

# Transportation Tidbits



## Greetings!

Welcome to the March issue of the Transportation Tidbits Newsletter! This issue of the newsletter will provide you with updates on graduate school news, important NDSU dates, and recent/upcoming happenings in the transportation field. This issue also includes a variety of upcoming transportation conferences, workshops, and webinars. As always please feel free to [let us know](#) if you have any questions or comments. Enjoy!

### Important Dates for NDSU Students

**3/6:** Grades of 'Incomplete' convert to 'F'

**3/9:** 2nd half (8-week session) of Spring semester begins

**3/15:** Late fee applied to unpaid account balances (11:59 p.m.)

**3/16- 3/20:** Spring Break Week (no classes, offices open)

**3/23:** Advising begins for Summer/Fall

### A Year of Bypasses: NDDOT Construction and Traffic Review

The NDDOT Communications Division recently created a video recapping the 2014 construction season. The NDDOT completed one of the largest construction programs in state history, completing over \$800 million in projects across the state. This video showcases some of the projects worked on throughout the state during this past season.

semesters

**3/26:** Last day to Withdraw to Zero Credits @ 50% refund\* (full semester classes only) No refunds issued for withdraw to zero credits after this date.

**3/30:** Summer/Fall registration begins online

### Recent News Updates

[America's mid-size cities need long-term transportation investment](#)

[Safety, Resiliency, and Emergency Response transit initiative funds preparation](#)

[America needs passenger rail](#)

[North Carolina can't afford to wait for transportation](#)

[Secretary Foxx on Transportation and Opportunity](#)

### UGPTI in the Spotlight

[Safety Talk - Battery Handling Safety](#)

[UGPTI to Partner with Western Transportation Institute in Workforce](#)



**2014 NDDOT Construction Wrap-up Video**

### Webinars

There are many upcoming [webinars](#) available on the TRB website including:

- **March 5, 2015-** [The Impact of Regulatory Compliance and Through-the-Fence Operations on Small Airports](#)
- **March 11, 2015-** [LTPP InfoPave: Visualization to Facilitate Extraction of Information out of Data](#)
- **March 17, 2015-** [Next Generation Air Transportation System: A Research Update](#)
- **March 18, 2015-** [Developing Reliability-Based Bridge Inspection Practices](#)
- **March 24, 2015-** [A Model for Publishing and Linking Transportation Datasets and Reports](#)
- **March 30, 2015-** [Considerations for the Selection of Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement \(CRCP\) for Projects](#)

### Upcoming Conferences

- **2015 Joint Rail Conference**
  - [March 23-26, 2015](#)

[Development Effort](#)

[Emergency Preparedness Handbook for Tribal Governments](#)

[Do Changing Prices Portend a Shift in Fuel Consumption, Diminished Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Lower Fuel Tax Revenue?](#)

[Annual Awards Online Nomination Form Available](#)

[Dry Bean Stock Report Posted](#)

- [San Jose, California](#)

- **Moving Active Transportation to Higher Ground: Opportunities for Accelerating the Assessment of Health Impacts**

- [April 14-15, 2015](#)
- [Washington, D.C.](#)

- **Ferry Safety and Technology: Design and Operations Conference**

- [April 16-17, 2015](#)
- [New York City](#)

- **AASHTO GIS for Transportation Symposium**

- [April 19-22, 2015](#)
- [Des Moines, Iowa](#)

- **2015 International Highway Technology Summit (IHTS)**

- [April 21-23, 2015](#)
- [Shanghai, China](#)

- **IBTA Transportation Finance & Road Usage Charging Conference**

- [April 26-28, 2015](#)
- [Portland, Oregon](#)

- **Transportation for Sustainability- An International Conference**

- [May 7-8, 2015](#)
- [Washington, D.C.](#)

- **2015 International Choice Modelling Conference (ICMC)**

- [May 10-15, 2015](#)
- [Austin, Texas](#)

- **15th TRB National Transportation Planning Applications Conference**

- [May 17-21, 2015](#)
- [Atlantic City, New Jersey](#)

**Workshops/ Meetings**

- **Workshop on Connected Vehicle Dynamic Mobility Applications and Multi Modal Intelligent Traffic Signal Systems**
  - May 2015
  - Phoenix, Arizona
- **Ninth National Aviation System Planning Symposium**
  - May 17-19, 2015
  - Charleston, South Carolina
- **9th International Conference on Managing Pavement Assets**
  - May 18-22, 2015
  - Alexandria, Virginia
- **Road Map to EMS Systems Safety**
  - May 22, 2015
  - Washington, D.C.
- **Fifth International Symposium on Nanotechnology in Construction\***
  - May 24-26, 2015
  - Chicago, Illinois

## **New Student Bios**

**Fangzheng Yuan** of Jiangxi, China is currently a Ph.D. student in the Transportation and Logistics program. In 2014 Yuan earned his master's degree in Transportation and Urban Systems from NDSU. He previously earned his bachelor's degree in Aircraft Design at Nanchang University and another bachelor's degree in Manufacturing Engineering at NDSU. Yuan is studying GIS modeling, network analysis, pavement design, and gravel road modeling. His future goals consist of becoming more familiar with GIS modeling and network analysis. He also hopes to have a better understanding and knowledge about pavement design and gravel road modeling. Yuan's future plans are to focus on his area of study and become a specialist in that area.

**Bryan King** of West Haven, CT, is an M.S. student in the Transportation and Urban Systems program. He earned a B.A in Economics from the University of Connecticut in 2009. King has a strong interest in researching macro and micro economic studies of both domestic and international markets and their economies. He also focuses his research on the constant flux of supply and demand within different industries and their effects on the global economy. King's future goals consist of applying his graduate degree to his work with Metro North for further career advancement within management or capital planning.



### US Senators Hear from AASHTO about Potential Funding Crisis

Get all of this week's in-depth transportation news in the [AASHTO Journal](#), out now!

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