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**Specialty Reports**

- [Critical Issues in Transportation 2019](#)
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**Recent Reports & Publications**

- [National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)](#)
  - Report 988 - Rural Transportation Issues: Research Roadmap
  - Report 978 - Initiating the Systems Engineering Process for Rural Connected Vehicle Corridors, Volume 1: Research Overview
  - Report 914 - Measuring, Characterizing, and Reporting Pavement Roughness of Low-Speed and Urban Roads
  - Synthesis 575 - Lighting Practices for Isolated Rural Intersections
  - Synthesis 555 - Estimating and Contracting Rock Slope Scaling Adjacent to Highways
  - Web-Only Document 295 - Improved Prediction Models for Crash Types and Crash Severeities
  - Web-Only Document 263 - White Papers for Right-Sizing Transportation Investments

- [Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)](#)
  - IDEA Report 90 - sUAS-based GeoINTEL1 for Commuter Rail Parking in Rural and Suburban Areas

- [Transportation Research Circulars](#)
  - E-Circular 272 - Technology Exchange on Local Roads Bridge Programs

**Current & Upcoming Projects**

- Current Projects
  - BTRSCP BTS-15 - Highway Safety Strategies for Rural Communities
o NCHRP 08-131 - Access to Jobs, Economic Opportunities, and Education in Rural Areas
o NCHRP 08-135 - Reliability and Quality of Service Evaluation Methods for Rural Highways
o NCHRP 08-147 - Improving Public Transportation in Rural Areas and Tribal Communities
o NCHRP 17-92 - Developing Safety Performance Functions for Rural Two-Lane Highways that Incorporate Speed Measures
o NCHRP 20-65 / Task 81 - Best Practices in Rural Service Assessment
o NCHRP 20-65 / Task 78 - Impact of Decline in Volunteerism on Rural Transit Systems
o TCRP B-49 - Improving Public Transportation in Rural Areas and Tribal Communities

• Upcoming Projects
  o NCHRP 08-130 - Best Practices in Coordination of Public Transit and Ride Sharing
  o NCHRP 08-144 - Best Practices in Determining Rural Transit Fleet Size – How to Provide Service for Changing Demographics of Rural Ridership (Right-sizing of Rural Transit Fleets)
  o NCHRP 08-149 - Estimating Benefits of Closing Gaps in Active Transportation Networks
  o NCHRP 17-106 - Motorist Behavior and Safety Impacts on Bicyclists from Centerline and Shoulder Rumble Strips on High-Speed Two-Lane Highways

Reports from the National Academies Press on Rural Transportation
  o Population Health in Rural America in 2020
  o The Future of Nursing 2020-2030
  o Population Health Science in the United States
  o Enhancing Community Resilience through Social Capital and Social Connectedness
  o The Challenge of Feeding the World Sustainably
  o Changing Expectations for the K-12 Teacher Workforce - Policies, Preservice Education, Professional Development, and the Workplace
  o Achieving Behavioral Health Equity for Children, Families, and Communities
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  o D08131 - Access to Jobs, Economic Opportunities, and Education in Rural Areas
  o D08135 - Reliability and Quality of Service Evaluation Methods for Rural Highways
  o D08144 - Best Practices in Determining Rural Transit Fleet Size
  o D08147 - Design Guide for Rural Deviated Fixed Route Transit Systems
  o D1792 - Developing Safety Performance Functions for Rural Two-Lane Highways that Incorporate Speed Measures
  o D20122 - Workshop on Rural Transportation Issues and Needs
  o D8015 - Highway Safety Strategies for Rural Communities
  o SN4807 - Investment Prioritization Methods for Low Volume Roads
  o SN5111 - Lighting Practices for Isolated Rural Intersections

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  o A0040C - Rural Transportation Issues Coordinating Council

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July 25-28, 2022
Ghana

TRANSED: Mobility, Accessibility, and Demand Response Transportation Conference
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Online

TRB Conference on Scenario Planning in Transportation
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Washington, D.C.

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