It is my privilege to welcome you to this week’s METRANS On the Move, a student-run weekly transportation newsletter. I am the Outreach Lead at METRANS and second-year Master of Planning student at USC. The newsletter is a great source of latest developments in transportation, research, and job opportunities. Feel free to reach out to me, any of the student workers, or METRANS Associate Director Victoria Deguzman at victoriv@price.usc.edu with any ideas for the newsletter. Enjoy this week’s newsletter, and click the button below to subscribe!

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In the News

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Susan Metros joins METRANS/USC WIM Professional Development Series

By Shu Li, Director of Marketing and Operations at USC Herman Ostrow School

On December 5, METRANS and USC Women in Management (WIM) hosted Susan Metros, USC
What Elon Musk Gets Right About Transit

The Tesla CEO might have incurred the wrath of public transportation advocates, but he’s not wrong in his diagnosis of one fundamental problem. It matters what Musk thinks about transportation: As the founder of a pioneering electric vehicle company and the conceptualizer of Hyperloop, Musk is a man determined to transform how people move in and between cities. So he got an earful from transit experts after Wired published his comments. Read more here.

As New Gerald Desmond Bridge Continues Construction, Renderings Offer Future Perspective

The new Gerald Desmond Bridge is one of the largest infrastructure projects currently happening in California: with a $1.2B price tag, the main hope is for the bridge to be mutually beneficial for trade and commuters alike. Join METRANS PSR on Thursday, February 15, for a private tour of the project while still under construction! Find more information in the Get Involved Section. Read more here.

Get Involved

METRANS PSR has a limited number of sponsored spots for complimentary student attendance to this event. Please email Victoria Deguzman at victoriv@price.usc.edu to secure your spot.

Distinguished Industry Leader Speaker Series
USC AEC Construction Alumni Group
Speaker Event: 5:00 pm at USC Tutor Hall (RTH) 526

USC construction alumni group will host its first Distinguished Industry leader event. This engaging, multi-event series will feature leaders from the AEC industry who will discuss the importance of Leadership in the E&C industry.

This first event will feature Bob Card of TCG and Lou Cornell of Jacobs Engineering. Both of the guests have great industry experience including chief executive positions and can offer great insight for the future of our industry. The
session will be facilitated by Philip Stassi, recently retired President of Jacobs Global Buildings and Infrastructure. Both students and industry professionals should find this event inspiring and informative.

Our event on the 17th will begin with a short networking period followed by a presentation by each of our speakers. After the presentation, there will be a panel discussion with an interactive Q&A session.

**Tickets and More Info**

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**Free TRB Webinar**

*Uses of Social Media During an Airport Emergency*

*January 18, 2018, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm*

TRB will conduct a webinar on Thursday, January 18, 2018 that features research from the [Airport Cooperative Research Program](http://airportresearch.com) (ACRP)'s *Synthesis 82: Uses of Social Media to Inform Operational Response and Recovery During an Airport Emergency*.

This webinar will serve as an introduction to using social media platforms at airports to enhance situational awareness and resource allocation decisions during emergency situations. The presenters will describe how social media has changed the speed of communications that an airport may expect to experience, and how airports may affect the flow of information that may assist with making critical decisions.

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**USC Career Fest**

*What Every International Student Should Know About Getting a Job in the U.S.*

*Monday, January 29, 2018, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm*

**USC University Park Campus, Bovard Auditorium (ADM)**

**3551 Trousdale Parkway, Los Angeles, CA 90089**

Studying in the U.S. is a powerful first step towards making U.S. employment a reality, but each year thousands of international students are surprised to discover that it takes more than an American degree to get a job in the U.S. Job-seekers need to understand the unique challenges facing international students. In this presentation, Dan Beaudry, former recruiter and author, provides expert tips for international students to find jobs in the U.S.

Click [here](http://careerfest.usc.edu) to see more information.

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**METRANS PSR Student & Alumni Tour**

*Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project*

*Thursday, February 15, 2018, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm*

Trip includes round-trip transportation to and from USC, UCSB, UCI, and/or UCLA
- Lunch included
- A tap card to keep
- Your own PPE gear to keep
- A guided bus and excursion trip of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Project

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The 19th Annual CTF Transportation Forum  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm**  
Sacramento Convention Center  

Confirmed speakers and more details coming in 2018!  
Join transportation professionals from the private and public sector for this very important event,  
register to attend or sponsor today!  

**Early Bird Rate ends January 31.**  
To register and pay by check [click here](#) to download the Mail-In Check Registration Form and follow the instructions on the form.

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**METRANS Student & Alumni Field Trip**  
**March 2018**  
Anaheim Regional Intermodal Transportation Center  
Behind-the-scenes Guided Tour  
- 67,000 ft.$^2$ (6,200 m$^2$) & $185.2$ million  
- LEED Platinum certified  
- 2015 Public Works Project of the Year (APWA)  

Roundtrip Metrolink fare from LA Union Station included  
For more information, contact Yang Deng at dengyang@usc.edu

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**NaTMEC 2018**  
**Call for Poster/Presentation Abstract**  
National Travel Monitoring Exposition and Conference  
**June 10 - 13, 2018**  
Hotel Irvine, Irvine, California

**Sponsored by**  
Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR UTC)

The bi-annual National Travel Monitoring Exposition and Conference (NaTMEC) provides travel monitoring
professionals and transportation data users from around the world opportunities to share knowledge and good practices, exchange ideas, revisit fundamental concepts, learn new processes, procedures and techniques, and see the latest advancements in policy, technology, and equipment.

Scholarships & Academic Opportunities

97th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board
Doctoral Research in Transport Modeling and Traveler Behavior
Sunday, January 7, 2018, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
Washington, D.C.

At this workshop, PhD students conducting research in transportation modeling or traveler behavior are invited to present their work and discuss issues and questions they encountered. Individuals who wish to present their research need to submit required documents in Word or PDF format both to Rolf Moeckel, Technical University of Munich, at rolf.moeckel@tum.de, and to Patricia Mokhtarian, Georgia Institute of Technology, at patmokh@gatech.edu.

If you have any questions, please email Rolf Moeckel at rolf.moeckel@tum.de.

APA TPD Student Paper Competition
Call for Papers
Applications Due Friday, January 26, 2018
Submission instructions must be followed to receive an award.

Send questions and final submissions to:
Laurel Land, AICP
Chair, Student Paper Competition
APA Transportation Planning Division
E-mail: lland@rpcgb.org
Phone: 205-264-8473

See the flyer for more information.

ITS California 2018 Scholarships
For Studies In Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
Applications Due February 1, 2018
$2,500 for the 2018-19 academic year
Degree: Junior undergraduates, senior undergraduates pursuing a graduate degree and Masters/Ph.D. candidates in any ITS-related field including transportation planning, engineering, transit, transportation policy, etc.

Please select the appropriate scholarship information depending upon if you are a veteran or non-veteran.

Please see the flyers for more information.

Student Application

Veteran Application

Transportation Technology Tournament
Applications Due February 15, 2018

The National Operations Center of Excellence (NOCoE) and the U.S. DOT ITS JPO PCB program announce a competition for students to work directly with state and local DOTs to solve real-world transportation problems utilizing ITS and TSMO solutions.

Student teams will assemble and work with a local or state agency to define a problem or challenge in their region, or choose to address one of the sample problems outlined below. After submitting an initial contest application identify the team and the problem or challenge, students will work with academic advisors to learn about potential ITS and TSMO solutions via online training programs outlined below. Teams will then utilize their experience, education, and new coursework to develop a solution or suite of solutions to directly address the originally defined problem. Students will submit their solutions via a proposal. Finalist teams will develop a presentation and then will be flown to the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) 2018 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis to give a live presentation in front of a panel of judges made up of leaders in the ITS and TSMO community.

Please feel free to contact Adam Hopps at ahopps@transportationops.org or phone (202-680-0091) with any questions in advance of submission.

More Info

The Benjamin H. Stevens 2018 - 2019 Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science
Applications Due February 15, 2018

Graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in North America are encouraged to apply for the Eighteenth Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science, administered by the North American Regional Science Council of the Regional Science Association International (NARSC-RSAI).

The Fellowship consists of a stipend in the amount of $30,000 (U.S.), paid over a twelve-month period. Applications for the 2018–2019 Fellowship should be sent electronically by the applicant to the Selection Committee Chair, Professor Mario Polèse, mario.polese@ucs.inrs.ca by the deadline of February 15, 2018.

Applications should be emailed to Professor Mario Polèse at mario.polese@ucs.inrs.ca. Questions may also be sent to him at mario.polese@ucs.inrs.ca. For information about the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), go to www.regionalscience.org.
$5,000 CTF Heckeroth Scholarship
Applications Due Friday, February 16, 2018

Students who attend a California university or community college, major in Civil Engineering, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 and plan to pursue a career in transportation after graduation are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is competitive and based on the applicant’s commitment to a career in transportation, current achievements, and academic record. Eligible applicants are a United States citizen, permanent resident, or documented international student.

To apply for the CTF Heckeroth Scholarship download the application by clicking here.

Contact CTF at sarah_west@transportationfoundation.org for more information.

Diane Woodend Jones WTS Chair Scholarship
Eno Leadership Development Conference for Emerging Professionals
Applications Due Friday, February 16, 2018

The 2018 conference will be held May 20 - 24, 2018, in Washington, DC.

Thanks to the generosity of Diane Woodend Jones, WTS Chair, one of the 2018 Eno Center for Transportation’s Leadership Development attendees will be a WTS member and attend at no cost.

For more information about the program and past speakers, please e-mail LDC@enotrans.com.

$5,000 CTF Graduate School Scholarship
Applications Due April 2, 2018

Students who are studying a transportation-related field; are currently enrolled as a student in good standing in a California graduate school, or are currently enrolled in an undergraduate institution and have been accepted into a California graduate school; and are a United States citizen, permanent resident, or studying in legal visa status are eligible to apply. The weight of the selection criteria will be: essay (67%); letter of recommendation (11%); undergrad grades (11%); work, professional experience, and leadership (11%).

To apply to the CTF Graduate School Scholarship download the application here.

Contact: CTF at sarah_west@transportationfoundation.org for more information.
The 23rd National Conference on Rural and Intercity Bus is scheduled to take place from September 30 to October 3, 2018 in Breckenridge, Colorado. To encourage student participation in the conference, students attending an accredited U.S. community college, four-year college, or university as an undergraduate are offered the opportunity to participate in an essay competition. Two essay winners will receive cash prizes as well as travel funds to attend the conference.

**Essay Winners: 1st place $500 and 2nd place is $250**

Students must attend an accredited U.S. community college, four-year college, or university as an undergraduate.

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