Annual CTS
TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE
FINAL PROGRAM
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Welcome to the Conference


The Center for Transportation Studies is pleased to present its first virtual Transportation Research Conference in this year of unusual circumstances. While we regret being unable to gather in person, we have been working hard to design an engaging and informative experience for you using an online platform.

The conference convenes researchers and practitioners to highlight new learning, emerging ideas, and the latest innovations in transportation. Concurrent session topics align with the Center’s research emphasis areas: Transportation Safety and Traffic Flow, Transportation Infrastructure, Transportation Planning and the Economy, Environment and Energy in Transportation, and Transportation Education and Engagement.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the University of Minnesota campus next year.
### General Information

#### Virtual Technology Tips

The 2020 CTS Transportation Research Conference is being hosted on the Pathable platform. To streamline your conference experience, we recommend logging onto the platform a few days prior to the conference and adding sessions you wish to attend to “My Agenda.” Visit the virtual conference FAQs at [www.cts.umn.edu/conference/FAQ](http://www.cts.umn.edu/conference/FAQ) for more information and tips!

After the conference, Pathable will host video recordings of all sessions for six months. You will be able to listen to the sessions you missed or would like to listen to again.

#### Join Our Networking Session!

Immediately following the conference, CTS will host an informal networking session from 4:00–4:30 p.m.

This virtual session will allow attendees to connect in small groups without an agenda or presentation. Catch up with colleagues, discuss hot topics in transportation, and make new connections! Registration is not required.

#### Professional Development Hours (PDHs)

This conference awards up to 5.5 PDHs. A credit form is available in Pathable and at [www.cts.umn.edu/events/conference/2020](http://www.cts.umn.edu/events/conference/2020).

#### AICP Maintenance Credits

This conference has been approved for 5.5 AICP maintenance credits. A complete list of sessions approved for credit is available in Pathable and at [www.cts.umn.edu/events/conference/2020](http://www.cts.umn.edu/events/conference/2020).

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Keynote Presentations

Opening Plenary: Addressing Minnesota’s Transportation Inequities and Disparities
Thursday, November 5, 2020: 9:00–10:15 a.m.

Panelists

Tawanna Black, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Center for Economic Inclusion

Yingling Fan, Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

Jason Hollinday, Co-chair, Advocacy Council for Tribal Transportation and Director of Planning, Fond du Lac Reservation

Theresa Thompson Nix, Field Manager, Move Minnesota

Charlie Zelle, Chair, Metropolitan Council

Moderators

Gina Baas, Associate Director, Engagement and Education, CTS
Kathy Quick, Associate Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

The COVID-19 pandemic and the death of George Floyd have brought new attention to racial inequities and disparities in many sectors of our society, including transportation. The transportation system helps provide connection (to family, friends, colleagues, faith) and access (to jobs, health care, education, food), but it does not meet these critical needs equally for all people.

Before we discuss how transportation can and should transform to address these disparities, we must first acknowledge where we have been and where we are today. What are our values and hopes for what will change about the transportation system and what will stay the same? This panel discussion aims to bring those values and hopes to the forefront, so they may guide us as we strive to make Minnesota’s transportation system more equitable for all.

The University of Minnesota’s Vice President for Research Chris Cramer will offer opening remarks.
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Timothy Papandreou is the founder and CEO of Emerging Transport Advisors, which provides strategic guidance to companies, investors, startups, and governments on the active, shared, electric, connected, and automated transport transition. He is a trusted thought leader in both technology and government, with extensive global experience in the movement of people and things.

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  *Raphael Stern*, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota  
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  *Di Kang*, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota  
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  *Rongshen Chen*, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota  
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  *Tom Fisher*, Minnesota Design Center, College of Design, University of Minnesota  
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**Concurrent Sessions**

### Traffic Safety and Vulnerable Users

**Moderator:** Brian Sorenson, MnDOT

**Field Operational Test of a Bicycle Collision Warning System**
Nichole Morris, HumanFIRST Laboratory, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota  
Co-authors: Katelyn Schwieters, HumanFIRST Laboratory, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota

**Vision Zero Traffic Safety Approach with Lessons from Minneapolis**
Ethan Fawley, City of Minneapolis

**Assessing the Relationship Between Complete Streets and Individual and Community Outcomes in Richfield, Minnesota**
Robin Phinney, Rise Research LLC  
Co-authors: Camila Fonseca, Nathan Bean, and Jerry Zhirong Zhao, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

**Using Demonstration Projects to Improve State Highways for Walking**
Jacob Rueter, MnDOT

### Accessibility and Access: Transit Planning for Today’s User

**Moderator:** Mary Karlsson, Kimley-Horn

**Dedicated Bus Lanes Improve Travel Time and Reliability, But Could Be Better**
Joseph Reid, Metro Transit

**Transit Improvements and Land-Use Changes: Disentangling the Accessibility Impacts**
Brendan Murphy, Accessibility Observatory, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota  
Co-author: Andrew Owen, Accessibility Observatory, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota

**Impacts of Planned Transitways on Access to Non-Work Destinations**
Kristin Carlson, Accessibility Observatory, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota  
Co-author: Andrew Owen, Accessibility Observatory, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota

**Natural Language Processing of Feedback and Social Media for Real-Time Customer Satisfaction at Metro Transit**
Brandon Whited, Metro Transit

### Hear from the Experts! Latest Results in Winter Maintenance Research

**Moderator:** Mark Maloney, City of Shoreview

**Winter Benefits of Permeable Pavement for Road Salt Reduction**
Andy Erickson, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, University of Minnesota  
Co-authors: John Gulliver, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, University of Minnesota, and Peter Weiss, College of Engineering, Valparaiso University

**Impacts of Pavement Ice Thickness on Its Spectral Signature: Automation in Pavement Black Ice Detection**
Eshan Dave, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of New Hampshire  
Co-author: Adam Hunsaker, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of New Hampshire

**Hot Shots for Cold Climes: Evaluating Treatment of The Hardest Icy Spots**
Stephen Druschel, Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Minnesota State University, Mankato

**Reducing Winter Maintenance Equipment Fuel Consumption Using Advanced Vehicle Data Analytics**
Will Northrop, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota  
Co-authors: Shashi Shekhar, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota, and Peter Wiringa, U-Spatial, University of Minnesota
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Moderator: Tony Fischer, Metropolitan Council

Travel Impacts of the COVID-19 Outbreak in Minnesota: Evidence from Continuous Count Traffic Volume Data
Michael Iacono, MnDOT

Using Data to Understand the Effects of Transportation on the Spread of COVID-19
Raphael Stern, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota
Co-authors: Michael Levin and Mingfeng Shang, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota; Philip Paré, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Purdue University; and Damir Vrabac, KTH Royal Technical University

Mobility Impacts of COVID-19 Policy Interventions
Yan Li, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota
Co-authors: Arun Sharma and Shashi Shekhar, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota

Telecommuting and COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Order: Benefits and Equity Concerns
Adeel Lari, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Concurrent Sessions

Analyzing Crash Elements on Minnesota Roadways

**Moderator:** Steve Misgen, MnDOT

**Crash Modification Factors in Minnesota**
Derek Leuer, MnDOT

**Evaluation and Refinement of the Minnesota Queue Warning System**
John Hourdos, Minnesota Traffic Observatory, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota
Co-author: Melissa Duhn, Minnesota Traffic Observatory, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota

**Estimating of Drivers’ Gap Selections and Reaction Times in Intersection Crashes Using Event Data Recorder Pre-Crash Data**
Jingru Gao, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota
Co-author: Gary Davis, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota

**Extraction of Accurate Road Reference from Past Trajectories for Accurate Lane-Departure Detection**
Shahnewaz Chowdhury, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth
Co-authors: Md Touhid Hossain and Imran Hayee, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth

Are CAVs Part of the Answer for Eliminating Inequities Experienced by Transportation Users?

**Moderator:** Kristin White, MnDOT

**Potential Implications of Connected and Automated Vehicles in Transportation-Disadvantaged Urban Areas**
Kim Napoline, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Co-authors: Erika Shepard, Adeel Lari, and Frank Douma, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

**Impacts of Vehicle Automation on Transport-Disadvantaged People**
Frank Douma, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Co-authors: Xinyi Wu and Jason Cao, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

**Shared Autonomous Vehicles in the Twin Cities: Understanding Feasibility and Equity Considerations**
Noah Wexler, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Co-authors: Yingling Fan, Frank Douma, Thalya Reyes, and Galen Ryan, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

Transportation Equity: Are CAVs the Answer or Just a Fairy Tale?
Tara Olds, MnDOT

On Solid Ground: Recent Innovations in Pavement Material Research

**Moderator:** Kristy Morter, Hennepin County

**The National Road Research Alliance: Successful Cooperative Research**
Glenn Engstrom, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, MnDOT
Co-authors: George Chang, Transtec; Dan Schellhammer, Midstate Reclamation; Mike Rief, WSB; Amy Beise, North Dakota DOT; Susan Listenberger, Cargill; and Buzz Powell, NCAT

**Innovative Pavement Repair with Taconite and Microwave Technology**
Larry Zanko, Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth
Co-author: Sara Post, Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth

**Contribution of Structural Fibers in Reducing Faulting in Thin Concrete Pavements and Overlays**
Manik Barman, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth
Co-authors: Souvik Roy and Amarjeet Tiwari, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth, and Tom Burnham, Minnesota Department of Transportation

**Influence of Creep of Structural Synthetic Fibers on the Joint Performance Behavior of Concrete Pavements**
Corey Crick, Lake Superior Consulting
Co-author: Manik Barman, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth

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