In celebration of the Institute’s 70th Birthday, Reception: 4:00-4:30; 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 dedication in support of the Institute. We will also take this opportunity to celebrate 2017 and toast to the future of our institution.

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. It is such a pleasure to be leading the Institute as Acting Director so far this year. We are part of a great team and I look forward to continuing our work in transportation.

Jeffrey Morales
Executive Director of Caltrans. He is an expert in operating plan for Los Angeles County, and as an attorney, he has represented the California High Speed Rail Authority, as a Principal Consultant of PB Consult Inc., the Chief Executive Officer of California High Speed Rail Authority, and as a Project Manager for the Congestion Pricing Authority.

The fourth Fellow is Jon Hitten, visiting scholar at UC Berkeley and Executive Director of the Smart Cities 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’s surface transportation network. As chairman of PATH San Francisco, she leads researchers and provides a foundation we can build on. Jon is a leader in the emergent field of urban computing. Ethan is from the Berkeley Lab in Washington, DC and is a leader in the field of smart cities. She has introduced new tools into urban computing, with a focus on the intersections of transportation, technology, energy and social networks. Her team designs urban mobility solutions and to enable the sustainable development of more than $2 billion per year in funding for the state of California.

In addition, I’d like to welcome the inaugural class of 2017-2018 ITS Senior Fellows. They include: Roy W. Crum Award winner, visiting scholar at UC Berkeley and Executive Director of the Smart Cities 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’s surface transportation network. As chairman of PATH San Francisco, she leads researchers and provides a foundation we can build on. Jon is a leader in the emergent field of urban computing. Ethan is from the Berkeley Lab in Washington, DC and is a leader in the field of smart cities. She has introduced new tools into urban computing, with a focus on the intersections of transportation, technology, energy and social networks. Her team designs urban mobility solutions and to enable the sustainable development of more than $2 billion per year in funding for the state of California.

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