

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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Several leaders and researchers from ITS Berkeley and ITS Centers met with Legislative Staff to discuss ongoing innovative research happening on campus and how the state can work with ITS Berkeley on Nov. 6, 2019.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we near the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday break, I hope you take this time to prepare for the final stretch of the semester, which can be very demanding. I know that you have all been working very hard already and hope you can join in during the upcoming end of year parties across the various departments, colleges and organizations you are involved in. I know TRANSOC is busy organizing their holiday gathering for students and ITS Berkeley is working on our annual lunch and awards ceremony for faculty and staff. If you have received your invitation via email, make sure you RSVP. I look forward to seeing you there!

But before we celebrate, I'd like to recap some exciting events we had in November. I am excited to announce that we had [11 Eisenhower Award winners!](#) These awards will help fund diverse and interesting work, and I look forward to seeing these students shine at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting January 12-16, 2020. Having so many recipients underlines the intellectual leadership of ITS Berkeley in the transportation landscape at the National level, across many departments and colleges.

In addition, ITS Berkeley [hosted an afternoon with California legislative staff](#) to discuss research happening at our institute and centers in four key areas — Micromobility and TNCs; Leveraging Partnerships for Curbside Management and Data; Emerging Safety Issues in Transportation; Automated and Connected Vehicles (CAVs); and Evidence-based Strategies for Achieving Better Integration of Land Use, Housing, and Transportation. Representatives from ITS, Department of City and Regional Planning, PATH, TSRC, and SafeTREC led the discussion, answered questions and created dialogue with the legislative staff. We also discussed further opportunities that ITS Berkeley could help on state committees, hearings and policies.

I would also like to thank everyone who came out to see Professor Emerita of City and Regional Planning and Urban Design Elizabeth "Betty" Deakin present the Martin Wachs Lecture, "[Integrating Transportation Land Use and Environmental Planning for Social Justice and Carbon Reduction: Finding a Way that Works](#)." It was a special night to see current students mingle with alumni returning for the lecture, which was founded by former students of Martin Wachs, also a former ITS Director. In addition to the lecture, Betty also received the 2019 ACSP Distinguished Educator Award presented biennially to those who have made significant contributions to planning research and practice, and have demonstrated excellence in teaching and public service. Beyond hosting the lecture in Berkeley and Betty's informative lecture, it is always an honor to host ITS Director Alumnus Professor Marty Wachs on campus, who visited from UCLA for the event.

As events begin to wind down for the semester and finals approach, I wish everyone good luck on their finals, end of semester projects and presentations, and grading. Looking further ahead, for those of you who are going to the [Transportation Research Board](#), I also want to let you know about the ITS Berkeley reception at [Cuba Libre](#) on Jan. 12, 2020 from 6:30-8:30 in Washington, DC. With so many interesting sessions being presented at the TRB, I hope you all take the time to stop by and say hello to our faculty, alumni, friends and students! I look forward to seeing you all when you come up for air!

Go Bears,

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

## HEADLINES



Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center, talks about [Where parents feel like chauffeurs, companies step in](#) at the Washington Post.



Doctoral students Mustapha Harb and Marcel Moran talk about [Zombie Miles And Nana Wastelands: How A Week With Chauffeurs Showed The Major Flaw In Our Self-Driving Car Future](#) at Jalopnik.



ITS Director Alexandre Bayen talks about [Navigating through the politics of Fremont traffic](#) to ABC 7.



Elliot Martin, a research and development engineer at the UC Berkeley Transportation Sustainability Research Center, talks about [It's Getting Riskier to Walk and Bike After Dark](#) at City Lab.



ITS Co-Director Susan Shaheen talks about [How St. Louis Took a Proactive Approach to E-Scooter Regulation](#) to Next City.



ITS Director Alexandre Bayen talks about [Navigation Apps Changed the Politics of Traffic](#) at City Lab.

## NEWS



[Legislative Staff Talk ITS Research](#)



[11 ITS Students Earn Eisenhower Awards](#)



[Deakin Awarded 2019 ACSP Distinguished Educator Award Presents Wachs Lecture](#)



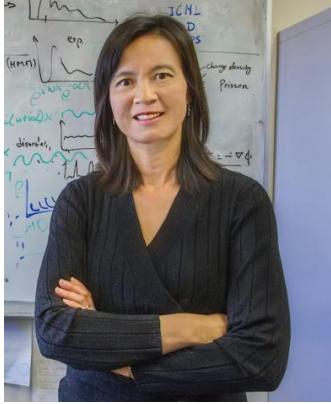
[ITS/CED Students Honored for Self-eSTEM Work](#)



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## EVENTS

January 12, 2020 - 6:30-8:30 pm

TRB ITS Berkeley Reception  
*Cuba Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar 801 9TH ST. NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001*

You are cordially invited to our 2020 ITS Berkeley Reception held in conjunction with the 99th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board on Sunday, January 12, 2020, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Cuba Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar, 801 9TH ST. NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001.

## KUDOS

If you would like to share a *kudos* about a co-worker who went above and beyond, email [akumar@berkeley.edu](mailto:akumar@berkeley.edu) to let everyone know about the good work ITS and Center employees are doing!

### Kind and Gracious

Calvin Burnes  
Kudos to Calvin Burnes who is always so kind and gracious in helping with IT needs. Software updates, remote access, you name it, he always comes to the rescue with the right fix. Even when it's a user error! :-)

### Sustainable Aviation Symposium

Amranda Cairo  
Kudos to Amranda Cairo for working extra hours in promoting the ITS-sponsored Sustainable Aviation Symposium 2019, which resulted in an immediate and substantial increase in enrollments for the conference! Thank you for the great follow-up stories, too!

