Greetings!

Welcome to the November & December issue of the Transportation Tidbits Newsletter! In this issue of the newsletter you will find updates on graduate school news and recent/upcoming happenings in the transportation field. This issue also includes a variety of upcoming transportation conferences, workshops, and webinars. Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions or comments!

Important Dates for NDSU Students

11/15: Late fees applied to unpaid account balances

11/21: Graduate student Initial Disquisition submission for December graduation

11/27 - 11/28: HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving (no classes, offices closed Thursday, offices open Friday)

12/1: Undergraduate/Professional student Fall Commencement Participation deadline

12/8 - 12/12: Dead

Did you catch Sunday (November 23rd, 2014) night's segment of 60 Minutes: "Falling Apart: America's Neglected Infrastructure"?

Here's a short segment of the "60 Minutes" video aired by CBS News.

[Link to CBS News Infrastructure Clip]
**Webinars**

- There are many upcoming webinars available on the TRB website including:
  - December 4, 2014 - Practical Techniques for Successfully Communicating Technical Topics
  - December 9 - Facility Planning Tools to Create Alternative Growth and Development Scenarios
  - December 10 - Tool Demonstrations for Airport Terminal Planning and Design
  - December 15 - Data Business Planning - Applying AASHTO's Data Principles
  - December 16 - Tracking Public Perceptions Related to Data Privacy
  - December 17 - Strategies to Mitigate the Impacts of Chloride Roadway Deicers on the Natural Environment
  - February 26, 2015 - Performance of WMA Technologies: Stage I - Moisture Susceptibility

**Upcoming Conferences**

- **3rd International Conference on Connected Vehicles and Expo (ICCVE 2014)**
  - November 3-7, 2014
  - Vienna, Austria

- **2014 National Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) Conference**
  - December 4-5, 2014
  - Miami, Florida

- **8th University Transportation Center Spotlight Conference on the Role of Freight Transportation in Economic Competitiveness**
  - December 10-11, 2014
  - Washington, D.C.

- **TransportationCamp DC 2015**
  - January 10, 2015
  - Arlington, Virginia

- **Geosynthetics 2015 Conference**
  - February 15-18, 2015
  - Portland, Oregon

- **2015 Joint Rail Conference**
  - March 23-26, 2015
  - San Jose, California

**Workshops/ Meetings**

- **Data Analysis Working Group Forum on Pavement Performance Data**
Cities
GROWing U.S. Contributions to the Global Supply Chain

UGPTI in the Spotlight

Safety Factor Increase to Fatigue Limit States through Shear Spiking for Timber Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation - Phase I

2015 TRB 94th Annual Meeting
- January 11-15, 2015
- Washington, D.C.

2015 Shifting International Trade Routes Workshop
- January 29-30, 2015
- Tampa, Florida

New Student Bios

Becky Hoffart is a native of Rugby, ND and is a Graduate Student in the Masters of Managerial Logistics program at North Dakota State University. She attended North Dakota State University in 2004 where she earned her B.S. in Microbiology and a Minor in Food Safety. She has received the SOLE Demonstrated Logistician award and is currently in the U.S. Army as a Medical Logistics Officer. She is interested in learning how to incorporate Medical Logistics into the by broad spectrum of Logistics by utilizing the Logistics 2020 campaign. In Becky’s spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, running, and reading. Her future goals include earning her PhD in Logistics and Transportation and working for USAMMA in Medical Logistics.

Craig Banner is a native of Houston, TX and is a Master’s student in the Managerial Logistics program at North Dakota State University. He attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a B.S. in Human Resource Development. Craig entered active duty service as a Logistics Officer in the United States Army in 2007 and deployed to Iraq in 2008 and 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, respectively. As a Logistics Officer, he was heavily involved with supporting Armor and Cavalry units; he was also recognized by the United States Armor Association as a Noble Patron of Armor. In his spare time he enjoys running, reading, going to church, and spending time with his family. Craig recently served as a Forward Support Company Commander in support of an Armored Reconnaissance Squadron in the 3rd Infantry Division. He was recently selected and currently serves in a second company command in the Division Headquarters Battalion with the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA. His future plans include completing the master’s program and furthering his knowledge of logistical operations in the civilian sector which will help him as he progresses in the logistics field as a U.S. Army Officer.
If you have items you would like to submit for our next monthly tidbits newsletter, please email Jody Wendt at jody.wendt@ndsu.edu by the 15th of the month.