

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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ITS Berkeley hosted the Transportation Systems, Networks, Vehicles and The Silicon Valley Ecosystem module for the Executive Master Program from Ecole Polytechnique June 10-15, 2018, which included an end of cycle ceremony at Consulat de France, San Francisco. See below for the full story.



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am so excited to be back on campus for the coming year. I look forward to being back and working with ITS members on numerous new opportunities we see coming for the academic year 2018-2-19.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Acting Director Joan Walker and Associate Director Daniel Rodriguez for not just keeping ITS going, but for actively working to further the goals and research at ITS and its Centers. I would like to specifically thank Joan and Daniel for their work on the Strategic Plan, along with Karen Trapenberg Frick, Adib Kanafani, Jane Macfarlane, Laura Melendy, Scott Moura and Tom West. The plan is close to completion and will be ready for general review soon! Another major operation expertly facilitated by Joan is the operationalization of the SB1 funding and the internal RFP process. We partnered with the other UC ITS' to secure this new source of funding for a number of new research projects in ITS Berkeley and its Centers. I am excited to see the innovative ways we are contributing to a better California transportation landscape to reduce congestion, improve safety, increase efficiency, and consider environmental impacts!

ITS and its Centers have performed remarkable work this year. I am particularly enthusiastic about our growing relationship with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the growth in Department of Energy funding for High Performance Computing work that will complement ITS transportation research. As we continue to develop our partnerships and research agreements at Berkeley Lab, I would like to congratulate Ravi Pasher on his appointment as the new Associate Lab Director and look forward to working with him in this new capacity. I am also excited about our new contracts with King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and working on new challenges that deepen our understanding of California Transportation.

As I look ahead to this coming academic year, I look forward to meeting our new students this month, in addition to getting back to promoting the good work of the Institute. This year will be critical as we begin to implement our strategic plan and build on our existing and budding partnerships within the Middle East with the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I also look forward to supporting new big projects that are coming up on the horizon and seeing what great work will come out of our Institute this year. As the Institute continues to move forward, I am especially excited to work with the new Dean of the College of Engineering Tsu-Jae King Liu and strengthen our partnership with Jennifer Wolch, Dean of the College of Environmental Design.

As I look ahead to the coming year, I'd like to reflect on our 70th anniversary celebrations this year and the accomplishments and milestones. We come from a deep dynasty, and I see a great innovative spirit and sense of ingenuity as we look ahead to the next 70 years. I am excited to see where we will go next together!

Go Bears,

Alexandre Bayen  
Director of Institute of Transportation Studies  
Liao-Cho Professor of Engineering

## HEADLINES



Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center talks about [Not Just Tech Bros: E-Scooter Fans are Surprisingly Diverse](#) at Wired.



PATH's Steven Shladover comments on [Sacramento Eases Into the Self-Driving Scene](#) with Wired.



[Continental ties up with UC Berkeley to expand global AI research](#), reported by Economic Times.



TSRC's [Future of Mobility](#) white paper featured in Caltrans report page 18.



TSRC's Susan Shaheen talks about [Lyft Gets into Bike-Sharing Following Uber](#) at Government Technology.

## EVENTS

**Aug. 20, 2018 CEE Graduate Orientation**

Registration: 9:15-9:45, 105 Stanley Hall  
Departmental orientation: 10:00-noon, 105 Stanley Hall  
TE break-out session: 12-5 (ITS Library)

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