

# Divyakant Tahlyan

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- Sep.2018-now **Ph.D Civil Engineering**, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, Advisor: Prof. Hani S. Mahmassani.
- Sep.2018-Mar.2021 **M.S Civil Engineering**, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, Advisor: Prof. Hani Mahmassani, Committee: Prof. Amanda Stathopoulos.
- Aug.2016-May.2018 **M.S Civil Engineering**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, USA, Advisors: Prof. Abdul R. Pinjari & Prof. Fred L. Mannering, Committee: Prof. Robert L. Bertini.  
Thesis: Performance Evaluation of Choice Set Generation Algorithms for Modeling Truck Route Choice: Insights from Large Streams of Truck-GPS Data
- Jul.2011-May.2015 **B.Tech Civil Engineering**, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi, U.P., India, Advisor: Prof. Anurag Ohri.

## Professional Experience

- Jun.2021-Sep. 2021 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Northwestern University Transportation Center, Evanston, IL, USA.
- Apr.2021-Jun.2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA.
- Sep.2019-Mar.2021 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Northwestern University Transportation Center, Evanston, IL, USA.
- Apr.2019-Jun.2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA.
- Aug.2016-May.2018 **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, USA.
- Jun.2015-Jun.2016 **Junior Research Fellow**, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

## Research Interests

- *Statistical, econometric and machine learning methods for transportation data analysis*: discrete choice and ordered response models, integrated choice and latent variable models, count data models, heterogeneity and hierarchical models, machine learning based classifiers (SVM, neural networks, decision trees) and ensemble learning.
- *Social networks and travel*: Egocentric network data collection and synthetic social network generation, social capital measurement, dimensions and impact on activity participation.
- *Route choice modeling*: choice set generation algorithms, truck route choice, use of large scale passive data sources
- *Crash data analysis*: frequency and severity modeling and prediction, zero-inflated and limited dependent variable models, unobserved heterogeneity and hierarchical models, spatial transfer-ability and temporal instability.
- *ICT and travel*: role of perceptions, attitudes, experiences, constraints and satisfaction on tele-activities adoption and future retention, virtual/physical activity interaction, tele-activity and well-being.

## Publications

### Journal Publications

1. **Tahlyan, D.**, Said, M., Mahmassani, H., Stathopoulos, A., Walker, J., Shaheen, S. For Whom Did Telework Not Work During the Pandemic? Understanding the Factors Impacting Telework Satisfaction in the US Using a Multiple Indicator Multiple Cause (MIMIC) Model. *Transportation Research Part A*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tra.2021.11.025>.

2. Abkarian, H., **Tahlyan, D.**, Mahmassani, H., Smilowitz, K. 2021. Understanding Visitor Engagement Behavior at Large-Scale Events: Activity Sequence Clustering and Ranking using GPS Tracking Data. *Tourism Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tourman.2021.104421>
3. Cummings, C., Abkarian, H., Zhou, Y., **Tahlyan, D.**, Smilowitz K. and Mahmassani, H. 2021. Simulating Large-Scale Events as a Network of Heterogeneous Queues: Framework and Application. *Transportation Research Record*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03611981211035755>
4. Rahul, T.M., Manoj, M., **Tahlyan, D.** and Verma, A., 2021. The Influence of Activities and Socio-Economic / Demographic Factors on the Acceptable Distance in an Indian Scenario. *Transportation in Developing Economies*, 7(3). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40890-020-00110-3>
5. Verma, A., **Tahlyan, D.** and Bhusari, S., 2020. Agent based simulation model for improving passenger service time at Bangalore airport. *Case Studies on Transport Policy*, 8(1), pp.85-93. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cstp.2018.03.001>
6. **Tahlyan, D.**, Pinjari, A. 2020. Performance Evaluation of Choice Set Generation Algorithms for Analyzing Route Choice: Insights from Spatial Aggregation for the BFS-LE Algorithm. *Transportmetrica A: Transportation Science*, 16:3, pp. 1030-1061. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23249935.2020.1725790>
7. Luong, T.D., **Tahlyan, D.** and Pinjari, A.R., 2018. Comprehensive Exploratory Analysis of Truck Route Choice Diversity in Florida. *Transportation Research Record*, 2672(9), pp.152-163. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0361198118784175>
8. Verma, A., Kumari, A., **Tahlyan, D.** and Hosapujari, A.B., 2017. Development of hub and spoke model for improving operational efficiency of bus transit network of Bangalore city. *Case Studies on Transport Policy*, 5(1), pp.71-79. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cstp.2016.12.003>

## Book Chapters

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1. **Tahlyan, D.**, Balusu, S.K., Sheela, P.V., Maness, M. and Pinjari, A.R., 2020. An empirical assessment of the impact of incorporating attitudinal variables on model transferability. In *Mapping the Travel Behavior Genome* (pp. 145-165). Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-817340-4.00009-7>

## Conference Presentations (\*presenter)

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1. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Said, M., Mahmassani, H., Stathopoulos, A., Walker, J., Shaheen, S. 2022. For Whom Did Telework Not Work During the Pandemic? Understanding the Factors Impacting Telework Satisfaction in the US Using a Multiple Indicator Multiple Cause (MIMIC) Model. 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board. Washington D.C. [Oral]
2. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Said, M., Mahmassani, H., Stathopoulos, A., Walker, J., Shaheen, S. 2022. Latent Transition Analysis of Consumer Spending Behavior and Adaptation Across Online and In-Person Channels Through the Pandemic. 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board. Washington D.C. [Poster]
3. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Stathopoulos, A., Maness, M. 2021. Disentangling Social Capital: Understanding the Effect of Social Support and Social Network Resources on Urban Activity Participation. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridging Transportation Researchers (BTR) Conference. Online. [Oral]
4. **Tahlyan, D.**, Stathopoulos, A.\*, Maness, M. 2021. Disentangling Social Capital: Understanding the Effect of Social Support and Social Network Resources on Urban Activity Participation. 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board. Online. [Poster]
5. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Kim, E., Mahmassani, H. 2021. Real-Time Short-Term Traffic Forecasting: A Meta-Learner Based Ensemble Framework. 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board. Online. [Poster]

6. **Tahlyan, D.\*** and Mahmassani, H. 2021. Characterizing zero-vehicle households: A double-hurdle problem perspective. 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board. Online. [Poster]
7. Cummings, C.\*, Abkarian, H., Zhou, Y., **Tahlyan, D.**, Smilowitz, K. and Mahmassani, H. 2021. Simulating Large-Scale Events as a Network of Heterogeneous Queues: Framework and Application. 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board. Online. [Poster]
8. Cummings, C.\*, **Tahlyan, D.**, Abkarian, H., and Mahmassani, H. 2021. Understanding Attendee Satisfaction at Planned Special Events: Role of Quality of Transportation Services and Prior Expectations. 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board. Online. [Poster]
9. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Kim, E., and Mahmassani, H. 2020. Real-Time Short-Term Traffic Forecasting: A Meta-Learner based Ensemble Framework. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridging Transportation Researchers (BTR) Conference. Online. [Oral]
10. **Tahlyan, D.**, Maness, M.\* 2019. Incorporating social capital as a latent variable in discrete choice models. International Choice Modeling Conference (ICMC), Kobe, Japan. [Oral]
11. **Tahlyan, D.**, Sheela, P.V., Maness, M.\*, Pinjari, A.R. 2018. Improving the spatial transferability of travel demand forecasting models: An empirical assessment of the impact of incorporating attitudes on model transferability. 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Travel Behavior Research, Santa Barbara. [Oral]
12. **Tahlyan, D.**, Sheela, P.V., Maness, M.\*, Pinjari, A.R. 2018. Improving the spatial transferability of travel demand forecasting models: An empirical assessment of the impact of incorporating attitudes on model transferability. 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Innovations in Travel Modeling (ITM), Atlanta. [Oral]
13. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Pinjari, A. R., 2018. Performance Evaluation of Choice Set Generation Algorithms for Modeling Truck Route Choice: Insights from Large Streams of Truck-GPS Data. 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board, Washington D.C. [Poster]
14. Luong, T.D.\*, **Tahlyan, D.** and Pinjari, A.R., 2018. Comprehensive Exploratory Analysis of Truck Route Choice Diversity in Florida. 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board, Washington D.C. [Poster]
15. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Pinjari, A. R., 2017. Performance Evaluation of Choice Set Generation Algorithms for Modeling Truck Route Choice: Insights from Large Streams of Truck-GPS Data. 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Transportation Research Group of India, Mumbai, India. [Oral]
16. **Tahlyan, D.\***, Pinjari, A. R., 2017. Performance Evaluation of Choice Set Generation Algorithms for Modeling Truck Route Choice: Insights from Large Streams of Truck-GPS Data. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual UTC Conference for the South-eastern Region, Gainesville, FL. [Oral]

## Project Reports

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1. Mannering, F., Maness, M., Pinjari, A., Zhang, Y., Alnawmasi, N., Balusu, S.K., Barbour, N., Behnood, A., Eluru, N., Luong, T., Mishra, D., Sheela, P.V. and **Tahlyan, D.**, 2019. *Emerging Econometric and Data Collection Methods for Capturing Attitudinal and Social Factors in Activity, Travel Behavior and Safety Modeling*. Prepared for Center for Teaching Old Models New Tricks (TOMNET), U.S. Department of Transportation University Transportation Center.
2. Mannering, F., Maness, M., Pinjari, A., Zhang, Y., Balusu, S.K., Barbour, N., Menon, N., Sheela, P.V. and **Tahlyan, D.**, 2018. *Investigation of the Role of Attitudinal Factors on the Adoption of Emerging Automated Vehicle and Safety Technologies*. Prepared for Center for Teaching Old Models New Tricks (TOMNET), U.S. Department of Transportation University Transportation Center.
3. **Tahlyan, D.**, Pinjari, A.R., Luong, T. and Ozkul, S., 2017. *Truck Route Choice Modeling using Large Streams of GPS Data*. Report No. CAIT-UTC-NC32. Prepared for Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), U.S. Department of Transportation University Transportation Center.
4. **Tahlyan, D.**, Luong, T.D., Pinjari, A.R. and Ozkul, S., 2017. *Development and Analysis of Truck Route Choice Data for the Tampa Bay Region using GPS Data*. Report BDK25-730-3. Prepared for Florida Department of

Transportation.

## Master's Thesis

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1. **Tahlyan, D.**, 2018. Performance Evaluation of Choice Set Generation Algorithms for Modeling Truck Route Choice: Insights from Large Streams of Truck-GPS Data. *University of South Florida*.

## Under Review

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1. **Tahlyan, D.**, Stathopoulos, A., Maness, M. Disentangling Social Capital: Understanding the Effect of Social Support and Social Network Resources on Urban Activity Participation. *Travel Behaviour and Society*.

## Working Papers

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1. **Tahlyan, D.**, Said, M., Mahmassani, H., Stathopoulos, A., Walker, J., Shaheen, S. Latent Transition Analysis of Consumer Spending Behavior and Adaptation Across Online and In-Person Channels Through the Pandemic.
2. Said, M., **Tahlyan, D.**, Stathopoulos, A., Mahmassani, H., Walker, J., Shaheen, S. In-Person, Pick Up or Delivery? Evolving Patterns of Household Retail Spending Behavior Through the Pandemic.
3. **Tahlyan, D.**, Kim, E., Mahmassani, H. Real-Time Short-Term Traffic Forecasting: A Meta-Learner Based Ensemble Framework.
4. **Tahlyan, D.** and Mahmassani, H. Characterizing zero-vehicle households: A double-hurdle problem perspective.

## Invited Talks

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1. Disentangling Social Capital: Understanding the Effect of Social Support and Network Resources on Urban Activity Participation. *Indian Institute of Science*. [Virtual | April 09, 2021]

## Recognition

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### Awards & Honors

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- 2021 Northwestern University Transportation Center (NUTC) Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2021 Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI) Bob Camillone Memorial Scholarship, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Illinois Section. Amount: \$2,000
- 2018 Walter P. Murphy Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2017 Travel Grant, USF Student Government. For attending 4th Conference of Transportation Research Group of India in Mumbai, India. Amount: \$750
- 2017 Travel Grant, USF ITE Student Chapter. For attending 5th Annual UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region in Gainesville, FL. Amount: \$150
- 2017 2nd Place. USF ITE Student Chapter Transportation Data Visualization Competition. Cash Prize: \$100

### Media Mentions

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- 2021 "Roadwork projects must consider issues of pedestrians, say IISc researchers", Deccan Herald. <https://www.deccanherald.com/city/bengaluru-infrastructure/roadwork-projects-must-consider-issues-of-pedestrians-say-iisc-researchers-942957.html>

- 2018 "Boarding at model Kempegowda International Airport will be a breeze", Bangalore Mirror. <https://bangaloremirror.indiatimes.com/bangalore/others/boarding-at-model-kempegowda-international-airport-will-be-a-breeze/articleshow/63671281.cms>
- 2016 "IISc to develop software that could prevent mishaps like the stampede during Kumbh Mela", India Times. <https://www.indiatimes.com/news/india/iisc-to-develop-software-that-could-prevent-mishaps-like-the-stampede-during-kumbh-mela-255592.html>

## Research Project Experience

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- 2019-now *Graduate Research Assistant*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- UTC Tele-mobility: E-commerce and tele-work adoption amid a global pandemic, survey design
  - Advisory Services for Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) ABM-DTA Model Integration Phase II: dynamic traffic assignment software performance evaluation
  - EAA Air Show Access Logistics: multi-modal simulation, scenario design, policy recommendations
- 2016 - 2018 *Graduate Research Assistant*, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- UTC Teaching Old Models New Tricks (TOMNET): spatial transferability of travel models, choice models and latent variables, survey design, social network analysis
  - Truck Route Choice Modeling using Large Streams of GPS Data: large scale GPS data analysis, discrete choice modeling, route choice set generation
  - Development and Analysis of Truck Route Choice Data for the Tampa Bay Region using GPS Data: heuristic development for raw GPS data to route choice data conversion
- 2015 - 2016 *Junior Research Fellow*, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India
- The Kumbh Mela Experiment: data collection in large scale high density crowd event, personal GPS tracker and video data collection

## Teaching Experience

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- 2021 *Teaching Assistant, Economics and Finance for Engineers* | Class Size: 72 | Weekly in-class discussion session (1 hour), weekly office hours (2 hours) | **Median CTEC Score: 5/6** for TA's ability to answer student's questions, preparation for each session, communication of ideas, and interest in teaching the course | Course In-charge: Pablo Durango-Cohen | Northwestern University
- 2019 *Teaching Assistant, Engineering Analysis 3: System Dynamics* | Class Size: 106 | Weekly in-class discussion session (1 hour), weekly office hours (2.5 hours), and weekly homework and exam grading (for 10 weeks in total) | **Median CTEC Score: 5/6** for TA's ability to answer student's questions, preparation for each session, communication of ideas, and interest in teaching the course | Course In-charge: Kyoo-Chul Park | Northwestern University

## Professional Service

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### Peer Review for Journals (total no. of reviews)

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Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice (13)  
 IATSS Research (2)  
 IEEE Access (2)  
 Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment (3)  
 Journal of Infrastructure Systems (1)  
 Case Studies on Transport Policy (1)  
**Total = 22**

## Peer Review for Conferences (year: total no. of reviews)

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Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (2022: 6; 2021: 5, 2020: 2, 2018: 1)

Conference of Transportation Research Group of India (2017: 4)

Bridging Transportation Researchers Conference (2021: 1, 2020: 2)

IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Transportation (2021: 2)

**Total = 23**

## Other Service

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*Cabinet Member*, Northwestern Transportation Club, 2020-2021

*Data Steward*, Northwestern University Transportation Center, 2020-now

*Undergraduate Training & Placement Representative*, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi, 2014-2015

*Joint Secretary*, Cine Club, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi, 2013-2014

## Memberships

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*Student Member*, Institute of Transportation Engineers, Oct.2021-now

*Student Member*, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2021-now

*Student Member*, International Institute of Forecasters, 2021-now

*Student Member*, USF Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Student Chapter, 2016-2018