

Always on the Move

Traffic Congestion makes the D.O.T. List

Last march, for the first time ever, Department of Transportation (DOT) Inspector General Calvin L. Scovel III finally put traffic congestion on the top-ten issues list. Many experts have already begun brainstorming new ideas for improvement. Some of these ideas are fueling a great amount of resistance; one being the High Occupancy Toll (HOT), which puts a value-toll on certain roadways at certain times; another issue being road privatization, which is basically selling a road to a private party for management of that particular road.

Some experts argue that these ideas are too simple and are simply band-aids on a gushing wound. However, they further believe that congestion is a good thing and that congestion is a natural accompaniment to economic growth. Mixing work schedules to alter commute times for workers has proved to lower productivity.



Brian Taylor, director of UCLA's Institute of Transportation Studies, believes the answer lies in consistency. He argues that commuters and trucking companies would be more satisfied with consistent regulated commutes everyday; even if they took longer than they do now. This new idea would utilize the good old "Red Light... Green Light" method, which would allow for traffic to enter freeways at a certain rate to create stable

commuting times along congested routes.

Irregardless of what ideas become realities, attention to this issue may have come too late. In the aftermath of the I-35 Bridge collapse, only now we have finally begun to shed light on this issue as a society. Sadly, it came a bit too late for some of us.

As traffic congestion continues to rise, the roads under our wheels will continue to break down. It is imperative that this country step up to the plate and face this important issue.

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Fall '07 Meetings and Speakers:

- **Sept. 25th: 1st Meeting**
- **Oct. 2nd** at Noon in Erl.102
Tentative Speaker:
Jonathan Lamb; Lake Superior Warehouse
- **Nov. 6th** at Noon in Erl. 102
Speaker: Brian Foster;
Kirscher Transport, Inc.
- **Dec. 4th** at Noon in Erl. 102
Speaker: TBA

Welcome Back T&L Students!!

Your T&L Club Board would like to welcome all of you back to school. We would like all of you to consider joining our club and start to enjoy the benefits the club has to offer you. If you haven't yet become a member, please contact one of the following club board members:

- Doug Vincent: dvincen1@uwsuper.edu
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- Jay Baker: jbaker20@uwsuper.edu
- Brad Peot: bpeot@uwsuper.edu

Meet Your Peers

The T&L Club has decided to attempt to establish relationships with local and regional transportation and logistics companies in hopes of opening windows of opportunity for future internships and employment to its club members.

For our regularly scheduled meetings, we will be having guest speakers come in and talk about their work and the companies they represent.

This is a tremendous opportunity for all club members and their futures. If you have any ideas on speakers, or know anyone in the industry who may be interested in speaking to us, please contact Jay Baker at jbaker20@uwsuper.edu

See front page for Fall '07 meetings and speakers.



Washington DC, Here We Come!!



The Transportation Research Board is having its 88th Annual event to be held in Washington DC on January 12th-16th, 2008.

Dr. Stewart has notified the club that there is three slots available for this wonderful event. All expenses will be paid by the department.



More information on this event will announced at our future meetings this fall. Or, you can visit the TRB website at www.trb.org

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T&L Tidbits

The club has asked me to write a little column for the newsletter and I would like first to welcome all of you back. Over the summer we had 10 T&L students with internships in a variety of companies and four states. We hosted the 17th Annual Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium Meeting with about 125 people attending. Kathy Derick was superb at administration of the event and students Katie Hildebrandt and Joel Post were key players in making it a success.

The T&L Center is a consortium member of the Great Lakes Maritime Research Center (GLMRI) and we just received another \$1Million in funding for 2007-2008. You may see Research Associate Stacey Carlson in the center hard at work in support of GLMRI and we use her excellent help in other activities such as the Space Grant meeting.

The summer the T&L Faculty search

and screen committee met several times to review applicants and hold phone interviews for the Tenure Track T&L Faculty Position. The committee is composed of Dr. Jerry Hembd, Dr. Randy Gabrys-Alexson, Dr. Maria Cuzzo, Katie Hildebrandt and I. We narrowed the approved pool down to Dr. Mei Cao and Dr. Pasi Lautala who will be interviewed on campus. We need you to meet these individuals and to give your feedback to Katie who is the student representative on the committee.

A Campus Career fair will be held on November 14. Now is the time to get your resume ready! I have been told by Career services that there will be a number of T&L companies there recruiting and career services in Old Main 134 can help you with the resume formatting and writing. On the T&L website is a guide to "What T&L Recruiters Want to See on a Resume". Some of the important items include activity in student clubs, and professional societies. The T&L Student Club has lots of great events planned and I hope to see you at some of them! Will the team sweep the DBE Volleyball tournament?

Dr. Richard Stewart

"All Aboard!!"

The T&L Club wants you to join them aboard the Pizza Train on October 5th at 5:30 pm!

What better way to enjoy the colors of Fall then aboard the Pizza Train, traveling up the North Shore with your fellow T&L Club Members.

Sign up sheet located in T&L office, Erlanson Hall, Room 5.

Sign up Deadline is September 31st.

www.lsrn.org/Home/Home.asp



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