

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Looking around the campus, I see a thriving and active community. We have so many reasons to celebrate. ITS Berkeley is observing 70 years of leading innovation in transportation research and education, and UC Berkeley is celebrating 150 years of light with a kick off celebration [March 23, 2018](#).

We are also celebrating the 11th annual Martin Wachs Lecture, created by UC Berkeley and UCLA students to honor Professor Wachs (a former ITS Berkeley Director) upon his retirement. This year's lecture, [Smart Cities: The future of urban infrastructure](#), will be held at 6:10 p.m., reception 5:15, this Thursday in Wurster Hall. The panel features a wealth of former students, post docs and colleagues of Marty, including TSRC Co-Director Susan Shaheen, ITS Berkeley Senior Fellow Jeff Morales, and MCP alumni Ryan Russo and Tom Maguire. I hope to see you at the panel and at the preceding reception as well!

The School of Public Health is also celebrating their 75th anniversary and has named SafeTREC Co-Director David Ragland one of its [75 most influential alumni](#). Congratulations David!

With so much to celebrate on campus, we are looking forward to our own future by developing a strategic plan for ITS. The Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work, seeking input from our colleagues to create a roadmap for ITS' future. We target having a draft plan available for the ITS community soon, and we will be looking for additional input before finalizing.

I know this is a busy spring semester with several events and celebrations on campus. I hope you take the time to enjoy these opportunities with your colleagues and students.

Fiat lux!

Joan Walker
Acting Director of Institute of Transportation Studies
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NEWS



[Wong Selected as an Endo Fellow for 2018](#)



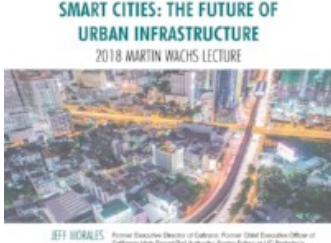
[Soga Delivers Keynote Lecture at the Geotechnical Society of Singapore](#)



[Ragland Named in 75 Most Influential SPH Alumni](#)



[Transportation Sustainability Research Center Releases Carsharing Market Outlook](#)



[Smart Cities: The future of urban infrastructure 2018 Martin Wachs Lecture](#)

HEADLINES



Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center talks about [Shared Mobility and Transportation Equity](#) with Mobility Podcast.



Professor Ethan Etkind talks about [California gears up for a battle over single-family zoning near transit](#) to the Mercury News.



ITS Acting Director Joan Walker's research on [Driverless cars are so overhyped](#) is discussed at This Week.



ITS Director Alexandre Bayen talks about [Dark Caltrans signs on I-80 really do work](#) to San Francisco Chronicle.



ITS Associate Director Daniel Rodriguez talks [FAX Q is Quick, But Will It Deliver?](#) to KVPR.



TSRC Shaheen comments on [San Diego is latest battleground in global war to control 'blockiest' bike rental market](#) at San Diego Union-Tribune.



TSRC Shaheen comments on [Dying to Know Uber's Secrets, Data-Hungry Cities Get Creative](#) at Wired.

SEMINARS AND EVENTS

March 15, 2018 - 6:10 pm
[Smart Cities: The future of urban infrastructure 2018 Martin Wachs Lecture, Mar 15](#)
Panel, 112 Wurster Hall

March 16, 2018 - 4:00 pm
[Data Science to Study Macroeconomic Dynamics in Urban Traffic Networks](#)
Marta Gonzalez, 502 Davis Hall

March 23, 2018 - 4:00 pm
[Towards Vision Zero: Intelligent Intersection Infrastructure to enhance safe operations of \(self-driving\) cars](#)
Pravin Varaiya, 502 Davis Hall

April 13, 2018 - 4:00 pm
[Mining Human Mobility Data](#)
Jessie LJ, 502 Davis Hall

April 27, 2018 - 4:00 pm
[Stochastic Modeling of Traffic Dynamics](#)
Saif Jabari, 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building



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