Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This month, I am delighted to announce the retirement of Alex, my colleague and long-time friend. Alex is a brilliant engineer and an inspiration to many in the transportation field. His work at PATH since 2010, in particular for his efforts in the merge process, has been instrumental in shaping PATH into the world leader in transportation technology it is today.

Alex's contributions have been invaluable, both in terms of his technical leadership and his role as a mentor to the next generation of transportation engineers. His work on perception and action, which will continue to be a focus of PATH's research efforts, has been a cornerstone of our mission to develop intelligent transportation systems.

In his wake, we are fortunate to welcome Trevor Darrell as the new director of PATH. Trevor is a world-renowned expert in robotics and machine learning, and his expertise will undoubtedly help PATH continue its leadership in this field.

Trevor's group has recently introduced a software framework for open-source deep learning called CAFFE, which has rapidly become an industry standard in a number of industries. His work on automotive-related research projects by Toyota Motor Corporation while on leave from Massachusetts Institute of Technology will enable center researchers to continue pioneering the field of Intelligent Transportation Systems.

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to thank Trevor's predecessor, Professor Roberto Horowitz for his leadership and dedication to PATH. His work has been instrumental in shaping PATH into the world leader in transportation technology it is today.

Trevor will begin his appointment at PATH in the coming weeks, and his leadership will undoubtedly help PATH continue its leadership in transportation technology.

I am particularly eager to see new directions PATH will take in the coming years, and his work with PATH over the coming years will focus partly on perception and action, which will continue to be a cornerstone of our mission to develop intelligent transportation systems.

I am personally very excited to welcome Trevor to ITS Berkeley and PATH. More importantly, I am looking forward to working with him and his team to continue the work of PATH and its colleagues in the transportation field.

Be Sure to Join Us on Friday, April 3 for Coffee and Cookies at 3:30 p.m. and the ITS Berkeley Transportation Seminar.

Best, 
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April 10  Round Table and Panel on the Future of Automated Driving
ITS Director Alexandre Bayen will moderate “Round Table and Panel on the Future of Automated Driving” featuring Francesco Borelli, UC Berkeley, Jerry Jariyasunant, Automatic, Inc., Megan Ryerson, University of Pennsylvania, and Randell Iwasaki, Contra Costa Transportation Authority for the ITS Berkeley Transportation Seminar Friday, April 10 at 4-5 p.m. in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m.

April 17  Congestion Propagation in Urban Networks: Implications for City-wide Traffic Control
Jean Doig, from UC Berkeley, will present “Congestion Propagation in Urban Networks: Implications for City-wide Traffic Control” ITS Berkeley Transportation Seminar Friday, April 17 at 4-5 p.m. in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m.

April 24  Monitoring Traffic for Incidents and Extreme Congestion Events
Dan Work, from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will present “Monitoring Traffic for Incidents and Extreme Congestion Events” for the ITS Berkeley Transportation Seminar and as part of the Resilience Seminar Series with CITRIS and TRUST Friday, April 24 at 4-5 p.m. in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m.