

Transportation Tidbits



May 2017

Greetings,

Welcome to the May 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

5/8-5/12: Final
Examinations Week

5/12: Graduate
Student Final
Disquisition copy for
May Graduation

5/13:
Commencement
ceremonies

Celebrating 50 Years of Transportation Innovation

UGPTI is celebrating 50 years of service to those who depend on the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. To kick off the celebration we observed National Transportation Week a little early this year so that we could share the festivities with students, faculty and staff on campus before the end of spring semester.



5/15: Late fees applied to unpaid account balances

5/16: Grades due

5/16: Spring grade access begins online

5/16: Classes begin for 4-week and full 12-week sessions

5/16: Last day for wait lists to run for 4-week session

5/17: Eligible Pell/TEACH Grants based on enrollment at 11:59 p.m. (4-week session)

5/17: Last day to add classes via campus connection for 4-week session

5/17: Last day to add classes via campus connection for 4-week session classes @ 100% refund

5/17: Last day to withdraw to zero

National Transportation Week, normally celebrated during the third week of May, is an opportunity to increase the awareness and appreciation of the transportation industry and celebrate the transportation professionals who keep our country on the move.

UGPTI Activities

EARLY APRIL - Outreach to Schools. UGPTI sent out transportation-related information and activities that can be incorporated into classroom learning to schools across North Dakota.

THURS. APRIL 20 - Root Beer Floats. UGPTI distributed root beer floats in the NDSU Memorial Union Thursday, April 20. UGPTI servers added 6 gallons of ice cream to 18 liters of root beer to create more than 250 floats in just over an hour. Those staffing the booth also provided visitors with information about the Institute and its mission.

Webinars

- [**Planning for Millennials: What Do They Want and How Do Agencies Prepare**](#)
 - May 11, 2017
- [**Current Trends in Multi-Agency Transit Electronic Fare Systems**](#)
 - May 11, 2017
- [**Incorporating Oversize/ Overweight Data into Transportation Planning**](#)
 - May 16, 2017
- [**Lessons Learned from the International Roughness Index Smoothness Specifications**](#)
 - May 17, 2017
- [**Environmentally Sensitive Stream Bank Protection**](#)
 - May 18, 2017
- [**NextGen for Airports- Introduction and Overview**](#)
 - May 22, 2017
- [**NextGen for Airports- Resources and Guidebook**](#)
 - May 24, 2017
- [**Planning and Preliminary Engineering Applications Guide to the Highway Capacity Manual: Part 1, Contents**](#)
 - May 30, 2017
- [**High-Tension Cable Barriers: Lessons Learned**](#)
 - May 31, 2017

**credits @ 100% refund
(4-week session
classes only)**

5/19: Last day to submit requests to Audit Pass/Fail for 4-week session

5/21: Last day for Wait Lists to run for full 12-week session

5/22: Eligible Pell/Teach Grants based on enrollment at 11:59 p.m. (full 12-week session classes only)

5/22: Last day to add classes via campus connection for full 12-week session

5/22: Last day for no-record drop of full 12-week session classes @100% refund

5/22: Last day to withdraw to zero credits @ 100% refund (12-week session classes only)

5/23: Last day to withdraw to zero credits @ 75% refund

Upcoming Conferences

- **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
- **9th New York City Bridge Conference**
 - August 21-22, 2017, New York, New York
- **UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies' 16th Biennial Asilomar Conference on Transportation and Energy**
 - August 22-25, 2017, Pacific Grove, California
- **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2017 International Conference on Highway and Airfield Technology**
 - August 27, 2017, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **Transit GIS Conference**
 - September 6-8, 2017, Washington, D.C.
- **The 2nd TRB Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands: Partnerships for Enhancing Stewardship and Mobility- Early Bird Registration Ends July 14, 2017**
 - September 11-13, 2017, Washington, D.C.
- **11th University Transportation Center (UTC) Spotlight Conference: Rebuilding and Retrofitting the Transportation Infrastructure- Submit Abstracts by March 13, 2017**
 - September 26-27, 2017, Washington, D.C.
- **1st International Intelligent Construction Group Conference (IICG 2017)***

**(4-week session
classes only)**

**5/29: Holiday-
Memorial Day (no
classes, offices
closed)**

**5/29: Last day to
withdraw to zero
credits @ 50% refund
(4-week session
classes only) No
refunds issued for
withdraw to zero
credits after this date.**

**5/31: Financial aid
applied to NDSU
account balances (4-
week and 12-week
sessions)**

**5/31: Last day to
submit requests to
Audit Pass/Fail for full
12-week session**

Recent News Updates

[Bicycle Safer](#)

[Distracted Driving
Tweetup](#)

- September 26-28, 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
- [56th Annual Workshop on Transportation Law](#)
 - July 20- August 2, 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah

New Student Biography



Ihsan Khan graduated with his B.S. in civil engineering in 2012 from the University of Engineering and Technology in Pakistan and his M.S. in transportation engineering in 2015 from the National University of Sciences and Technology in Pakistan. Currently, he is pursuing a PhD in transportation and logistics in the hopes of someday returning to Pakistan and

pursuing a career as a teacher. Khan's research focuses on passenger car equivalent for different vehicle classes on rural arterial roads of Pakistan. In his spare time he enjoys playing soccer and watching movies.

[Federal Highway Administration](#)

[Program Helps States Explore New Ways of Funding Highways](#)

[Program Continues to Push Innovative Technologies to Tackle Congestion](#)

[A Closer Look: PHMSA's Pipeline Inspector Training Center](#)

[Inside the Volpe Center, USDOT's Premier Center for Multi-modal Safety, Efficiency and Innovation](#)

UGPTI in the Spotlight

[ND Grain Industry Data](#)

[Evaluation of Grouted Splice Sleeve Connections for Precast Reinforced Concrete Bridge Piers](#)

[Celebrating 50 Years of](#)

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