

Transportation Tidbits



November 2017

Greetings!

Welcome to the November 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

11/9- Last day to Drop classes with 'W' record

11/9- Last day to Withdraw to Zero Credits for Fall

11/10- Holiday-Veterans Day (no classes, offices closed)

11/15- Late fees applied to unpaid account balances

11/17- Graduate student Initial Disquisition submission for December graduation

Our Guide to Help You Get Ready for Winter



In Your Car



In Your Home



At The Office

Stock up with Warm Clothes

1. Hats and Gloves
2. Extra pair of socks
3. Blanket
4. Hand and feet warmers
5. Winter boots

Emergency & Snow Removal

1. Windshield Scraper
2. Tow Rope
3. Hand Shovel
4. Road salt or Kitty Litter
5. Jumper Cables

- #### Other
1. Flashlights
 2. Reflective gear
 3. Matches
 4. Extra phone charger
 5. Extra cash

- #### First Aid
1. First Aid Kit
 2. Food
 3. Water
 4. Medications
 5. Heat packs



- #### Remember
1. Get your car serviced

11/20- Open registration for spring

11/23-24- Holiday-Thanksgiving (no classes, offices closed Thursday)

11/27: Fall commencement Participation deadline

Recent News Updates

Virgin Islands & Puerto Rico

Secretary Chao Meets with SIU and Ship Operators on Hurricane Relief

Kids' Art Contest Highlights Road Safety

Protect Your Kids on the Road

A Message from Secretary Chao on Hurricane Irma

A Vision for Safety: Safer Roads through Vehicle Automation

UGPTI in the Spotlight

Research Report- Dynamic Assessment of Bridge Deck Performance Considering Realistic Bridge-Traffic Interaction

Research Report- Does the 24/7

2. Check tire pressure and tire tread
3. Ensure windshield wipers are efficient
4. Don't let gas tank get too low

Clean your gutters and drains before they freeze to avoid ice dams.

These can block drainage and cause water to seep into your home.

Use a door snake or rolled-up towel at the base of your door to keep cold air out.

Reducing drafts can save 5-30% of energy use!

Keep your south-facing windows clean and their curtains open during the day to let in the sun's heat.

Be sure to close them when the sun goes down!

Fences, Evergreen trees, shrubs, and more can actually cut harsh winter winds and reduce your heating bills.

Place on north, west, and east side of homes.



With winter comes cold in flu season. To combat germs remember to wash your hands with warm soapy water, avoid touching your face, and keep tissues and sanitizer handy!

Bonus tip: Clean your desk with antibacterial wipes and anything else you would be prone to share.

Dress in layers, it is always easier to remove a layer if you get too warm. Also leave extra warm socks and a jacket at the office for those extra chilly days.

Bonus tip: Consider wearing warm shoes for the walk in and changing at your desk. That way you have dry socks and warm feet!

If possible, keep small things at your desk or area that help you survive winter months. Decorations, small treats, or a warm drink mix to help kick those chills.

Bonus tip: Try a seasonal coffee, creamer, or juice flavor.



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<https://www.everydayhealth.com/cold-flu-pictures/never-get-sick-work.aspx>



Webinars

- [Optimizing the Risk and Cost of Materials Quality Assurance](#)
 - [November 6, 2017](#)
- [Right-Sizing Roundabout Intersections for State Highways](#)
 - [November 7, 2017](#)
- [Practical Techniques for Successfully Communicating Technical Topics](#)
 - [November 9, 2017](#)
- [Airport In-Terminal Concession Program Implementation](#)
 - [November 14, 2017](#)

Upcoming Conferences

- [Sixth International Human Factors Rail Conference](#)
 - November 6-9, 2017, London, UK
- [Second Pan American conference on Unsaturated Soils](#)
 - November 12-15, 2017, Dallas, Texas

Sobriety Program
Positively Influence
Driver Behaviors in
North Dakota

Research Report- A
Framework for
Assessing Feasibility
of Transit- Oriented
Development (TOD)
Project Sites

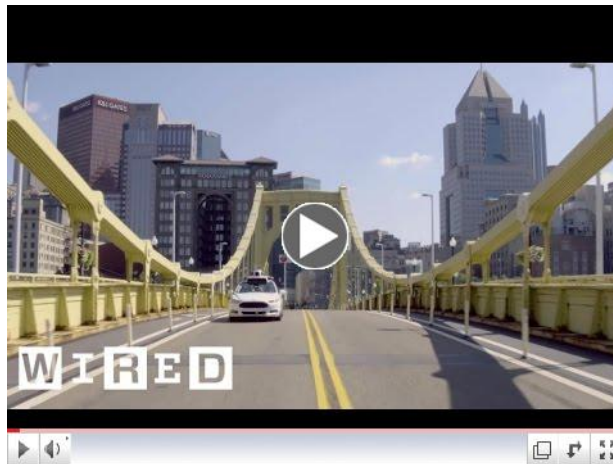
Dry Bean Stock
Report Updated

- 29th Road Profile Users Group Conference
 - November 14-16, 2017, Denver, Colorado
- 2017 National Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference
 - December 7-8, 2017, Miami, Florida
- 4th Conference of Transportation Research Group of India
 - December 17-20, 2017, Mumbai, India

Workshops/ Meetings

- 18th IRF World Road Meeting 2017
 - November 14-17, 2017, New Delhi, India

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