



# Maintenance Research Bulletin

NTREC New Technology Research Equipment Committee  
MOR Maintenance Operations Research

March 2008

## Upcoming Events

ATSSA "How To" Training and  
Education Workshop  
March 18-19, 2008  
Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo ND

Spring Maintenance and  
Training Expo  
April 15-16, 2008  
St. Cloud, Civic Center

National Work Zone Safety  
Week  
"Slow for the Cone"  
April 7-11, 2008

NTREC Meeting  
April 24, 2008  
Arden Hill Training Center

19th Annual CTS  
Transportation Research  
Conference  
May 20-21, 2008  
St. Paul, River Center

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Start thinking about your  
NTREC project proposals  
Due date  
April 1, 2008  
Good Luck!

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*Questions? Comments?*  
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## U-TECK WeedEnder

WeedEnder is an environmentally friendly alternative that controls vegetation along state highways, guardrails and fences. This continuous roll of material is installed and stapled into the soil and tucked behind the curb for secure holding. All seams are sealed with either joining strips or an adhesive/caulk. Last Fall, Metro District placed a 4' wide by 100' long section of WeedEnder along existing guardrail on 35E near the Lexington Bridge and Shepard Road area. It will be evaluated during the upcoming growing season for its effectiveness on prohibiting the growth of unwanted vegetation. If successful, it would reduce man hours and improve employee safety by eliminating mowing or weed whipping where WeedEnder is installed. The life expectancy is 15 years under normal conditions according to the manufacturer.

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