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  - Synthesis 104 - Current Landscape of Unmanned Aircraft Systems at Airports
  - Web-Only Document 42 - Toolkits and Resource Library for Airports and Unmanned Aircraft Systems

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  - NCHRP Synthesis 20-05/Topic 52-01 - State of Practice on Infrastructure Inspections for the Digital Age
  - NCHRP Synthesis 20-05/Topic 52-04 - Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems for Departments of Transportation

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Safety IDEA Project 37 - Measuring Behavior of Railroad Bridges under Revenue Traffic using Lasers and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for Safer Operations: Implementation

Safety IDEA Project 42 - Railroad Tunnel Inspections for Maintenance and Replacement Prioritization Using Untethered Ground Penetrating Radar and LIDAR Capable Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

Upcoming Projects
- ACRP 07-18 - Develop Airfield Design Guidelines for Large Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)
- NCHRP 12-122 - Proposed AASHTO Guidelines for Applications of Unmanned Aerial Systems Technologies for Element-Level Bridge Inspection
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