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Transportation Scholar To Continue Work On Gardiner Gateway Project

The transportation scholar assisting with the redesign of the historic, year-round North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park will be on the job another year.

Katrina Hecimovic was chosen as part of the National Park Foundation's 2012 Transportation Scholars program, which assigns a handful of talented young transportation professionals to devote a year of research and development work toward improving transportation issues in America's national parks.

Hecimovic and the park recently learned that grant funding for her position has been extended for another year.

The University of Massachusetts-Amherst civil engineering graduate is assisting the National Park Service and the 15 federal, state, local, and non-profit groups involved in the infrastructure redesign and improvements which are part of the Gardiner Gateway Project.

Last week it was announced that Gardiner Gateway Project will receive \$10.3 million from the Federal Lands Access Program, which helps fund state and local transportation repair and improvement projects.

Hecimovic is involved in the engineering and design work on the project as well as coordination with the community and other stakeholders. Construction on infrastructure improvements intended to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety, reduce traffic congestion, enhance parking, and provide for greater pedestrian accessibility is likely to begin in 2014.

The National Park Foundation's Transportation Scholars program is made possible, in part, through the support of the National Park Service and the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

The National Park Foundation, the official national charity of America's national parks, raises private funds that directly aid, support, and enrich America's more than 400 national parks and their programs. To learn more about the Transportation Scholar and other National Park Foundation programs, visit www.nationalparks.org.

Additional information on the Gardiner Gateway Project is available online at <http://gardinergatewayproject.org/>.

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