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Recent Reports & Publications

- IDEA Safety Projects
  - Report 45 - Development of a Fatigue Load for Railway Bridges
  - Report 44 - Laser-Based Non-destructive Spike Defect Inspection System
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  - Report 38 - Minimization of Weld Failures by Means of Gas and Shrinkage Porosity Reduction
  - Report 37 - Measuring Behavior of Railroad Bridges under Revenue Traffic using Lasers and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for Safer Operations: Implementation

- National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)
  - IDEA Report 190 - Self-de-icing LED Signals for Railroads and Highway Intersections
  - Report 998 - Planning Freight-Efficient Land Uses: Methodology, Strategies, and Tools

- Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)
  - IDEA Report 95 - Connected and Automated Parking Feasibility – A Pilot Study
  - IDEA Report 92 - Augmented Reality Dispatcher Interface
  - Report 235 - Improving Access and Management of Public Transit ITS Data
  - Report 233 - Strategies for Deterring Trespassing on Rail Transit and Commuter Rail Rights-of-Way, Volume 1: Guidebook
  - Report 233 - Strategies for Deterring Trespassing on Rail Transit and Commuter Rail Rights-of-Way, Volume 2: Research Overview
Current & Upcoming Projects

• Current Projects
  o NCHRP 17-99 - Assessing Safety Effectiveness of Treatments and Technologies at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings
  o NCHRP 22-53 - Development of Guidance for Enhanced Delineation of Barriers and other Roadside Safety Hardware, Slopes, and Hazards
  o TCRP D-19 - Detecting and Mitigating Low-Level DC Fault Currents in Transit Systems (Phase II TCRP Project D-17)
  o TCRP D-21 - Planning for Innovation & Emerging Mobility Futures at Intermodal Passenger Facilities
  o TCRP J-05/Topic 19-03 - Navigating the Complexities of Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII)

• Upcoming Projects
  o ACRP 03-74 - ACRP WebResource to Support Research into Air Traveler Choice Models
  o NCHRP 08-156 - Planning for Innovative and Emerging Mobility Futures at Intermodal Passenger Facilities
  o NCHRP 08-158 - A Compendium for Communicating the Value of Freight and Community Interactions
  o NCHRP 15-79 - Development of Guidance for Non-Standard Roadside Hardware Installations
  o NCHRP 20-123(16) - Roadmap for the Transformation to Computer Simulation-Based Assessment of Bridge Railings
  o TCRP B-50 - Accessible Public Bus and Rail Passenger Information for Riders with Vision Disabilities
  o TCRP J-05/Topic 20-02 - Liability Insurance Issues for Transit Lawyers: A Primer

Reports from the National Academies Press on Safety Innovations

  o Innovation, Global Value Chains, and Globalization Measurement
  o Human-AI Teaming: State-of-the-Art and Research Needs
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