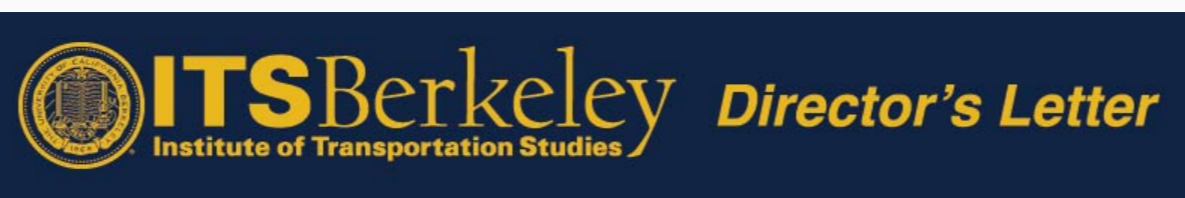


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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am honored to be taking the lead at ITS for the year while Alex is on sabbatical. Alex has delivered a strong and healthy ITS, and I look forward to seeing what we can all accomplish in the next year together. I will have help in leadership this year. Daniel Rodriguez, Professor of City & Regional Planning, has agreed to take on the position of Associate Director for the Institute. This move helps bridge the engineering and planning aspects within the Institute and increases the leadership capabilities. Laura Melendy will continue on as Assistant Director. She has been a tremendous advocate and resource for ITS, and her contributions have been instrumental over the years. I am also pleased to announce Kendra Levine has been officially named Library Director. Under her management, the library is more than just a room full of books; it's the Institute's living room. She's working to ensure ITS accesses the best and most timely resources, and that ITS work is prominent and accessible worldwide. ITS encompasses a great team of leaders and center directors, and I am inspired to work with them this year.

An exciting development occurring this year is the formation and work of an ITS Strategic Planning Committee, which is examining the current state of ITS and its strategic potential and direction. Current membership of the committee includes: Karen Trautenberg Frick, Adb Kanafani, Jane Macfarlane, Laura Melendy, Scott Mours, committee chair; Daniel Rodriguez, Tom West, and myself. I also want to acknowledge Joe Butler's hard work, commitment and forethought for spurring on the creation of this committee. The group has been meeting regularly to draft a strategic plan for the Institute, and we will be looking for input from faculty, researchers, staff, and external collaborators and stakeholders as they proceed. Look for an update from the committee in the near future.

With new changes and projects starting and on the horizon, I look forward to beginning a new academic year, and the arrival of our students. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we all start the new year refreshed.

Joan Walker  
Acting Director of Institute of Transportation Studies  
Professor Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

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