

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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Congratulations to all of the Transportation graduate College of Engineering held commencement ceremonies Tuesday, May 21, 2019, and the College of Environment and Design held their commencement Sunday, May 19, 2019.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Congratulations, we made it to the end of the academic year! The end of the school year is always hectic but rewarding as we see final projects, thesis and dissertations that our students have worked on for so long come to fruition — and this year was no exception. As we have watched our students grow and their research blossom, it's good to remember that commencement is the beginning, not the end. I am so excited to see where our students will go and what they will accomplish. And I hope to see them at TRB, our alumni events, and conferences, and I hope they will stay in touch within our transportation network!

I want to thank everyone who came out to [watch our graduates](#) at the College of Engineering on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 and College of Environmental Design on Sunday, May 19, 2019 commencement celebrations. It was also exciting to see alumna Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Executive Director Therese McMillan speak at the College of Environmental Design commencement. As one of the first Transportation Engineering and City and Regional Planning (MOPIMS) dual degree awardees, she is a great leader in the transportation planning community and a great ambassador for ITS Berkeley. Both graduation ceremonies and celebration receptions were a great way to honor our students before they continue their journey, even if the weather didn't fully cooperate.

Many of our students and faculty have been engaged in exams and dissertation defenses this past week. Master of Engineering students had the opportunity to highlight 85 team projects in 10 different tracks at the Fung Institute's Capstone Showcase May 10, 2019 to over 550 attendees, including industry leaders at the MLK Pauley Ballroom on Friday, May 10, 2019. Several of our affiliated professors mentored projects at the showcase and several of our ITS students participated in 11 projects in the Autonomous Vehicles and Transportation: Aero-Space & Vehicular Traffic. See [ITS Projects Shine at MEng Capstone Showcase](#).

I want to thank everyone who joined graduating Master of City Planning students for a [symposium](#) of their professional reports, client reports, and theses on May 17, 2019 in Wurster Hall to learn about the six transportation-related projects at the Advancing Equitable Development, Bikes and Equity, Planning the Resilient City, and Managing Growth and Neighborhood Change in California sessions, advised by several ITS affiliated professors. Moderated by many UC Berkeley alumni, presenters followed their presentations up with a panel discussion for a broader view of the session and their findings.

In addition to highlighting student work, these showcases help highlight the diversity of our students and perspectives that we embrace at ITS's cross-disciplinary centers and programs that makes for a richer experience and deeper research.

I hope you are looking forward to a long holiday weekend for Memorial Day and time to regroup before you start on your summer projects.

Go Bears,

Alexandre Bayen
Director of Institute of Transportation Studies
Liao-Cho Professor of Engineering

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Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center talks about [Self-driving tech attracts investors but Uber still relies on its drivers](#) to the LA Times.



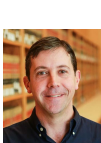
ITS affiliate Jane Macfarlane talks about [Uber launches free online data portal for NYC street speeds](#) to SI Live.



ITS Director Alexandre Bayen talks about [Waze and L.A. City Council will work together to reduce growing traffic on residential streets](#) on Air Talk.



TSRC's Elliot Martin talks about [SamTrans Tests On-Demand Shuttle Option for Pacific Neighborhood](#) to KQED.



Ethan Elkind, director of the climate program at UC Berkeley School of Law talks about [Why Is The U.S. So Bad At Building High-Speed Rail?](#) at Colorado Boulevard.



TSRC Co-Director Timothy Lipman talks about [Electric buses to land at SFO as Burlingame-based maker targets public transit adoption nationwide](#) to San Francisco Business Times.



PATH's Steven Shladover talks about [Egmont NHTSA to be strict with driverless cars says expert](#) to CNBC.



Tracy McMillan, a researcher at SafeTREC, talks about [San Diego communities have urged officials to keep speed limits low in conflict with state law. Now officers can't use radar guns on those stretches of road](#), to the Morning Call.



TSRC's Susan Shaheen talks about [Uber, Lyft losses keep competitors at bay](#) to the Washington Post.



TSRC's Elliot Martin talks about [Uber and Lyft have made San Francisco's traffic much worse, study says](#) at the LA Times.



PATH's Steven Shladover talks about [Tesla gears up for fully self-driving cars amid skepticism](#) at the San Francisco Chronicle.



Berkeley DeepDrive featured in [Didi launches open platform for smart transportation AI services](#) at Tech Node.

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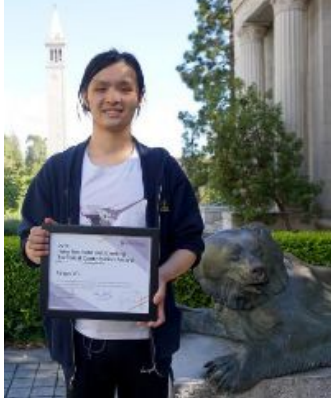
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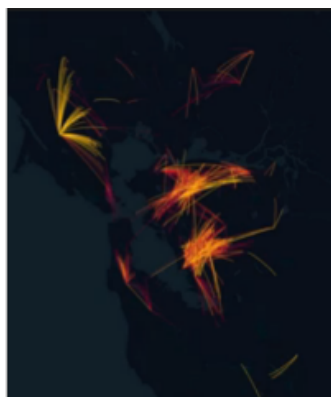
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