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This week, there was a meeting of the Mobile MPO, and just this morning we received the INRIX Truck data. We are massaging it now and will keep you posted as it is a lot of data; please see *Mobile MPO Updates*. There is a new Sec. of Transportation announced; Please see *Legislative Updates*.

This week's Just For Fun, is puzzling...

Have a great weekend! And check out [ALGO Traffic](#) before you travel!

Anthony Johnson, Monica Williamson, Tom Piper, and Kevin Harrison, PTP

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Mobile MPO Updates

MPO Meeting 11/30/2016

There was a meeting of the Mobile MPO this week. Some of the items on the agenda included the CMP (*below*), and the TAP (*below*). Also on the agenda were some minor amendments to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program:

Bridge Funds

- 100054972 Extend Eastbound Bridge on SR-42 (US-98) Over Big Creek; CN; 6/30/2017; \$4,040,000
- 100064691 PE Replace Bridge on SR16 (US90) westbound over Tensaw –Spanish River; \$707,000; 11/1/2016

- 100060152 SR-158 Extension from Lott Road (Sr-217) To Schillinger Road. Grade Drain, Base, Pave, and Bridge (EB Seabury Creek, EB Ramp over Seabury Creek Tributary, EB Rogers Road, and Schillinger Road Intersection); CN; 9/29/2017; \$24,048,858
- 100060153 SR-158 Extension from 0.5 Mile East Of Glenwood Road To West of Lott Road (Sr-217). Grade, Drain, And Bridge (Eastbound Collins Creek); CN; 1/26/2018; \$17,721,177
- 100060154 SR-158 Eastbound Extension From 0.5 Miles East Of Glenwood Road to Lott Road (SR-217). Base, Pave, And Bridge (Eastbound McCrary Road and Eastbound Collins Creek Tributary); CN; 5/25/2018; \$15,351,485
- 100052812 Construct Bridge on Glenwood Road Over SR-42 (US-98); CN; 9/29/2017; \$5,372,832

We have Six Members to the Mobile Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

- Mayor Tom Williams; City Satsuma
- Mayor Jimmie Gardner; City of Prichard
- Mayor David Baker; City of Semmes
- Mayor Terry Downey; City of Bayou La Batre
- Mayor William Criswell; Town of Creola
- Mr. Bryan Kegley, PE, (*County Engineer's Office*)

INRIX TRUCK DATA



Origin Zone: For this Project, trips were analyzed that started in or initially passed through any of the Origin Zones.

Middle Filter Zone: For the Project, trips were analyzed that went through any of the Middle Filter Zones after starting in or passing through an Origin Zone and before ending in or passing through a Destination Zone.

Destination Zone: For the Project, trips were analyzed that ended in or passed through any of the Destination Zones after starting in or passing through an Origin Zone and then passing through a Middle Filter Zone.

Locations:

Middle Filter zones:

1. Moffet Road – Between Rolf Ridge and I-65
2. I-65 – Between US 90 and Airport Blvd
3. Rangeline Road – Between Hamilton and I-10
4. Cochrane Bridge
5. I-165 – Between
6. Water Street and Bay Bridge Road
7. Broad St – Between I-10 and Virginia Street

Origin and Destination Zones:

These zones are located on the edges of the study area on the following routes:

1. I-65
2. US 43
3. US 45
4. US 98
5. Airport Blvd
6. I-10 at the State Boarder
7. State Route 188
8. I-10 on the Bay Way

Trip Indices:

The StreetLight Trip Index represents trip activity but does not indicate actual number of trips or vehicles. The values are provided on an index. Personal and Commercial values use different indices. The value is normalized by adjusting the number of trips in the data sample to the actual number of trips on a region around Sacramento CA, as derived from the measurements published by the California Department of Transportation. This allows us to capture monthly and seasonal variation more accurately, even as our sample grows.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

The Mobile MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met two weeks ago. Elections were held and Mr. Jeff DeQuattro was elected as the new chairperson and Mr. Hanlon Walsh was elected as the vice chairperson. We would like to thank these

gentlemen for stepping up and taking on this responsibility. We would also like to thank Mr. John Blanton for his previous service as the BPAC chairperson. The changes to the Mobile MPO's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants were discussed. The meeting also included a discussion about several projects in the MPO area that have bike/ped components, including the City of Mobile's Broad/Beauregard Street TIGER project, the Water St. project, the road diet on Springhill Ave. from Broad to Ann, and the proposed I10 Mobile River Bridge. Recent crashes involving cyclists and pedestrians were also discussed. The minutes of the meeting are being transcribed and will be posted on the BPAC webpage soon.

Congestion Management Process (CMP)

One of the items that was discussed at the TCC/CAC and this week's MPO meeting is a reinvention of the Mobile Urban Area CMP. Prior to FY 2017, the Mobile CMP was a thorough process for monitoring congestion, developing improvements, and prioritizing improvements; however, it was inefficient, and ineffective. The current federal transportation funding bill, the FAST ACT, has introduced requirements for performance measures for projects and processes. As a performance measure, projects not being implemented through a Congestion Management Process, is an indicator that it is time to reinvent the process.

Our intention is create a new funding program out of the STP Attributable Funds of \$500,000 (federal) annually for strictly intersection type improvements. These can be new adaptive signals, access management strategies, roundabouts, etc. It has to be additional capacity, as that is what the STP Attributable Funds are for, but the new program would concentrate on intersections. The projects would have to be justified, with performance measures. These performance measures would be included in the project ranking process, and would include a travel time index (free flow / congested speed), a roadway congestion index (capacity index), and a rear-end collisions per mile factor. We have developed this for some corridors and presented them to the TCC/CAC on November 9th with a lot of discussion. The Long Range Transportation Plan *Destination 2040* will have to be modified to account for this new program. The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has to be fiscally constrained, which means this \$500,000 has to come from somewhere. The LRTP identified a grade separated interchange at Azalea Rd and Airport Blvd. Rather than spending \$14 Million on such a large project that may not be well received with the business owners, we are proposing to use that money in the mean time for smaller intersection type improvements all over the Urban Area.

The Mobile MPO approved for staff to move forward with this, so we will be modifying the LRTP and the TIP, which will require MPO adoption, at the next meeting.

TIP Projects modified this week

Project : 100057811 (CN)
County : MOBILE
Project Description : RESURFACE I-10 FROM CR-39 TO CR-59 (CAROL PLANTATION ROAD)
Old Engineers Estimate : \$6,256,387.00
New Engineers Estimate : \$8,692,399.44

End of the Fiscal Year

We just wrapped up Fiscal Year 2016, and the Mobile MPO had four projects totaling over **\$8.6 Million** authorized to be spent in FY 2016 out of the STP Attributable Funds. Considering we can program \$8.9 Million per year, I would say we are doing pretty good. Those four projects are:

CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) ADD LANES FROM SR-42 (US-98) TO SR-217 (LOTT RD), UT, \$243,946
CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) ADD LANES FROM SR-42 (US-98) TO SR-217 (LOTT RD), CN \$2,440,547
CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) ADD LANES FROM SR-42 (US-98) TO SR-217 (LOTT RD), CN, \$5,105,061
CR-656 (ZEIGLER BLVD) ADD LANES FROM CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) TO CR-429 (CODY RD),RW, \$835,000

The MPO met 4 times in FY 2016 approving federal spending in the Mobile Urbanized Area with funds spent at the State's discretion, from: Interstate Maintenance Funds, Surface Transportation Funds, National Highway Funds, High Priority Funding, Bridge Funds and Transportation Alternative Program Funding. The total amount approved by the Mobile MPO to be included in the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was **\$56,781,580**.

Of those funding categories above, there were 37 projects that were already in the TIP that were authorized to be spent in FY 2016 in the Mobile Urbanized Area totaling **\$50,268,574**.

South Alabama RPO Updates

SARPC's RPO Program is finalizing the list of the current transportation projects and safety needs for the RPO area. This list is broken down by County and by Category (roadways, bridges, bike/ped, and transit). If there is anything you would like to add or delete or if there is a project listed that has been completed please let us know.

This list is an amendment to the RPO Transportation Plan and list of safety needs that we update each September. This comprehensive list of projects will be submitted to the Alabama Department of Transportation as a list of prioritized transportation needs for the rural areas of our region.

Further information is available on our [website](#).

Projects Within Region Let December 2nd, 2016

Mobile County

For constructing the Clearing and Grubbing on CR-656 (Zeigler Boulevard) from the junction of Athey Road to the junction of Forest Hill Drive in Mobile. Length 2.764 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$105,386 to \$128,805 .

Baldwin County

For constructing the Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on SR-3 (US-31) from the junction of SR-16 (US-90) to west of the junction of Spanish Village in Spanish Fort. Length 0.735 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$368,617 to \$450,531 .

Escambia County

None at this time

[What's Under Construction?](#)

[Project Status](#)

Legislative Updates

Dems call for transportation funding boost in spending bill

BY MELANIE ZANONA - 11/29/16 06:00 AM EST

Top Democrats on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee are urging House and Senate leaders to include an infrastructure funding boost in a short-term spending bill, pointing out that the increase was already paid for and approved by Congress last year.

In a letter sent to appropriators Monday, the lawmakers called for any continuing resolution (CR) to reflect the increased investments for highway, highway safety and public transit that were provided in a surface transportation bill in December 2015.

Under the so-called FAST Act, spending on transportation by the Highway Trust Fund was supposed to increase by \$2.4 billion in fiscal 2017. But the CR that passed in September continued funding at the fiscal 2016 spending levels.

"Congress came together on a bipartisan basis to enact the FAST act to increase badly needed investment in our nation's transportation infrastructure," the Democrats wrote. "The CR should provide the increased FAST Act levels to help grow our economy and create family-wage jobs."

The letter is signed by committee ranking member Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.), Rep. Michael Capuano (D-Mass.) and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.).

The House GOP is now reportedly pursuing a government funding bill that would extend current levels into March, in an effort to give the incoming administration a chance to weigh in on federal spending levels.

President-elect Donald Trump has long talked about the need to repair the nation's crumbling roads and bridges. The real estate mogul has promised to submit a massive infrastructure package within his first 100 days in office, raising the hopes for a major transportation bill next year.

But the leading transportation Democrats argued that the country's ailing infrastructure shouldn't have to wait when Congress already guaranteed a funding bump.

"The time to provide FAST Act funding levels is now, not at the end of March 2017, when the spring construction season will already be underway across the country," the lawmakers wrote.

Trump Picks Washington Insider Elaine Chao For Transportation Secretary

By [SCOTT DETROW](#) · NOV 29, 2016

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President-elect Donald Trump ran an insurgent, anti-establishment campaign, but the latest addition to his prospective Cabinet is about as establishment as it gets.

Elaine Chao, whom Trump picked Tuesday to head the Department of Transportation, worked in both Bush administrations, has ties to the conservative Heritage Foundation, has sat on numerous corporate boards and spent several years running the United Way of America. She also happens to be married to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

"Secretary Chao's extensive record of strong leadership and her expertise are invaluable assets in our mission to rebuild our infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner," Trump said in a statement. "She has an amazing life story and has helped countless Americans in her public service career. I am pleased to nominate Elaine as Secretary of the Department of Transportation."

Chao is the latest Trump pick who would very likely have shown up in any Republican administration-in-waiting, along with South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, longtime GOP fundraiser and school choice advocate Betsy DeVos, and Georgia Rep. Tom Price. (Trump's picks for U.N. ambassador, education secretary and health and human services secretary, respectively.)

The growing number of establishment Republicans in the Cabinet — who could be joined by 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney, a candidate for secretary of state — are a sharp contrast to Trump's initial wave of appointments. Those were headlined by White House chief strategist Steve Bannon, who previously ran the controversial right-wing news site Breitbart, which has ties to the white nationalist "alt-right" movement.

Chao was President George W. Bush's labor secretary, an appointment that made her the first Asian-American woman ever appointed to a Cabinet position. (Chao was also the only member of Bush's Cabinet to serve throughout his entire eight-year term.) She worked as a deputy transportation secretary during President George H.W. Bush's administration.

Other candidates Trump was considering to head the Department of Transportation included Pennsylvania Rep. Lou Barletta, one of the handful of congressmen to enthusiastically endorse his campaign in its early stages.

Trump's Cabinet picks raise hopes for infrastructure package

BY [MELANIE ZANONA](#) - 11/30/16 04:39 PM EST

President-elect Donald Trump's Cabinet picks are strengthening hopes for a major infrastructure package next year.

It's not just Trump's selection for Transportation secretary that is raising expectations for infrastructure spending. The president-elect will also have strong support for transportation from his Commerce and Treasury department picks, both of whom have expressed the need for private financing of infrastructure.

"President-elect Donald Trump understands the urgency of this need and has called for infrastructure investment, and his team has drawn from [our infrastructure blueprint] in outlining his vision for a path forward," said Jay Timmons, president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Manufacturers. "We are encouraged that this will be a top issue for the incoming administration."

On Tuesday, Trump tapped Elaine Chao to serve as his Transportation secretary. She ran the Labor Department under former President George W. Bush and also served as deputy Transportation secretary in the George H.W. Bush administration.

The next Transportation secretary will have a critical role in helping Trump craft and move an infrastructure package through Congress, which he vowed to submit within his first 100 days in office.

Chao has already received warm praises from both sides of the aisle in Congress, including from her husband, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), who will also be a major player in the fate of Trump's infrastructure proposal.

"I am so proud of Elaine as she continues her accomplished career in public service," McConnell said in a statement. "I am confident she will do an outstanding job for the nation in this new and important role."

Chao is experienced in government, well-connected in the transportation world and already has relationships with key members of Congress.

"Her life story is the embodiment of the American dream, and I am grateful my friend Elaine is willing to continue her career of service to make the dreams of our fellow Americans a reality," said Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), chairwoman of the Commerce panel's surface transportation subcommittee. Continue [HERE](#)

AASHTO Board Highlights Need for Long-Term Fix to Highway Trust Fund Shortfalls

The chief executives of state departments of transportation told Congress and the incoming Trump administration that even after last year's Fixing America's Surface Transportation, the Highway Trust Fund will soon be back in crisis mode unless lawmakers provide a long-term funding stream for it.

Officials at the Nov. 12-15 annual meeting of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials discussed the potential for a soon-to-be President Trump to follow up on his campaign promise to send Congress a major infrastructure investment plan.

But the state officials wanted to underscore the need to move beyond temporary infusions into the trust fund and dedicate more revenue to put it on solid footing for many years to come.



AASHTO's board — which includes the CEOs of all state DOTs plus those of Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia — approved one resolution Nov. 15 at its annual meeting that offered the "vast policy and technical expertise" of AASHTO and member DOTs to President-Elect Trump and Vice President-Elect Mike Pence to [help them develop infrastructure improvement initiatives](#).

The board also adopted a resolution that spelled out the longer-term need to fix the trust fund.

"Any responsible new infrastructure funding proposal needs to take into consideration and [address the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund](#) and maintain the historic 80/20 split of revenues between the Highway Account and the Mass Transit Account," it said.

Some conservative groups continue to urge Congress to split transit investment out of the trust fund, but the AASHTO board statement underscored the need to dedicate the current percentage of HTF receipts into mass transit services .

That resolution also embraced language of an AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee to "urge the next administration, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to secure the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund by providing real, reliable, dedicated and sustainable revenue sources derived from the users and beneficiaries of the system."

The document noted that last year's FAST Act provided a temporary five-year funding boost by transferring \$70 billion into the trust fund from the federal general fund, with most of that drawn from a Federal Reserve surplus.

But after the FAST Act runs out in 2020, the trust fund faces an annual funding gap of \$20 billion between its annual spending levels and what it takes in through dedicated user taxes on gasoline, diesel, other motor fuels and truck equipment.

If the next president and Congress do not act to change that scenario, the resolution said that "in the first term of the next president, the Highway Trust Fund will once again be facing significant revenue shortfalls that will create uncertainty and lead to disruptions in states delivering their transportation programs, ultimately impacting safety, economic development and quality of life."

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Funding Opportunities

FHWA Soliciting INVEST Implementation Projects - Round 3

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is pleased to announce an applied research funding opportunity for transportation agencies to use the Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool (INVEST) to evaluate the sustainability of their projects and programs, identify areas for improvement, analyze options for improving sustainability, and document results.

The funding opportunity is available to State Departments of Transportation (DOTs), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and Federal land management agencies (FLMAs). Funding levels for applied research projects may vary depending on the depth and extent of analysis proposed as well as the potential benefit to FHWA and the recipient. FHWA anticipates making approximately four to six awards.

Agencies that would like to apply should send letters of interest to Robert Hyman (Robert.hyman@dot.gov) and their corresponding FHWA Division Office by January 5, 2017. For more information about eligibility and funding, please visit: www.sustainablehighways.org.

ALDOT TAP FUNDING (*deadline December 16th, 2016*)

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is soliciting applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for FY 2017.

The TAP application and instructions are located on the ALDOT website at: http://www.dot.state.al.us/moweb/specialprograms_section.htm

The TAP application is available on this page and on page two (2) of the instructional information is a listing of eligible improvement projects for TAP funding. The deadline for submission of FY 2017 TAP applications including support documentation is Friday, December 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Some major application requirements of the TAP are:

1. Only cities, towns and county commissions can apply for funding;
2. Due to limited funding, there is a \$400,000 cap on the amount of federal funds that a sponsor can apply for;
3. Only one application can be submitted by an eligible sponsor due to limited funding;
4. The funding ratio for TAP projects is 80% federal funds and 20% sponsor funds. The sponsor is responsible for the cost of required preliminary engineering;
5. Public involvement is optional;
6. Fifty (50) percent of the TAP funds are sub-allocated to the MPO's by population
 1. and fifty (50) percent is distributed to any area of the state by ALDOT ;
7. All TAP projects are selected by a competitive application process administered by ALDOT ;
8. Independent landscaping projects are not eligible;
9. Transportation museums are not eligible;
10. For cities/towns located within the six (6) largest MPO's (Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery , Mobile, Columbus, GA, and Pensacola, FL), the TAP funds that are being administered by ALDOT are completely separate from the TAP funds that are dedicated to the aforementioned MPO's.

Please contact Bob Kratzer at (334) 353-6442 if you have questions regarding this matter.

FHWA Offers New Funding for Innovative Demonstration Projects

New funding is available from the Federal Highway Administration's Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration program to encourage the transportation community to adopt proven innovations. [Funding](#) or the AID Demonstration program, launched in 2014 as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, was continued by the 2015 [Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act](#). Since AID Demonstration was introduced, FHWA has provided more than \$43 million for 61 awards.

Under the program, funding of up to \$1 million may be awarded for projects that use proven innovations in any project phase, including planning, financing, operation, structures, materials, pavements, environment and construction. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through Grants.gov, the federal government's website for information on funding opportunities. For more information on the AID Demonstration program, contact [Ewa Flom](#) of the FHWA Center for Accelerating Innovation

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

Deadline: Rolling

Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Through the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA is employing a new two-phase review process for proposals/applications submitted under this FFO. Proposals will be reviewed by EDA within 30 days of receipt; and following the proposal review, full applications will be reviewed within 60 days of receipt.

Industrial Access Road and Bridge

Industrial access funds are intended to provide adequate public access to new or expanding distribution, manufacturing and industrial firms. The industry must be committed to new investment and the creation of new jobs. The new access must be on public right of way for public use (state, city or county) and the project sponsor (city or county) must maintain the completed facility unless the facility consists of turn lanes, crossovers, etc., that are located on state highways. Industrial access funds are limited to construction, construction engineering and inspection costs. The project sponsor is responsible for all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation costs.

Prior to the date the qualifying (new or expanding) project is "placed in service," the sponsoring entity or its local development agency must notify the Alabama Department of Commerce of its intent to claim the incentives under Section 41-9-202.1, Code of Alabama 1975. Effective October 9, 2008, the Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation application submittal should include the notification acknowledgment letter from the Secretary of Commerce. For more info, see [HERE](#)

Just For Fun

You can copy this pic into PAINT and cross off letters that way, or print it and do it old school Let us know what you think

South Alabama Transportation

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In the News

I-10 bridge project moves closer to reality

BY CHRISTIAN JENNINGS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH 2016

MOBILE, Ala. (WPMI) — Amid the transition taking place in Washington, Donald Trump names his choice for transportation secretary. Congressman Bradley Byrne says the future is looking bright for the I-10 bridge project. There's work going on right now that the public may not realize.



Submit Talking Freight Webinar Topics to FHWA

The Federal Highway Administration's Freight Office is seeking suggested topics for 2017 for its monthly professional development webinar series Talking Freight. Practitioners are encouraged to submit brief descriptions of topics they would like to learn about

and/or suggested speaker names. Send information to Chip Millard, at chip.millard@dot.gov, and Nicole Coene, at nicole.l.coene@leidos.com. Note that FHWA is already planning to include some webinars on freight provisions in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Talking Freight often covers a mix of policy and practice relating to many different aspects and modes of freight transportation, including many issues affecting rural transportation.

Visit http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/talking_freight/index.htm to find out more information about the Talking Freight webinar series or view recordings of past webinars.

ALABAMA RECREATIONAL TRAILS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 15, 2016
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Five Rivers Delta Resource Center
Blakeley Hall
30945 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527
251-625-0814

The Alabama Trails Commission will be hosting the Alabama Recreational Trails Leadership Workshop on Thursday, December 15, 2016. The workshop will be held at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, 30945 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort, Alabama. Leaders of recreational trails user groups, planning agencies, and governments interested in recreational trails are encouraged to attend. The workshop agenda and a link to the workshop registration can be found below.

<http://www.uaced.ua.edu/alabama-recreational-trails-leadership-workshop-dec-15-2016.html>

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Transportation Research

BTS Releases Geographic Databases for 2016

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released the 2016 edition of the National Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD) this week. The NTAD is a compilation of datasets representing the nation's transportation infrastructure, including more than 500,000 miles of roadway, over 600,000 bridges, and in excess of 19,000 airports. This year's NTAD consists of over 60 individual data layers, most of which have been updated within the last year. The NTAD also includes several new features: the U.S. portion of the North American Rail Network, truck parking, and road and airport noise layers. The 2016 NTAD marks the end of the traditional annual update. BTS will now begin using a dynamic publication cycle, making updated data available throughout the year, allowing for more timely delivery to users. Also new this year, NTAD will be available exclusively online. To offer larger and more complex data sets and enhanced functionality, DVDs have been eliminated. The enhanced online NTAD datasets allow for customizable downloads and APIs. They are available as GeoJSON and GeoServices (REST) services and are also available for download as shapefiles, kml and csv files. Contacts: Press: Dave Smallen: (202) 366-5568. For technical information: Dominic Menegus: (202) 366-8717.

Pocket Guide to Transportation Statistics

If you need transportation statistics at a moment's notice – for example, if you want to see a list of the most congested urban areas or if you want to find the busiest Amtrak stations – the Bureau of Transportation Statistics has a solution for you.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, BTS is introducing its most innovative product yet – a smartphone app for the [Pocket Guide to Transportation](#).



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Transportation Dictionary

The USDOT released a searchable online dictionary that includes over 9,000 transportation terms and acronyms. The terms were collected from a variety of public and private transportation publications and databases. This dictionary presents over 9,000 terms and acronyms related to transportation. The terms and acronyms were obtained from various transportation publications and databases which exist within the federal government, private organizations, Canada and Mexico.

Search Tips

- Sources are listed in parenthesis after the definition.
- None of the searches are case sensitive. Searching for PEDESTRIAN will produce the same results as searching for pedestrian.
- The Dictionary searches for the word, phrase or acronym as it is entered and returns all records that match or contain that word, phrase or acronym. For example, searching for pedestrian will return records for pedestrian and pedestrian walkway.

Click [HERE](#) for the search engine.