While the year 2015 held a significant milestone for ITS with the review, 2016 will be primarily focused on strategy. We have already established the ITS Berkeley advisory board, which we expect to have in place by the end of this year, to help us with the construction of the Smart Cities center so we can help pioneer new concepts real-time through massive projects, such as the construction of a 150km long metro. Having just returned from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where “smart cities” is happening in full swing, I am very excited to continue the conversation with the Department of Energy of the Transportation Initiative at LBNL and ITS. I know many colleagues at ITS and LBNL have contributed to the numerous discussions with the Department of Energy for a long time, and we are very excited to finally see the fruits of our labors. The 10-Year External Review concluded with the submission of the report by the review committee, and its various recommendations to the Vice President, Harvey Mudd College. The legacy of Bill is humbling, and his impact on the field of Geography is still palpable through these memories and an inspiration for all of us. In the near future, we will start working on our website — which has not been updated for many years. If you have input and suggestions, let us know so we can take them into account in our development. This email is also an opportunity for me to announce the retirement of Rita Horvath, Professor Emeritus of ITS Berkeley. The legacy of Bill is humbling, and his impact on the field of Geography is still palpable through these memories and an inspiration for all of us. In the near future, we will start working on our website — which has not been updated for many years. If you have input and suggestions, let us know so we can take them into account in our development.

With the new year and semester, we look forward to embracing many new projects and avenues. The 10-Year External Review set the stage for the next decade of ITS Berkeley activity at the Transportation Research Board and other conferences. The legacy of Bill is humbling, and his impact on the field of Geography is still palpable through these memories and an inspiration for all of us. In the near future, we will start working on our website — which has not been updated for many years. If you have input and suggestions, let us know so we can take them into account in our development.