

# Transportation Tidbits



November &  
December 2014

## Greetings!

Welcome to the November & December issue of the Transportation Tidbits Newsletter! In this issue of the newsletter you will find updates on graduate school news and recent/upcoming happenings in the transportation field. This issue also includes a variety of upcoming transportation conferences, workshops, and webinars. Please feel free to [let us know](#) if you have any questions or comments!

### Important Dates for NDSU Students

**11/15:** Late fees applied to unpaid account balances

**11/21:** Graduate student Initial Disquisition submission for December graduation

**11/27 - 11/28:**  
**HOLIDAY -**  
Thanksgiving (no classes, offices closed)  
Thursday, offices open Friday

**12/1:** Undergraduate/ Professional student Fall Commencement Participation deadline

**12/8 - 12/12:** Dead

### Did you catch Sunday (November 23rd, 2014) night's segment of 60 Minutes: "Falling Apart: America's Neglected Infrastructure"?

Here's a short segment of the "60 Minutes" video aired by CBS News.

[CBS News Infrastructure Clip](#)



## Week

**12/12:** Last day of Fall classes

**12/15:** Late fees applied to unpaid account balances

**12/15 - 12/19:** Final Examinations

**12/19:** Graduate student Final Disquisition copies due for December graduation

**12/19:** Commencement ceremony (4:00 p.m.)

**12/25:**  
**HOLIDAY** - Christmas Day (offices closed)

**12/26:** Fall grade access begins online

## Recent News Updates

[In time for holiday travel, FAA takes another NextGen step](#)

[2015 promises big steps forward in transit safety](#)

[America's Ports Need a National Freight Funding Strategy to Deliver Prosperity](#)

[Stimulus Investments in Transit Still Paying off Big in Two Midwestern](#)

## Webinars

- There are many upcoming [webinars](#) available on the TRB website including:
  - **December 4, 2014-** [Practical Techniques for Successfully Communicating Technical Topics](#)
  - **December 9-** [Facility Planning Tools to Create Alternative Growth and Development Scenarios](#)
  - **December 10-** [Tool Demonstrations for Airport Terminal Planning and Design](#)
  - **December 15-** [Data Business Planning - Applying AASHTO's Data Principles](#)
  - **December 16-** [Tracking Public Perceptions Related to Data Privacy](#)
  - **December 17-** [Strategies to Mitigate the Impacts of Chloride Roadway Deicers on the Natural Environment](#)
  - **February 26, 2015-** [Performance of WMA Technologies: Stage I - Moisture Susceptibility](#)

## Upcoming Conferences

- **3rd International Conference on Connected Vehicles and Expo (ICCVE 2014)**
  - November 3-7, 2014
  - Vienna, Austria
- **2014 National Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) Conference**
  - December 4-5, 2014
  - Miami, Florida
- **8th University Transportation Center Spotlight Conference on the Role of Freight Transportation in Economic Competitiveness**
  - December 10-11, 2014
  - Washington, D.C.
- **TransportationCamp DC 2015**
  - January 10, 2015
  - Arlington, Virginia
- **Geosynthetics 2015 Conference**
  - February 15-18, 2015
  - Portland, Oregon
- **2015 Joint Rail Conference**
  - March 23-26, 2015
  - San Jose, California

## Workshops/ Meetings

- **Data Analysis Working Group Forum on Pavement Performance Data**

[Cities](#)

[GROWing U.S.  
Contributions to the  
Global Supply Chain](#)

## UGPTI in the Spotlight

[Safety Factor Increase  
to Fatigue Limit States  
through Shear Spiking  
for Timber Railroad  
Bridge Rehabilitation -  
Phase I](#)

[Impacts and Benefits  
of Implementing  
Building Information  
Modeling on Bridge  
Infrastructure Projects](#)

[2014 Regional Local  
Roads Conference  
Presentations](#)

[Spatio-Temporal  
Estimates of Long-  
Term Oil Drilling  
Locations](#)

[Seat Belt Use on North  
Dakota Rural Roads:  
2014](#)

[Safety Talk- Welding  
Hazards & Preventing  
Backovers](#)

[Impact of Energy  
Sector Growth on  
Perceived  
Transportation Safety  
in the Seventeen-  
County Oil Region of  
Western North Dakota:  
A Follow-Up Study](#)

[Evaluating the State of  
Mobility Management  
and Human Service  
Transportation  
Coordination](#)

[County and Local  
Transportation](#)

### **Analysis**

- January 10, 2015
- Washington, D.C.
- **2015 TRB 94th Annual Meeting**
  - January 11-15, 2015
  - Washington, D.C.
- **2015 Shifting International Trade Routes Workshop**
  - January 29-30, 2015
  - Tampa, Florida

### **New Student Bios**



**Becky Hoffart** is a native of Rugby, ND and is a Graduate Student in the Masters of Managerial Logistics program at North Dakota State University. She attended North Dakota State University in 2004 where she earned her B.S. in Microbiology and a Minor in Food Safety. She has received the SOLE Demonstrated Logistician award and is currently in the U.S. Army as a Medical Logistics Officer. She is interested in learning how to incorporate Medical

Logistics into the by broad spectrum of Logistics by utilizing the Logistics 2020 campaign. In Becky's spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, running, and reading. Her future goals include earning her PhD in Logistics and Transportation and working for USAMMA in Medical Logistics.

**Craig Banner** is a native of Houston, TX and is a Master's student in the Managerial Logistics program at North Dakota State University. He attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a B.S. in Human Resource Development. Craig entered active duty service as a Logistics Officer in the United States Army in 2007 and deployed to Iraq in 2008 and 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, respectively. As a Logistics Officer, he was heavily involved with supporting Armor and Cavalry units; he was also recognized by the United States Armor Association as a Noble Patron of Armor. In his spare time he enjoys running, reading, going to church, and spending time with his family. Craig recently served as a Forward Support Company Commander in support of an Armored Reconnaissance Squadron in the 3rd Infantry Division. He was recently selected and currently serves in a second company command in the Division Headquarters Battalion with the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA. His future plans include completing the master's program and furthering his knowledge of logistical operations in the civilian sector which will help him as he progresses in the logistics field as a U.S. Army Officer.



[Infrastructure Needs Presentation](#)

[Annual Awards Banquet](#)

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