

MPC awarded funding in USDOT UTC competition



The MPC will receive about 2.5 million per year for the next five years under the U.S. Department of Transportation's [University Transportation Centers](#) (UTC) Program. MPC's proposal focuses on preserving the existing transportation system. The MPC, led by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at North Dakota State University, has won each funding in each UTC competition since the program was established in 1988. MPC was one of 35 grants awarded in this competition.

"This funding is critical to continuing our work on infrastructure preservation," noted MPC director Denver Tolliver. "Finding innovative ways to monitor, maintain, repair and enhance our existing infrastructure is essential to making the most of investments in transportation infrastructure and assuring the mobility of people and goods in the mountain-plains region and beyond."

In addition to research, the collaborating universities of the MPC will continue to educate the transportation professionals of tomorrow and to assist in workforce development to meet the needs of today's transportation industry. In addition to NDSU, the MPC includes [Colorado State University](#), [South Dakota State University](#), [University of Colorado Denver](#), [University of Denver](#), [University of Utah](#), [University of Wyoming](#), and [Utah State University](#).