Dear Colleagues and Friends,

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We have a tremendous crowd, and it was so good to see everyone! We also had a chance to reconnect with alumni and a large number of students and staff who attended sessions. Presenters or had work in over 70 sessions, in addition to a megaregion, and coordinating related research, curriculum, capability, and management of an innovative program and activities. Congratulations to the Connected Corridors!

And as usual, we started the year off with another Connected Corridors! Outreach, and other activities. Congratulations to the Connected Corridors!

I am also pleased to announce that Partners for Advanced Urban Mobility (PAHM) has been designated as a Beyond Traffic Innovation Center (BTIC) with the mission to transform the transport system as part of the USDOT's Advanced Research in Transportation Automation (ARPA-A) Initiative. We are starting off the new year with new projects and great enthusiasm. I am excited about the progress and projects as they develop.

The Beyond Traffic Innovation Center (BTIC) is a collaboration among the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the University of California, Berkeley, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, and the University of California, San Francisco. It is supported by a consortium of universities, national laboratories, and industry partners. The BTIC aims to address the challenges of the 21st century and to develop innovative solutions to improve transportation systems.

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At the beginning of this month, ITS Berkeley was well represented when several ITS faculty and staff joined the former U.S. Department of Transportation Anthony Foxx in San Francisco to announce federal funding for six innovative projects. One of these projects is the College Carsharing program, which aims to reduce traffic congestion and improve transportation access for college students. ITS Berkeley Director Susan Shaheen will lead the College Carsharing program. Transportation Sustainability Research Center Co-Director Susan Shaheen will lead the Deployment program. Transportation Sustainability Research Center (TSRC) research and development activities are starting off the new year with new initiatives and projects.

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Stay tuned, and Go Bears!