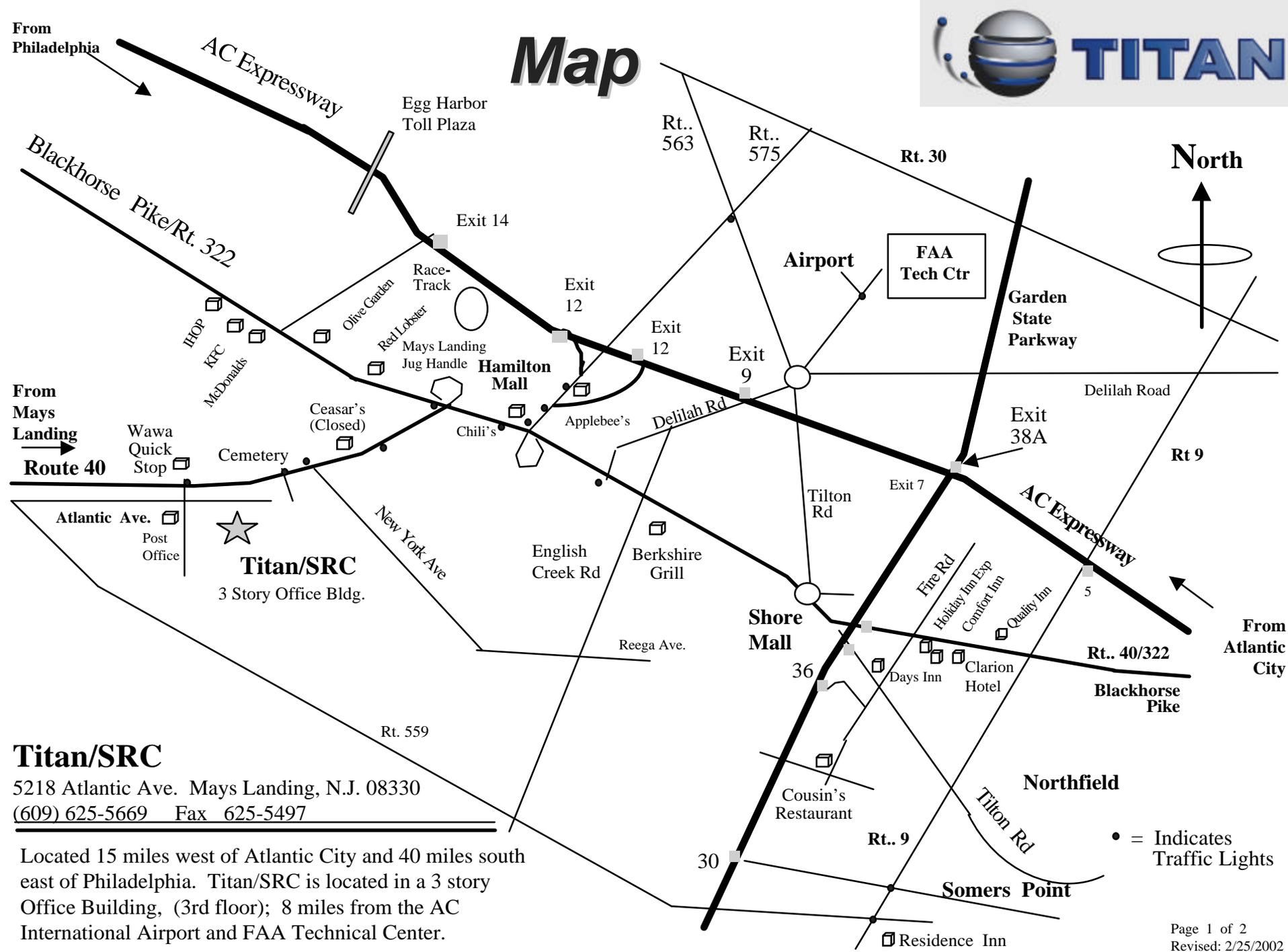
If you need other directions, such as to any other hotels, please contact me.

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Map



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Located 15 miles west of Atlantic City and 40 miles south east of Philadelphia. Titan/SRC is located in a 3 story Office Building, (3rd floor); 8 miles from the AC International Airport and FAA Technical Center.

• = Indicates Traffic Lights