

Rural Research Matters



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Welcome to WTI NewsWire!

Here's the quick update to what is going on at [WTI](#) this week.
Remember to keep sending new ideas and to share what WTI is doing.

News



Coming up Soon! December Summit will Focus on Rural Road Safety

Following a highly successful inaugural forum in 2016, the National Center for Rural Road Safety and the National Association of County Engineers will host the 2nd National Summit on Rural Road Safety from December 4-6, in Savannah, Georgia. At the [first summit](#), more than 100 attendees from around the country collaborated on defining the future for “Moving Rural America” by articulating the key transportation safety issues facing rural areas, culminating in a call to action of “On the Road to Zero, We Cannot Ignore Rural.”

For the second summit, participants will continue to move the rural conversation forward and focus more intently on safety solutions and “Bridging the Gap.” Some of the key questions they will tackle include how to create a unified voice for rural areas, and how to implement safety solutions with rural constraints.

“After the first summit, participants were encouraged by the progress we made to develop an

initial action plan and they wanted to keep the momentum going,” said Safety Center Manager **Jaime Sullivan**. “At the upcoming summit, we’re looking forward to taking the next step of how to select and implement safety solutions that will make a real difference on rural roads.”

If you’re interested in attending, early bird registration closes on **November 12!** The agenda and registration information are available [here](#).



International Collaboration and Outreach

WTI Researcher Assists with Asiatic Cheetah Research Article

The October issue of *Current Biology* will feature an article entitled “Roads threaten Asiatic cheetahs in Iran,” about the impacts of wildlife vehicle collisions on the endangered species (there are fewer than 50 free roaming cheetahs in the country). The authors reached out to WTI Research Ecologist [Marcel Huijser](#) to provide input and assistance on the road ecology components, and they recently contacted WTI to acknowledge Marcel’s “invaluable comments.” The final article is available [online](#).

Events



National Center for
Rural Road Safety

Safety Center Announces October Webinar on Aging Road Users

The National Center for Rural Road Safety (Safety Center) is hosting a *free* 1.5-hour online webinar, entitled “**Safety for the Rural Aging Road User.**” This webinar will explore the safety needs, challenges, and countermeasures for the rural aging road user. It will also include a case study from Florida DOT and an explanation of the ChORUS website (a resource for planning and designing for the aging road user). The webinar will be held on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018** from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Mountain Time). For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Low Volume Roads Conference Announces Call for Papers

Interested in participating in the International Conference on Low Volume Roads, hosted by WTI in Montana in 2019? The call for papers is open until November.

The Transportation Research Board is soliciting papers for the upcoming 12th International Conference on Low Volume Roads (LVR). For the first time, this conference is offering two levels of submission covering any relevant topic related to low volume roads:

1. Research-Level and Practice-Ready Papers
2. Extended Abstracts/Synopses

For more information about the two types of papers, as well as deadlines and formatting requirements, visit the [Call for Papers](#) page. There is a broad range of suggested topics,

including safety, design, sustainability, technology, and workforce development. For more information on the conference itself, view the announcement on the [WTI website](#) or contact [Laura Fay](#).

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