

# Transportation Tidbits



## Greetings,

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 questions or comments about this month's issue, please [let us know](#). Enjoy!

### Important Dates for NDSU Students

**3/13-17: Spring Break  
Week**

**3/15: Late fee applied  
to unpaid account  
balances**

**3/23: Last day to  
withdraw to zero  
credits @ 50% refund**

## President Trumps Infrastructure Plan

In the transportation industry we know how important infrastructure is, and it seems President Trump agrees. The President is proposing a \$1 trillion infrastructure package to repair the country's crumbling infrastructure, though discussions are still in early stages. Public transit agencies are making the case for being included in President Trump's infrastructure package, stressing job creation and economic growth.

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) pointed to new estimates that show investing \$200 billion in public transportation would generate 10 million jobs over 10 years and add \$800 billion to the gross domestic product (GDP) over the next 20 years. The APTA argued that

## Recent News Updates

Highlights

10 Things on US DOT Modes: PHMSA

How to locate pipelines National Pipeline Mapping System

From Engineering to Peanuts to the Presidency

Pilot Safety: Developing Personal Minimums

The President Who Was a Mining Engineer

investment in public transit not only creates jobs from construction projects, but also helps connect people to new employment and other economic opportunities. Access to reliable public transportation can also affect where companies decide to locate.

Some transportation advocates fear that the deal could leave public transportation spending left out. The 2016 GOP platform calls for entirely eliminating federal funding for mass transit, bike-share programs, sidewalks, and rail to rail projects arguing that mass transit only benefits big cities. As the bill is in its early stages we can only speculate at its contents.

For more information visit

<http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/323702-transit-agencies-push-for-inclusion-in-trumps-infrastructure-plan>.

## UGPTI in the Spotlight

Safety Talk- Heart Health

Annual Awards Online Nomination Form Available

Research Report- Data- Driven Freeway Performance Evaluation Framework for Project Prioritization and Decision Making

## Webinars

- **Winter Operations: Understanding Aircraft Deicers and Their Impact on Stormwater Runoff**
  - March 14, 2017
- **Livable Transit Corridors**
  - March 16, 2017
- **Advances in Concrete Pavement Joint Durability**
  - March 20, 2017
- **Mini-Roundabouts: Is the US Ready to Take Advantage of Their Benefits**
  - March 21, 2017
- **Guidelines for Lighting Overhead Signs**
  - March 22, 2017
- **Advancing Collaborative Decision-Making (CDM) at Airports**
  - March 23, 2017
- **Highway Rumble Strips: Approaches to Balancing Public Safety and Community Noise**
  - March 28, 2017
- **Performance-Based Design and Improving the Geometric Design Process**

Research Report-  
Seismic Rehabilitation  
of Skewed and  
Curved Bridges Using  
a New Generation of  
Buckling Restrained  
Braces

Monthly Grain Industry  
Reports Updated

Transportation and  
Logistics Faculty and  
Students Present  
Research at  
Transportation  
Research Board  
Meeting

- March 29, 2017
- **Performance Specifications for Asphalt Mixtures**
  - March 30, 2017

## Upcoming Conferences

- **Geotechnical Frontiers 2017 Conference**
  - March 12-15, 2017, Orlando, Florida
- **10th International Conference on Managing Fatigue in Transportation**
  - March 20-23, 2017, San Diego, California
- **2017 Joint Rail Conference**
  - April 4-7, 2017, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **11th International Bridge and Structures Management Conference: Abstracts Due November 12, 2016**
  - April 25-27, 2017, Mesa, Arizona
- **5th International Conference on Roundabouts**
  - May 8-10, 2017, Green Bay Wisconsin
- **16th TRB National Transportation Planning Applications Conference**
  - May 14-18, 2017, Raleigh, NC
- **2017 Ferry Safety and Technology conference**
  - May 11-12, 2017, New York, New York
- **2017 Conference on Ecology and Transportation**
  - May 14-18, 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah
- **International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure and Materials**
  - June 9-12, 2017, Qingdao, China
- **First International Roadside Safety Conference**
  - June 12-15, 2017, San Francisco, California
- **World Conference on Pavement and Asset Management**
  - June 14-17, 2017, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **Tenth International Conference on the Bearing Capacity of Roads, Railways, and Airfields**
  - June 28-30, 2017, Athens, Greece
- **Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation Committee Summer Conference 2017**
  - July 2017, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **Resource Conservation and Recovery Summer Conference**
  - July 2017, Duluth, Minnesota
- **GeoMEast International Conference: "Innovation Infrastructure Geotechnology"**
  - July 15-19, 2017, Sharm ElSheikh, Egypt
- **Transportation- Related Noise and Vibration Committee Summer Conference**
  - July 23-26, 2017, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Workshops/ Meetings

- **Committee for a Study of the Future Interstate Highway System**
  - May 17-18, 2017, Irvine, California
- **Workshop on Future Highway Capacity Manual Updates**
  - June 14-17, 2017, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## New Student Biography



soccer and volleyball and spending time with friends.

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## A Pep Talk from Kid President to You!



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