

Nebraska Transportation Center

Tracks to the Future

June 24-26, 2026

Wednesday, June 24

11:00 AM	ARRIVE & CHECK IN University Suites - 1780 R Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-6106	2:15 - 4:00 PM	EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN RAILROADING Scott Engineering Center & Kiewit Hall Dr. Richard Wood , Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering Dr. Hongfeng Yu , Director of the Holland Computing Center, Associate Professor, School of Computing Dr. Brittany Duncan , Ross McCollum Associate Professor, School of Computing
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH Willa Cather Dining Complex - 530 N 17th St, Lincoln, NE 68588	4:00 - 5:45 PM	ENGINEERING TOUR Kiewit Hall A541
1:00 - 1:10 PM	TRANSITION TO KIEWIT HALL	5:45 - 6:00 PM	TRANSITION TO WILLA CATHER
1:10 - 1:45 PM	REVIEW EXPECTATIONS & SCHEDULE, PRE-SURVEY Kiewit Hall A541	6:00 - 7:00 PM	DINNER Willa Cather Dining Center
1:45 - 2:15 PM	WELCOME REMARKS Kiewit Hall A541 Dr. Nathan Huynh , NTC Director, Professor, Keith W. Klaasmeyer Chair of Engineering and Technology, UNL Dr. Richard Wood , Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, UNL	7:00 - 9:00 PM	TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY SUITES & FREE TIME
		9:00 PM	CURFEW

Thursday, June 25

8:00 - 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST Willa Cather Dining Complex	2:15 - 2:30 PM	TRANSITION TO KIEWIT HALL
8:30 - 8:45 AM	TRANSITION TO BNSF	2:30 - 4:00 PM	UNION PACIFIC ACTIVITY Kiewit Hall A541 Ms. Madelyn Serefko, PHR , Senior Recruiter, Union Pacific Railroad
8:45 - 11:30 AM	BNSF HOBSON RAILYARD TOUR Lincoln Terminal - 801 West O St, Lincoln NE 68528	4:00 - 5:40 PM	RAIL PLANNING GAME Kiewit Hall A549 Mr. Jason Tichota , Sr Project Manager, GFT Engineering
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	TRANSITION TO OLSSON OFFICES	5:40 - 6:00 PM	TRANSITION TO UNION
12:00 - 12:45 PM	LUNCH Olsson Offices	6:00 - 7:30 PM	NETWORKING DINNER City Campus Union, Platte River Room
12:45 - 2:15 PM	OLSSON BRIDGE BUILDING ACTIVITY Olsson Offices (601 P Street, #200, Lincoln NE 68508) Mr. Ben Schulz , Rail Structures Associate Engineer, Olsson Mr. Logan Baardson , Rail Track Student Intern, Olsson Mr. Dillon Holz , Rail Water Resources Engineer, Olsson	7:30 - 9:00 PM	TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY SUITES & FREE TIME
		9:00 PM	CURFEW

Friday, June 26

8:00 - 8:50 AM

BREAKFAST

Willa Cather Dining Complex

8:50 - 9:00 AM

TRANSITION TO KIEWIT HALL

9:00 - 10:30 AM

HDR PRESENTATION & ACTIVITY

Kiewit Hall A541

Mr. Tom Clements, Data Science & Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Manager, HDR

Mr. Tony Klaumann, PE, Associate Vice President & NE/IA Freight Rail Track Section Manager, HDR

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

BENESCH PRESENTATION & ACTIVITY

Kiewit Hall A541

Mr. Paul Vidmar, Public Project Manager, Benesch

12:10 - 1:20 PM

LUNCH

Willa Cather Dining Complex

1:20 - 1:30 PM

TRANSITION TO KIEWIT HALL

1:30 - 3:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Kiewit Hall A541

Dr. Nathan Huynh, NTC Director, Professor, Keith W. Klaasmeyer Chair of Engineering and Technology, UNL

Mr. Chris Talley, Client Relation Manager, Olsson

Ms. Stephanie Camerone, Freight, Economic Development, and Grant Coordinator, Strategic Planning Division, NDOT

Mr. Paul Vidmar, Public Project Manager, Benesch

Mr. Steven Clark, Region 5 Safety Inspector (Track), Federal Railroad Administration, USDOT

Mr. Richard Luebbers, Retired Engineering Program Manager

Ms. Diane Jones, Director of Project Design, Union Pacific

3:00 - 3:30 PM

CLOSING STATEMENT & POST SURVEY

Kiewit Hall A549

Dr. Nathan Huynh, NTC Director, Professor, Keith W. Klaasmeyer Chair of Engineering and Technology, UNL

3:30 - 3:40 PM

TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY SUITES

3:30 - 4:00 PM

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