

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,


It isn't such a pleasure to be leading the Institute as Acting Director so far this year. We are part of a great community, and I have enjoyed seeing the institute, people and our activities from a different perspective in the last couple of months. While many of you are getting to know our new students, you may have also seen a few new faces around ITS. I'd like to welcome our new ITS faculty affiliates Ethan Elkind and Marta Gonzalez. Marta is from the planning and data science side of transportation, and she works in the area of urban computing, with a focus on the intersections of people, the built environment and their physical and social networks. Her team designs urban mobility solutions and to enable the sustainable development of smart cities. She has introduced new tools into transportation research and is a leader in the emergent field of urban computing. Ethan is from the School of Law, where he is the Director of the Climate Program at the Center for Law, Energy and the Environment and leads the Climate Change and Business Research Initiative on behalf of the UC Berkeley and UCLA Schools of Law. He has a background in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), climate change law, environmental justice, and other environmental law topics. He also wrote a book on the history of the modern Los Angeles Metro Rail.


In addition, I'd like to welcome the inaugural class of the ITS Senior Fellows. We have invited four transportation industry leaders to participate in our seminars and classrooms this year. I hope this is an enriching program for students, faculty and researchers and provides a foundation we can build on in the years to come. I am excited to welcome back alumnus [Rafiq Amin](#), the Transportation Policy Director at the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR). She leads SPUR's work to create a high-quality transportation system in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and the Bay Area region. Her areas of focus include public transit, land use and transportation integration and systems change. [Mark Dowd](#), visiting scholar at UC Berkeley and Executive Director of the Smart Cities Lab in Washington, DC will also be joining us. He previously served as the US DOT's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology and senior advisor to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx and was a senior member of President Obama's Auto Task Force. He has extensive policy experience in transportation, technology, energy and environmental matters. Metropolitan Transportation Commission Executive Director [Sleeva Hittinger](#) is also joining us. He is responsible for the administration of more than \$2 billion per year in funding for the operation, maintenance and expansion of the Bay Area's surface transportation network. As chairman of the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, he oversaw construction of the new East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and also served on the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, which helped chart the future course for the federal transportation program. The fourth Fellow is [Jeffrey Morales](#), who served as the Chief Executive Officer of California High Speed Rail Authority, as a Principal Consultant of PB Consult Inc., as a Project Manager for the Congestion Pricing Operating Plan for Los Angeles County, and as an Executive Director of Caltrans. He is an expert in strategic planning and program implementation.


I am thrilled to see such momentum happening throughout the ITS community, and I hope to see all of you at the ITS Holiday Celebration and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 30, from 4:00-6:30 at International House. This event will honor and recognize our outstanding colleagues, staff, faculty, and students for their achievements and their research, vision, and dedication in support of the Institute. We will also take this opportunity to celebrate 2017 and toast to the Institute's 70th Birthday. Reception: 4:00-4:30; Awards Ceremony: 4:30-5:30; and Dinner Buffet and Cake: 5:30-6:30. Hope to see all of you there!

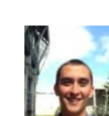
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 [Berkeley DeepDrive's Anca Dragan talks about 'To Survive the Streets, Robocars Must Learn to Think Like Humans' at Wired.](#)


 [Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center talks about 'Change is Suspended in San Francisco' and 'the Transportation Fix is Still Hard' at Wired.](#)

 [Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology Steven Shladover talks about 'Automated Freight Trucks Should Hit the Market in Next Few Years' at American Shipper.](#)

 [TSRC's Adam Stocker comments on 'Taxi Drivers On Strike Disrupt Bogotá Traffic' at the Bogotá Post.](#)

 [TSRC's Shaheen talks about 'Washington, D.C. Tackles Emissions with Dockless Bikes' in Scientific American.](#)

 [TSRC Shaheen comments on 'Is there life after Uber? What Montreal could learn from Austin, Texas' at CBC.](#)

 [UC Berkeley's California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology \(PATH\) joins with PIT Group to Assess Real-World Platooning Operations at Trucking Info.](#)

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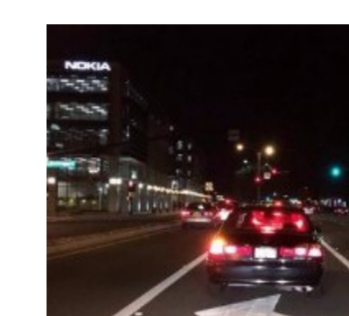
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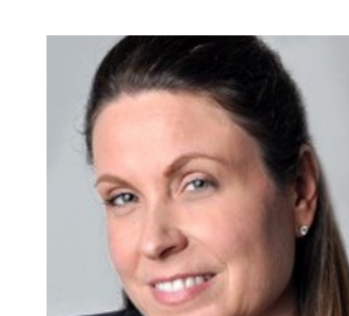
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