



## News Bulletin

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## We Want Your Input - NDLTAP Training Needs Assessment Completion - Deadline Extended

We have received a limited number of responses to the NDLTAP training needs assessment sent to you on September 4th. In order for us to develop and offer the training you want and require we need your input. The deadline to respond has been extended to **October 3rd**. The assessment should only take 15 minutes or less to complete.

Thank you for assisting NDLTAP,  
Darcy R. Rosendahl, NDLTAP Director



[Click here to complete the NDLTAP Training Needs Assessment](#)

## Final Draft Report - An Assessment of County and Local Road Infrastructure Needs in North Dakota

This report responds to the North Dakota legislature's request for a study of the transportation infrastructure needs of all county and township roads in the state. In this report, infrastructure needs are estimated using the most current production forecasts, traffic estimates, and roadway condition data available. Agricultural and oil-related traffic is modeled in detail at the sub-county level. Oil-related traffic is predicted for individual spacing units, whereas agricultural production is estimated at the township level.



[Click here to download the final draft report](#)

## Research Report - Oil County Traffic Safety Survey, 2012

*Authors Andrew Kubas, and Kimberly Vachal*

Over time, road usage in western North Dakota has changed. Interstate, highway, and low-volume unpaved roads have been used with greater frequency because of increased agricultural production and a growing energy sector. This evolution is especially evident in a 17-county region where oil extraction methods have recently improved production economics. Roads once used only for local access and agricultural purposes are now being used at high volumes to serve expanding oil production. Oil companies, oil workers, commercial trucks, and industrial equipment associated with oil and gas development all use these roads to access oil drilling and production sites. This has led to not only an increase in the traffic volume, but an increase in the number of overweight and oversized vehicles on the road as well. As a result, a number of roads are in poor condition and many others are deteriorating rapidly.



[Click here to read the research report](#)



**Reminder - Regional Local Road Conference - Registration Deadline  
October 1, 2012**

[Click here for conference registration](#)

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If you have any comments or suggestions for this publication please contact NDLTAP.

Thank you,

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