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Transport Engineering CENG 3201

Chapter 1 Introduction to transportation Engineering

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Definition

- Transportation is
 - All about moving goods and people from one place to another.
 - Safe, efficient, reliable, and sustainable movement of persons and goods over time and space.



Definition cont...

- Transportation engineering
 - Focuses on the infrastructure of transportation
 - Design runways, build bridges, layout roads and plan docking facilities.
 - Look at traffic patterns, determine when new transport facilities are needed and come up with better ways
 - Application of technology and scientific principles to the planning, functional design, operation, and management of facilities



The characteristics of transportation system

- > Multi-disciplinary
- > Multi-sector
- > Multi-problem
- > Multi-objective
- > Multi-modal



Elements of a transportation system

> Infrastructure:

which includes Road, canal, rail, air Transfer points Supporting elements (signs, signals, safety)

Vehicles:

which includes Planes, trains, autos, buses, ships, trucks

> Operators/Content :



which includes Drivers, pilots, freight, passengers

History of transportation engineering

- Humans had migrated by their feet
- Use domesticated animals to carry goods
- > Built machines and devices, like sleds and travois, to help them carry more.
- Establishing trading routes
- > Well-used paths became more and more permanent.
- > These paths became the first roads
- Maintain the roads and look at ways in which they could be made easier to travel
- > The first transportation engineers.



History of cont...

- ✓ Four critical dimensions of change in transportation system
- \checkmark Change in values of the public
- \checkmark Changes in the technology
- \checkmark Change in operational policy
- \checkmark Change in the demand



Major disciplines of transportation

- 1. Transportation Planning:- Involves the development of a transport model
- 2. Geometric Design:- Deals with physical proportioning of other transportation facilities
 - Cross-sectional features,
 - Horizontal alignment,
 - Vertical alignment and



Intersections

Major disciplines cont....

- 3. Pavement Design:- Deals with the structural design of roads, both (bituminous and concrete)
 - Drainage design
 - Functional design
 - Structural design
- 4. Traffic Engineering:- Covers a broad range of engineering applications with a focus on
 - > The safety of the public,
 - > The efficient use of transportation resources, and
 - > The mobility of people and goods



Additional disciplines of transportation

- 1. Public transportation:- study of the transportation system that meets the travel need of several people by sharing a vehicle.
 - Characteristics of various modes;
 - Planning,
 - Management and operations; and
 - Policies for promoting public transportation
- 2. Financial and economic analysis:- tries to quantify the economic benefit which includes saving in travel time, fuel consumption, etc. (We will cover basic concept in Chap 2)



Additional disciplines cont...

- 3. Environmental impact assessment :- attempts in quantifying the environmental impacts and tries to evolve strategies for the mitigation and reduction of the impact due to both construction and operation.
- 4. Accident analysis and reduction:- looks at the causes of accidents, from the perspective of human, road, and vehicle and formulate plans for the reduction.
- 5. Intelligent transport system:- offers better mobility, efficiency, and safety with the help of the state-of-the-art technology.



Factors in Transportation Development

- Economic Factors
- Geographical Factor
- Political Polices
- Military
- Technological Factor
- Urbanization
- Competition

Role of transportation in society

Economic role of transportation:

Transportation contributes two kinds of utilities:

- place and
- time utility
- Social role of transportation
 - Growth of Urban Centers
 - Size and Pattern of Settlement
 - Formation of settlements



Role of transportation cont...

- Environmental role of transportation
 - Safety
 - Air Pollution
 - Noise pollution
 - Energy consumption
- Other impacts
 - Aesthetics
 - Social life and social pattern



Modes of Transportation

- Means by which people and freight achieve mobility
 - ✓ Road transportation
 - ✓ Pipelines
 - ✓ Maritime transportation
 - ✓ Air transportation
 - ✓ Rail transportation



✓ Intermodal transportation



