README for "National Transportation Analysis Regions 1996-Present" dataset.

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LINKS TO DATASET

A. ROSA-P archive dataset link(1995-Present):
   https://doi.org/10.21949/1520803

B. NTAD catalog dataset link (Current Year):
   https://doi.org/10.21949/1522930

SUMMARY OF DATASET

National Transportation Analysis Regions (NTAR) divide the U.S. into 89 areas that delineate the functional geography transportation demand.

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

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0. Title of Dataset:
   National Transportation Analysis Regions 1996-Present [datasets]

1. Description of Dataset:
   National Transportation Analysis Regions (NTAR) divide the U.S. into 89 areas that delineate the functional geography transportation demand.

2. Dataset archive link:
   https://doi.org/10.21949/1520803

3. Authorship Information:
   Principal Data Creator or Data Manager Contact Information
       Institution: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), The Office of
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4. Date of data collection and update interval:
   Annually

5. Geographic location of data collection:
   United States of America.

6. Information about funding sources that supported the collection of the data:
   U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

B. SHARING/ACCESS & POLICIES INFORMATION
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0. Recommended citation for the data:
   U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics [distributor]. (2021). National
Transportation Analysis Regions (NTAR) 1996-Present [datasets]. https://doi.org/10.21949/1520803.

1. Licenses/restrictions placed on the data:
   These data are in the Public Domain.

2. Was data derived from another source?:
   No.

3. This dataset and its documentation was created and shared to meet the requirements enumerated in the U.S.
Federally-Funded Scientific Research" Version 1.1 << https://doi.org/10.21949/1520559 >> and guidelines
suggested by the DOT Public Access website << https://doi.org/10.21949/1503647 >>, in effect and current as
of December 03, 2020.

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C. DATA & RELATED FILE OVERVIEW
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1. File List for the bts_NTAD_NTAR_Data_Package.zip collection

   A. Filename:
    bts_NTAR_DMP_20210311.pdf
      Short description:
      A PDF file containing the Data Management Plan that was created for current and future management of
      the data and associated files.

   B. Filename:
    bts_NTAR_20210311_README.txt
      Short description:
      The README.txt file that includes human-readable information about the data, variable definitions,
      contact information, and other contextual information. The file you are reading now.

2. File List for the NTAR_XXXX.zip collection. Posted are the archived shapefiles, classified by vintage year
(_XXXX). Datasets will be archived as they become available.

   A. Filename:
    NTAR.shp
      Short description:
      A shapefile containing the geospatial data for NTAR 1996-Present dataset. This includes associated
      files with extensions. .prj, .dbf, .sbn, .sbx, .shx.

   B. Filename:
    NTAR.txt or NTAR.met
      Short description:
      A text file containing key metadata and documentation information such as methodology, procedures,
      data dictionary, etc.

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D. METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION
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1. Description of methods used for collection/generation of data:
  N/A

2. Instrument- or software-specific information needed to interpret the data:
  The data and documentation files can be opened with Esri ArcMap and any GIS software package.

E. DATA-SPECIFIC INFORMATION
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1. XXXXXX data table
   Data is updated annually. Dataset Manager is contacted to verify changes to data resulting in NTAD update. The metadata is updated in the same manner. For the most recent data, please visit the NTAD catalog at https://data-usdot.opendata.arcgis.com/

A. Number of variables (columns):
   The data dictionary found in the original metadata (NTAR.txt, NTAR.met) provides definitions for the attributes.

B. Data Dictionary/Variable List:
   Because of the large number of variables, please refer to the Data Dictionary found within the file NTAR.txt (or .met) for names, definitions, and formats of variables.

C. Missing data codes:
   None

F. UPDATE LOG

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2023-09-18: Review and updates as needed