We hope you enjoy this issue of METRANS on the Move, transportation news by and for students. If you are not a regular subscriber but would like to be, please contact Kaitlyn Zhang (kenanzha@usc.edu) so she can add you to the distribution list!

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In the News
Students Tour Foothill Transit

20 USC students and 3 USC Price alumni attended METRANS second and final field trip of Fall 2016, a behind-the-scenes tour of the Operations and Maintenance Facility for Foothill Transit. Read more here.

John Cho and Peter Gordon Share Research on Agglomerations

METRANS Transportation Center held its second Research Seminar for the Fall 2016 semester, featuring Peter Gordon and John Cho. Read more here.

Technology and Transportation Merge at ITS Annual Conference

The Intelligent Transportation Society of California recently held its Annual Conference on September 19 to 21 in Indian Wells, CA. Read more here.
The Port of L.A. is Having a Dramatic Year
Here's What Its Chief Sees in Its Future

It has been a wild year for the people who choreograph the flow of goods in and out of U.S. ports. Read more here.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx sits down for a conversation with jazz legend Wynton Marsalis. Mr. Marsalis shares stories about streetcar rides with his great-uncle in 1960s New Orleans, the significance of trains in American mythology, and how the sounds of transportation continue to inspire his music today. Click the image above to view the video.

Featured Events & Opportunities
Supply Chain Consolidation and Cooperation in the Agricultural Industry

Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 | 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
RGL 100, USC main campus

Presented by:

Maged M. Dessouky
Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering, USC Viterbi School of Engineering
Director, The Daniel J. Epstein Institute

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Ph. D. Candidate, Industrial Systems and Engineering
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Unfiltered Career Insights
Hosted by a Transportation CEO
Wednesday, October 12th, 4PM to 5PM (Pacific Time)

Fehr & Peers will be hosting an interactive webinar to give students an opportunity to ask questions they may have about preparing for a career/intern search in the engineering industry. The webinar will be hosted by Matt Henry (Company CEO) and will consist of Cassandra Allen (Company HR), Ranjani Prabhakar (DC office), and
Spencer Reed (OC office) as the panelists.

The goal of the webinar is to give students an opportunity to learn about how to succeed when looking for job/intern opportunities. The panelist will be sharing experiences and answering questions about interviews, career fairs, resumes, work experience, and other application aspects. The event is free and students can visit the following website to learn more and register to attend:

http://www.fehrandpeers.com/unfiltered-career-insights/

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Seminar
Friday, October 14th, 2016 | 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
USC Main Campus Location TBD

Why do Warehouse Decentralize More in Certain Metropolitan Areas

Presented by Sanggyun Kang
Sanggyun Kang is a Ph.D. candidate in urban planning and development at the University of Southern California. His field specialization is urban freight systems. He is interested in documenting sub-metropolitan spatial characteristics of warehousing and distribution centers and testing how changing spatial patterns may affect urban freight activities over time.

The Ecology of Walking to School Experience:
Children’s And Parents’ Perceptions From City Heights

Presented by Hue-Tam Jamme
Hue-Tam Jamme is a second-year Ph.D. student in Urban Planning and Development at USC. She works on the experience of travel in the city with an overall interest in the global context.

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Multiple Job Openings at the Caltrans, Los Angeles - District 7

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 has multiple job openings for Environmental Planner, Transportation Planner, Right of Way Agent, and Transportation Surveyor. These classifications are the entry-level series for these Civil Service classifications. Caltrans plans, designs, constructs, operates and maintains the State of California’s comprehensive transportation system. Explore the exciting and myriad world of Civil Service and be a part of the dynamic future of Transportation.

For specific information pertaining to the aforementioned classifications, please explore the following links:
- Environmental Planner (PDF)
- Transportation Planner (PDF)
- Right of Way Agent (PDF)
- Transportation Surveyor (Caltrans) (PDF)

The State of California offers comprehensive benefits and various career opportunities which can be explored through the State Personnel Board website: www.jobs.ca.gov. To search and apply for available positions, please visit the State Personnel Board website and create an account which will enable you to submit applications electronically.

United States Department of Transportation
2017 Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG)
Applications Due January 20, 2017

The Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG) provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and skills that will complement your academic pursuits. This hands-on program is designed to mentor and cultivate tomorrow's leaders, strengthen their understanding of the transportation industry and prepare them for future public service opportunities.

The STIPDG is a paid internship program open to all qualified candidates without regard to their race, gender, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age,
physical or mental disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic prohibited by state or local law.

Internship Period: June 5th - August 11th, 2017
For more information and to submit an application, click here.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

METRANS Mentor Program Accepting Applications for Fall 2016

Are you a student interested in considering a career in transportation but find yourself unsure of how to begin? Or perhaps you are well on your way and just need some additional support? We have great news for you! We are pleased to announce that METRANS will continue our popular mentor program this Fall and is now accepting applications!

Our program offers a connection between students and practitioners in diverse branches of the transportation including planning, logistics, policy, and more. For those interested in knowing more about the growing field of transportation, this mentor program will provide you with professional advice and practical career guidance to help you better understand these career options. Read more and download the application here.

Those who wish to be involved with METRANS mentor program as either a mentee or mentor are encouraged to contact METRANS Assistant Director Victoria Deguzman at victoriv@usc.edu or METRANS Student Mentor Program Coordinator, Shichun Hu at shichunh@usc.edu.

Webinar: Emerging Trends in Multimodal Data Collection
Thursday, October 13th, 2016, 12pm and 3pm EST

Cities are increasingly relying on traffic data to make informed decisions about their infrastructure. At the same time, different types and greater volumes of traffic data
are being collected than ever before.

Miovision will be hosting a webinar on the globally emerging trends in multimodal data collection and how Miovision is innovating their products to meet market demand. Read more [here](#).
Working and Living in a Port City Seminar Series
CSULB Main Campus, Foundation Building, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Learn about the ports and their impact on the community, international trade, and jobs. This seminar series is designed to provide participants with a broader perspective on the value of international trade to our communities. Read more here.

Seminar A: Ports: Local Actors and Global Trade (October 13, 2016)
Seminar B: Ports: Gateway to International Trade (October 18, 2016)
Seminar C: Careers: The Key to Success is an Educated and Skilled Workforce (October 19, 2016)

Register online or call (562) 985-2872 for more information. Get a discount by registering for all three seminars.

Airport Cooperative Research Program
University Design Competition for Addressing Airport Needs
2016 - 2017 Academic Year

The Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) is sponsoring a national competition for universities that engages students in addressing issues relating to airports and the National Airspace System. This Competition challenges individuals
and teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students working with faculty advisors to consider innovative approaches related to these challenges. Submitters should design innovative solutions that focus on addressing airport issues and constraints that would enhance the management, safety, capacity, and efficiency of the nation’s airports.

Competition goals:

1. Raise awareness of the benefits of the ACRP and the importance of airports and the FAA to the National Airspace System infrastructure.
2. Increase the involvement of the academic community in ACRP and addressing airport operations and infrastructure issues and needs.
3. Engage students at U.S. colleges and universities in the conceptualization of applications, systems, and equipment capable of addressing related challenges in a robust, reliable, and comprehensive manner.
4. Encourage undergraduate and graduate students at U.S. colleges and universities to contribute innovative ideas and solutions to issues facing airports and the National Airspace System.
5. Provide a framework and incentives for quality educational experiences for university students.
6. Develop an awareness of and an interest in airports as vital and interesting areas for engineering and technology careers.

The Competition website is the participant’s source for complete and up-to-date information: vsgc.odu.edu/ACRPDesignCompetition

For more information about the competition, click here.

Volunteer at the American Planning Association State Conference in Pasadena
October 22nd - 25th, 2016

Have you always wanted to get involved in the American Planning Association but never knew how? The Los Angeles Section of the American Planning Association is hosting the 2016 California Planning Conference in Pasadena on October 22-25, 2016. Volunteering at the 2016 APA conference in Pasadena is your opportunity to rub shoulders with professional planners of all kinds working all throughout California and beyond!

Don't delay! Sign up today to secure your spot volunteering at the
2016 Mobility 21 Southern California Transportation Summit: Empowering California
Friday, October 21st, 8 AM to 4 PM

Mobility 21 is a coalition that brings together public, business, and community stakeholders to pursue regional solutions to the transportation challenges facing Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura counties. A nonpartisan alliance, Mobility 21 delivers a unified voice for the region’s transportation priorities and seeks to improve mobility in the region.

For more information, click here.

2016 Mayoral Housing, Transportation and Jobs Summit
Friday, October 28, 2016 | 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM PDT

Public Private Models for Infill Housing Development

We will be discussing models for housing development in LA presented by leading private developers. Other topics will include insight on new financing models,
maximizing tax credits and other resources, streamlining and reducing barriers to
development, addressing homelessness and low-income housing, and maximizing
the benefits of density.

The Future of Transportation in Los Angeles

Trends in transportation and technology; Measure M (Metro’s Ballot Measure & Plan
to Ease Traffic), Autonomous vehicles, transportation networking companies, electric
vehicle technologies and investing in EV infrastructure to support LA’s growing
electric vehicle market; gaining jobs and environmental benefits by transforming our
multi-modal transportation system. For more information, click here.

The Summit has generously offered complimentary admission to students who
volunteer at the conference and METRANS will assist with coordinating
transportation.

Email Nicole (Haichao) Guo at haichaog@usc.edu if you are interested in
joining the conference as a volunteer.

ASPA’s SEIGOV (Section on Ethics and Integrity in Governance) INVITES
SUBMISSIONS FOR ITS ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION
Submissions Due December 15th

Students in public affairs and public policy graduate programs are invited to submit
their research papers authored in 2015 or 2016 on any public and administrative
ethics topic, including corruption, integrity, social equity, corporate responsibility, and
politics. Faculty members may also nominate student paper(s) for submission.
Conference papers, term papers, and journal manuscripts are eligible for submission
(literature reviews, case studies, and review essays are ineligible for entry). Please
note that only one submission per student is allowed, and the paper should be
written entirely by the student and not co-authored. The paper should not exceed 20
pages in length, including citations and references, and should follow APA format.

Each paper will be peer-reviewed and judged for its quality, methodology,
importance, and policy implications along with clarity in writing.

The winning submission will be awarded a prize of $250 and the author will receive a
certificate of recognition from SEIGOV at the 2017 ASPA Conference, and will be
announced in media publications. The section will provide financial support for the winner to attend ASPA’s national conference in Atlanta, GA, March 17 -21, 2017.

Papers (and questions regarding the competition) should be submitted to Prof. Danny L. Balfour at balfourd@gvsu.edu as an e-mail attachment. Please use MSWord (.doc) or Rich Text Format (.rtf).

Young Researchers Seminar 2017 - Call for Abstracts/Papers
May 16th - 18th 2017 in Berlin, Germany

Young Researchers Seminar is an event organized every two years in a different European country. The common vision for the Young Researchers Seminar is the preparation of a new generation of transport scientists and science-based professionals in the area of transport.

Young researchers are cordially invited to submit their abstracts. The deadline for submitting abstracts to the YRS2017 is extended to September 30th. They should preferably be postdoc (less than 5 years after PhD) and involved in one of the below-listed research domains:

- Transport economics, policy, and transport behavior
- Transport sustainability and environment
- Transport safety
- Intelligent transport systems (ITS) & traffic management
- Transport civil and road engineering

For more information and to submit abstracts/papers, click here.
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