

Transportation Tidbits



Welcome to the March issue of the Transportation Tidbits Newsletter! This issue features the latest happenings within the transportation industry along with a list of upcoming transportation conferences and webinars. You can also find some of the latest news from our faculty and students! If you have any questions or comments about this month's issue, please [let us know](#). Enjoy!

Important Dates for NDSU Students

3/4: Grades of 'incomplete' convert to 'F'

3/7: 2nd half (8-week session) of spring semester begins

3/14-18: Spring Break Week (No Classes)

3/15: Late fee applied to unpaid account balances

3/21: Advising begins for Summer/ Fall semesters

3/24: Last day to

Getaround

Looking for a way to make some extra cash while you binge watch Netflix? Well Jessica Scorpio the cofounder of [Getaround](#), has come up with a way to make that happen. Getaround is a peer-to-peer on demand car sharing business that has raised \$40 million from big name investors. She came up with the idea while attending Singularity University in Silicon Valley. Her class was given the challenge to positively impact one billion people in 10 years. They needed to come up with an idea that would impact a large amount of people in a short amount of time, and transportation came to mind. Car sharing.



Initially, they tested the idea at Singularity to see to see how people would respond to sharing their car. The results were overwhelmingly positive. The next step was to find insurance to support their business, something they knew would be tricky. After little luck they changed tactics and eventually passed California law AB 1871: legislation stating that when participating in a personal-vehicle-sharing program, the car owner's insurance is never going to

withdraw to Zero Credits at 50% refund

3/25-28:
Holiday Spring Recess
(No Classes)

Recent News Updates

[Transit Fuels Transformation in Struggling Neighborhoods](#)

[America's Airports: Where Opportunity Soars](#)

[Paving the Way to a Brighter Economic Future in Puerto Rico](#)

[A Budget that Moves America Forward](#)

[Housing, Transportation, and Opportunity](#)

[Warning Signs and taking Action for Safer Roads](#)

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[Safety Talk](#)

be affected. Shortly after passing that legislation, they signed on to an insurance program with Warren Buffet's Berkshire-Hathaway.

Getaround was launched in 2014, letting renters instantly book available cars without waiting for owner approval. Renters can search for cars nearby through the Getaround apps or the website, instantly book available cars without waiting for owner approval, and locate and unlock the car as soon as their trip begins. Once a car has been equipped with a Getaround Connect - owners simply need to manage their car's availability through the app, noting anytime the car will not be available for sharing. When their car is booked, owners receive a notification confirming the trip.

To date, they have raised over \$40 million from a group of investors and have over 2,000 cars on Getaround with over 300,000 people signed up to use. They doubled revenue in the last six months of 2015 and announced major partnerships with Ford, Toyota and Audi. The goal for 2016 is to have over 5,000 cars on Getaround, well towards becoming the largest on-demand car sharing company in North America.

Webinars

Check out this list of upcoming [webinars](#) offered by the Transportation Research Board. All participants must register at least 24 hours in advance of the webinar. If you missed a webinar and would like to know more about it [click here](#) for further instructions.

- **March 1, 2016** - [Current Practices in Field Inspections for Maintenance Quality Assurance](#)
- **March 7, 2016** - [Cities Beyond Driving](#)
- **March 8, 2016** - [Comprehensive Analysis of Thermal Cracking in Asphalt Pavements](#)
- **March 9, 2016**- [Lessons Learned from 10+ Years of Using Full- Depth Reclamation for Road Rehabilitation](#)
- **March 15, 2016** - [Air Service Strategies for Small, Medium, and Non- Hub Airports in Today's Competitive Environment](#)
- **March 17, 2016** - [Identifying and Developing New Sources of Airport Revenue](#)
- **March 24, 2016**- [Scalability of Roundabouts](#)
- **March 29, 2016** - [Performance Management- An Optimized Investment Portfolio](#)
- **March 31, 2016** - [New Technologies for Renewable Energy in the Public Right of Way](#)

Upcoming Conferences

- [Lifesavers Conference](#)

[Dry Bean Stock Report Posted](#)

[Monthly Grain Industry Report](#)

[Seat Belt Use in Fatal and Injury Crashes](#)

[Proposed Center for Transportation Studies](#)

[Khan Accepts Position at StoneBrooke Engineering](#)

[Seismic Risk Assessment for the I-25/I-70 Corridor in the Mountain Plains Region of the U.S.](#)

- [April 3-5, 2016](#)
- [Long Beach, California](#)
- **[2016 World Steel Bridge Symposium](#)**
 - [April 13-16, 2016](#)
 - [Orlando, Florida](#)
- **[2016 Ferry Safety and Technology Conference](#)**
 - [April 14-15, 2016](#)
 - [New York, New York](#)
- **[2016 World Tunnel Congress](#)**
 - [April 22-28, 2016](#)
 - [San Francisco, California](#)
- **[2016 International Conference on Winter Maintenance and Surface Transportation Weather](#)**
 - [April 25-27, 2016](#)
 - [Fort Collins, Colorado](#)
- **[6th Transportation Research Board Conference on Innovations in Travel Modeling](#)**
 - [April 25-27, 2016](#)
 - [Denver, Colorado](#)
- **[15th International Conference on Managed Lanes](#)**
 - [May 4-6, 2016](#)
 - [Miami, Florida](#)
- **[2016 International Symposium on Enhancing Highway Performance](#)**
 - [June 14-16, 2016](#)
 - [Berlin, Germany](#)
- **[8th International Conference on Bridge Maintenance, Safety and Management](#)**
 - [June 23-30, 2016](#)
 - [Foz do Iguacu, Brazil](#)
- **[American Society of Civil Engineers \(ASCE\) 2016 International Conference](#)**
 - [June 26-29, 2016](#)
 - [Houston, Texas](#)
- **[2016 National Equipment Fleet Management Conference](#)**
 - [June 27-30, 2016](#)
 - [Columbus, OH](#)
- **[Transportation-Related Environmental Analysis, Ecology and Historic and Archaeological Preservation Summer Conference](#)**
 - [July 2016](#)

- [Salt Lake City, UT](#)
- **3rd International Conference on Access Management**
 - [July 6-7, 2016](#)
 - [Pretoria, South Africa](#)
- **11th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management**
 - [July 10-12, 2016](#)
 - [Minneapolis, MN](#)
- **International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure and Materials**
 - [July 16-18, 2016](#)
 - [Xi'an, China](#)
- **Transportation- Related Noise and Vibration Committee Summer Conference**
 - [July 24-27, 2016](#)
 - [Missoula, Montana](#)
- **GeoChina 2016 International Conference**
 - [July 25-27, 2016](#)
 - [Shandong, China](#)
- **Resource Conference and Recovery Summer Conference**
 - [July 26-29, 2016](#)
 - [Asheville, NC](#)

Workshops/ Meetings

No workshops or meetings for March. Check back in April!

New Student Biography

Brent Kastor is a student in the Masters Transportation and Urban Studies. Before North Dakota State University, Kastor earned Bachelor's Degrees

in Music Performance and Geography from Illinois State University. Kastor received the 2006 Esri Special Achievement in GIS and served as a chair for the North East Florida GIS 2012-2014 (Currently re-elected as Vice-chair for the 2015-2016 cycle). In his spare time Kastor likes to stay active (cycling/jogging), spend time with his wife and children, and watch the Chicago Cubs,



Chicago Bears and Jacksonville Jaguars. His future goals are to lead in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for a Fortune 250 company.



Brandon Maurisak is pursuing his master's degree in transportation and urban systems. Previously he attended Michigan Technological University where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Maurisak is also an American Public Transportation Association Early Career Program 2015 Graduate. In his spare time, Maurisak enjoys playing goalie in a recreational hockey league and managing the merchandise for the Dark Clouds supporters group of Minnesota United FC. He also works as a

track design engineer on the Southwest Light Rail extension in the Twin Cities. Maurisak's future goals are to see the Southwest Light Rail extension through construction and use that experience and his degree in transportation and urban systems as the backbone for his next career move.

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If you have items that you would like to submit for our next monthly Transportation Tidbits newsletter, please email Makenzie Schmidt at makenzie.lee.schmidt@ndsu.edu by the 15th of the month.