

National Summer Transportation Institute History –Timeline (Source: FHWA)

1992

SCSU, SCDOT, and the FHWA entered into a partnership agreement to help attract youth into the transportation industry.

1993

The SCDOT and FHWA funded the first pilot Summer Transportation Institute in 1993 on the campus of South Carolina State University with 20 ninth and tenth grade student participants from across the state of South Carolina.

1994

The second summer transportation institute was held with 40 ninth and tenth graders from across the state of South Carolina.

Funding for the Institute was provided by the FHWA and the Greenville Urban League.

The South Carolina Public Transportation Authority, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, the South Carolina State Museum, the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the FHWA, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation were among the active partners in the second summer transportation institute.

1995

The FHWA and SCSU worked together to establish a national program. The first expansion program included the following HBCUs: Albany State University (Georgia); Jackson State University (Mississippi); Kentucky State University (Kentucky); North Carolina State University (North Carolina); South Carolina State University (South Carolina); and Virginia State University (Virginia).

A total of 135 students participated in the aforementioned six summer transportation institutes.

A National Resource Center was established at South Carolina State University to provide technical support, leadership, and resources to assist the other HBCUs in developing and conducting their institutes.

During an appreciation ceremony, former Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater challenged all partners to expand their efforts and make this experience available to a much larger group of students. Former Secretary Slater established a participation goal of 500 students for the Summer Transportation Institute.

1996

Thirteen institutes, with one Hispanic serving institution and 375 students, participated in the national program. Additional support came with a partnership agreement signed on April 11, 1996. The partnership included top level commitment from the Federal Highway Administration Region 4, South Carolina Division, Office of Motor Carrier, and the National Highway Institute of the Federal Highway Administration. Other partners were: the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and South Carolina State University.

Seven new summer transportation institutes were held at Alabama A&M University (Alabama); University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (Arkansas); Benedict College (South Carolina); City College of New York (New York); Florida A&M University (Florida); Southern University-Baton Rouge (Louisiana); and Tennessee State University (Tennessee).

1997

The National Summer Transportation Institute was funded by the U. S. Federal Highway Administration. The FHWA provided \$500,000 to support and continue expansion of the project. Sixteen colleges and universities received funding for three-hundred eighty-five new students.

1998

Congress recognized the success of the STI by authorizing funding under Section 1208 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The NSTI was officially established.

Three-hundred thirty-one new students and the following three new colleges and universities participated: Howard University (Washington, D. C.); Lac Courte Oreilles Objjwa Community College (Wisconsin), and Arizona State University (Arizona).

1999

The 1999 National Summer Transportation Institute introduced 645 secondary school students to transportation-related careers. Thus, the number of youth exposed to career opportunities in the transportation industry was increased to 1,931.

Thirty (30) colleges and universities in twenty-two states and the District of Columbia participated.

2000

Five new colleges and universities conducted summer transportation institutes: Hampton University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, College of the Menominee Nation, Prairie View A&M University, and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

2001

Six new summer transportation institutes were held at Central State University (Ohio); Denmark Technical College (South Carolina); Langston University (Oklahoma); Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (New Mexico); University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, and White Earth Tribal and Community College (Minnesota).

2002

The NSTI celebrates its 10th year anniversary!

Forty-two colleges and universities conducted summer transportation institutes with approximately 768 students.

2003

The USDOT/FHWA commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the NSTI

University of Alaska joins the number of host sites

FHWA Administrator announces two new NSTI goals to (1) establish a STI in every state and (2) introduce 5,000 more secondary school students to careers in the transportation industry and transportation-related careers

Each Host Site and Resource Center received awards in recognition of the NSTI 10th Anniversary Ceremony

41 colleges and universities hosted institutes in 26 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

Over 742 students participated in the STIs

NSTI Strategic Plan Developed

Inaugural year of the National Summer Transportation Institute Annual Business Meeting, replacing the Annual Training Workshop

2004

New STIs established at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Rhode Island, and Merrimack College

University of Missouri Kansas City Summer Transportation Institute pilots first STI for participants with disabilities

45 colleges and universities host institutes in 28 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

National Summer Transportation Institute exposed over 5,500 participants to the wide world of transportation initiatives and careers in transportation

2005

In accordance with the National Summer Transportation Institute Strategic Goals seven (7) new Summer Transportation Institutes were established.

In addition to the 45 continuing Host Sites, new institutes were established at:

- University of Vermont
- Rutgers University
- Montana State University
- Claflin University
- The State University of New York-Albany University
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- Milwaukee Area Technical College

The Federal Highway Administration Office of Civil Rights continues to extend the borders of opportunity for youth with disabilities to participate in the National Summer Transportation Institute. In 2005 joining the pilot specialized STI at the University of Missouri Kansas City are four new specialized STI's for youth with disabilities at Claflin University, Rutgers University, University of Vermont, and Milwaukee Area Technical College.

The 52 colleges and universities host institutes in 31 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The National Summer Transportation Institute in its thirteen year history has exposed over 6,000 participants to the wide world of transportation initiatives, careers, and educational opportunities.

2006

The cooperative agreement between SCSU and FHWA which established South Carolina State University as the NSTI Resource Center ended resulting in the re-engineering of the NSTI program establishing greater participation by State Transportation Agencies.

2007

The NSTI Summer 2007 Program is a workforce development partnership program made possible by close coordination and collaboration between the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Civil Rights, the Division Offices, State Transportation Agencies, and the individual Summer host sites.

- The 2007 NSTI program anticipates 9 additional host sites with a total of 58 host sites for the summer of 2007.
- Anticipated first time host sites States include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, and West Virginia.
- University of Missouri summer transportation institute host site in Kansas, Missouri is recognized for targeting student participants with disabilities.