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**Federal Highway  
Administration**

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Dear Tribal Leader,

The back-to-school season is upon us. And just like the parents and educators, we also need to be concerned with growing the next generation transportation workforce. With everyone's focus on school, FHWA views this time as an excellent opportunity to share several resources to help inspire youth to consider a career in the transportation industry. The U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Education have developed resources designed to build awareness and interest in future careers in transportation among middle and high school students.

The *Careers in Transportation Curriculum Project* website provides over 500 transportation-focused lesson plans that educators can incorporate into existing grades 6-12 courses and curriculums. All lesson plans housed on the site were developed by teachers for teachers with input from their industry partners. Lessons range from one hour lessons that can be integrated in math, science, and social studies classes to a 180 hour "Introduction to Transportation Careers" course that can be taught in part or whole by educators and after school programs. All the class materials are free and available for download at <http://transportationcareers.org/>.

*Fast Forward* is an electronic magazine designed to inspire youths to explore today the world of exciting, influential career opportunities awaiting them in the transportation industry of tomorrow. *Fast Forward's* informational content includes career profiles, featured interviews with real-world students and transportation professionals, and information on summer programs, internships and college scholarships. Please share this link with the middle schools, high schools and community colleges in your area. <http://fastforwardtransportation.com/>.

Transportation touches the lives of everyone each day and there are thousands of career options in transportation for the next generation. Providing greater access to training and education remains a top priority for FHWA. To ensure a strong transportation workforce, we must focus on providing resources to educate and develop our youth. Please assist us by sharing this

information with educators in your community and help students get a head start on their career journey.

Please feel free to contact our team with questions or comments at [CLAS@dot.gov](mailto:CLAS@dot.gov). We would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victoria Peters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "P".

Victoria Peters  
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