

To conduct and foster impactful, crosscutting, multimodal transportation research; educate the next generation of transportation leaders; and facilitate technology transfer.

UFTI MISSION

To lead the profession in shaping a better transportation future by functioning as a preeminent center of multidisciplinary transportation research, students' top choice for transportation education, and a provider of state-of-the-art analysis and decision-support tools.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear colleagues,

Autonomous vehicles, V2I and V2V connectivity, sensors, smart cities, and big data analytics continue to evolve and dominate the transportation-related news. It is not always clear how quickly these technologies are going to become a reality for the general public, but the transportation community is working very energetically toward that end.

The UFTI has positioned itself to lead the way in the refinement and deployment of several of these advanced technologies. Based on our extensive experience with autonomous vehicle technology through the DARPA Challenge and the Urban Challenge events, we are now developing novel algorithms for using autonomy and connectivity to reduce congestion. Ongoing work funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) is developing signalized intersection control strategies and sensors that will optimize traffic flow and signal controls and will use simulation software to evaluate these strategies. A Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - funded project will test one such signal control optimization algorithm at FDOT's closed course facility (Traffic Engineering and Research Laboratory, or (TERL) in Tallahassee. Our field tests, planned for spring 2017, will evaluate the operation of the optimization algorithm for autonomous, connected and conventional vehicles.

This past year, the UFTI partnered with the City of Jacksonville and the University of North Florida to join the MetroLab Network, which focuses on research, development, and deployment (RD&D) projects that offer technological and analytically-based solutions to challenges facing urban areas including: inequality in income, health, mobility, security and opportunity; aging infrastructure; and environmental sustainability and

resiliency. The MetroLab Network includes 38 cities, 4 counties, and 51 universities, organized in more than 35 regional city-university partnerships.

An interdisciplinary group of researchers (Transportation Engineering, Urban Planning, and Computer Science) are working with FDOT's District 5 – Orlando to develop and use Big Data analytics platforms for decision making. Current focus efforts include integration of various data sources, assessment of data quality, visualization, and analytics using data mining / statistics methods.

This past year, Ms. Maria Cahill, AICP, joined the UFTI to lead the Technology Transfer (T2) Center. T2 has roughly 10 staff members and it houses the Florida Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) among others. Prior to this appointment Maria worked at the FDOT Office of Policy Planning and assisted with the Florida Transportation Plan and Future Corridors project. In a relatively short time Maria has engaged with numerous researchers and is leading new initiatives for disseminating research results to the transportation practitioner community.

This is a very exciting time for transportation, and I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of it. As always, we invite you to provide us with feedback and are delighted to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Sincerely,

Lily Elefteriadou, Ph.D. Professor & UFTI Director



UFTLBY THE NUMBERS

\$7,239,103.78



Annual Research Expenditures



9 Internal Steering Committee Members

\$1,946,242.50 Auxiliary Revenue (T2 & McTrans)

5,622Course Participants (technology transfer, i.e. webinars, non-degree)







RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Development and Testing of Optimized Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Trajectories at Signalized Intersections

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

PI: Lily Elefteriadou, Ph.D., Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering/ESSIE Co-PIs: Carl Crane, Ph.D., Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering & Sanjay Ranka, Ph.D., Department of Computer & Information Science & Engineering

This project uses a previously developed signal control optimization algorithm to test its functionality at FDOT's Traffic Engineering and Research Laboratory facility. The main objective of this project is to refine this algorithm, and develop and test the necessary software and hardware for enhancing traffic signal control operations simultaneously with vehicle trajectories, when the traffic stream consists of connected vehicles, autonomous vehicles, as well as conventional vehicles. The algorithm is capable of optimizing simultaneously vehicle trajectories of automated vehicles together with the signal control patterns at the intersection. A field test is planned for 2017.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Traffic Signal Control with Connected and Autonomous Vehicles in the Traffic Stream

National Science Foundation (NSF)

PI: Lily Elefteriadou, Ph.D., Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering/ESSIE

Co-PIs: Carl Crane, Ph.D., Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering & Sanjay Ranka, Ph.D., Department of Computer & Information Science & Engineering

Traffic signal control has a significant impact on transportation system efficiency, as well as energy consumption and environmental impacts. This project develops signalized intersection control strategies and other enabling sensor mechanisms for jointly optimizing vehicle trajectories and signal control. The strategies developed consider the presence of conventional vehicles in the traffic stream to facilitate transition to these new strategies in a mixed vehicle environment. The project also develops and uses simulation tools to evaluate these strategies as well as to provide tools that can be used in practice to consider the impacts of automated and connected vehicles in arterial networks.



Infrastructure Adaptation Planning for Autonomous Vehicles

STRIDE Center (USDOT)
PI: Yafeng Yin, Ph.D., Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering /ESSIE

Autonomous vehicles (AVs) are expected to offer extraordinary improvements to both the safety and efficiency of existing roadways and mobility systems. Before manual driving can be criminalized one day as some have predicted, the traffic stream on road networks will still be heterogeneous, with both conventional vehicles (CVs) and AVs. The project develops methods for infrastructure adaptation planning for AVs. A general mathematical framework will be proposed to aid government agencies to optimally identify critical locations to implement AV mobility applications, and designate and improve lanes, segments and areas for AVs only. We then extend the framework to optimize a roadmap for evolving highway infrastructures towards automated mobility.

Warrants, Design and Safety of Road Ranger Service Patrol

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
PI: Yafeng Yin, Ph.D., Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering /ESSIE

Co-PI: Siva Srinivasan, Ph.D., Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering/ESSIE

This research project created a decision support system for managers who must decide if a roadway "warrants" the addition of the Safety Service Patrol (SSP). A computer tool was developed to facilitate the input of critical information about roadway segments necessary for the analysis. Where warranted, the tool also provides guidance on beat configuration and number of trucks recommended. While the safety benefits of SSP have been researched, this research is among the first to evaluate safety of SSP operations based on crash data and operator surveys.



Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (sUAV) Project

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
PI: Dr. Jennifer Rice, Department of Civil & Coastal
Engineering / ESSIE

Co-PI: Dr. Peter Ifju, Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

FDOT recognizes that part of improving the condition of these bridges is developing more modern methods for performing inspections, which decrease the costs and nuisances involved, while improving the quality of data obtained. Small unmanned aerial vehicles (sUAVs) offer potential advantages over traditional inspection strategies such as improved access, increased safety, lower costs, and potential for more accurate inspection results. This collaborative project brings together UF's UAV and bridge maintenance experts, as well as the use and evaluation of UF's existing aerial vehicle, the octocopter, to determine important operational parameters and other criteria to reach the study's goals.

EDUCATION

Iva and Norman Tuckett Fellowship for the UFTI

The UFTI offers six fellowships through the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering. Students from any department in the College are eligible. The following students were recipients of the Iva & Norman Tuckett Fellowship from the UFTI:



Pedro Felipe Adorno Maldonado Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering/ESSIE



Stephen Carl SpanaDepartment of Civil & Coastal Engineering/ESSIE



Sinead Marie CrottyDepartment of Civil & Coastal Engineering/ESSIE



Chad James SpreadburyDepartment of Environmental Engineering Sciences/ESSIE



Kyle Jude Michael VenturaJ. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering

Transportation Research Internship Program (TRIP)

Five interns were selected to participate in the UFTI Southeastern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development & Education (STRIDE) Center summer internship program, which began on May 19, 2016. STRIDE provides a unique opportunity to learn about transportation engineering, and students can reside at any of the eight universities associated with the STRIDE consortium. Interns are paired up with a faculty adviser and work with masters and doctoral students. For more information, visit: http://stride.ce.ufl.edu/internship-opportunities



Fernando Dahbura
Florida International
University
Project Title: "Bicycle
Crash Trend Analysis"
Interned at: Florida
International University



Taehyun Kim
University of Florida
Project Title:
"SwashSim –
Signalized Intersection
Simulation and
VTAPE"
Interned at: University
of Florida



Alex Dixon
Arizona State University
Project Title: "Florida
REDI Counties and
Communities – GIS
Analysis for Safe Routes
to Schools"
Interned at: University of
Florida



Daniel Royer
University of Florida
Project Title:
"Economic Impact of
Shared Use Paths"
Interned at: North
Carolina State
University



Matthew Elias
University of Florida
Project Title:
"Visualization of New
York Taxi Data"
Interned at: University of
Florida

UFTI Student Chapters

WTS Florida Gator Student Chapter

In November 2015, the UF WTS student chapter hosted the 5th Annual Transportation Symposium. Panelists included: Dr. Carl Crane, Director of the Center for Intelligent Machines & Robotics, UF; Ben Walker, P.E., associate vice president of HNTB Corp.; and Dr. David Metcalf, Senior Researcher, Institute for Simulation Training, UCF. The chapter also hosted a free interactive workshop and sponsored a field trip to Tampa Port where students were able to see operations in the water such as vessel traffic service management, cruise terminals, and how cargo cranes operate.





UF ITE Student Chapter

The ITE student chapter at the University of Florida held three seminars, two workshops and five events this year. Members also attended the FSITE Summer Meeting and participated in the 2016 Collegiate Traffic Bowl in Daytona Beach, Fla. In 2015, the UF chapter took a trip to the Port of Tampa Bay. In the spring of 2016, the ITE went to the Gainesville Traffic Management Center and I-95 in Jacksonville, which monitors traffic in the city and surrounding areas.





From top left: Members of the UFITE student chapter during Traffic Bowl; The leadership of the WTS Florida Gator Student chapter in one of their meetings; WTS Student Chapter President Maria Missena introduces panelists during the WTS Symposium; Members of the UFITE during one of their field trips to the Jacksonville Traffic Management Center.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Jing Li, Ph.D. (UF 2012)

Assistant Research Scientist at Texas
A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)
"The UF transportation program
is very prosperous. Our professors
are very active and well-established
in the transportation engineering field,

which brings in many cutting-edge research projects. That gives the students great opportunities of getting involved in those innovative research projects, which are very important for graduate students to shape their research skills. I benefited a lot from my time as a research assistant there."

Larry Dorilus, M.Eng. (UF 2016)

Traffic Operations Specialist, Albeck Gerken, Inc.

"Don't be afraid to fail. Even the greatest minds have failed several times before reaching success.

Continue to believe in yourself, have faith in your abilities, and the rest will work out on its own."

Yinan Zheng, Ph.D. (UF 2016)

Data Scientist – Systems Analysis Group WSP | Parsons Brinkerhoff
"I wish to translate my knowledge and skills gained at UF into sustainable solutions that help the transportation system and the society move forward."

Di Wu, Ph.D. (UF 2011)

Senior Research Scientist at Amazon. com, Inc.

"I think the most critical decision to make after graduation, especially after spending quite some time in the Ph.D. program, is whether to pursue a

career in academia or industry. I spent a lot of time struggling through the decision. I think what makes your life better is to be able to find a career that overlaps with your personal interests."

Michael Armstrong, M.S. (UF 2015)

Project Engineer, HDR

"I wanted something more handson where I could get involved with real-world projects. When Professor Sampson offered me an opportunity at McTrans, I took it and ran with it.

Getting real practitioner experience is important. It bridges the gap between theory you learn in classroom and what actually happens."

OUR GRADUATES

Where are they now?

Michael Armstrong, M.S.

(UF 2015) Project Engineer HDR

Larry Dorilus, M.Eng.

(UF 2016)

Traffic Operations Specialist Albeck Gerken, Inc.

Nima Shirmohammadi, Ph.D.

(UF 2015)

Engineer Analytics & Optimization Jet Blue Airways

Samantha Taningco, M.S.

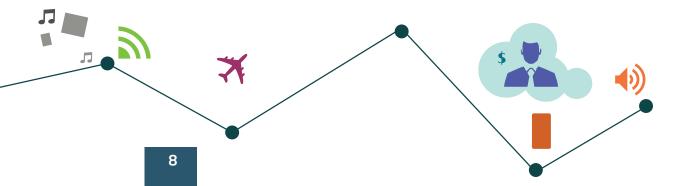
(UF 2016)

Tech Support/Testing UFTI/McTrans Center

Yinan Zheng, Ph.D.

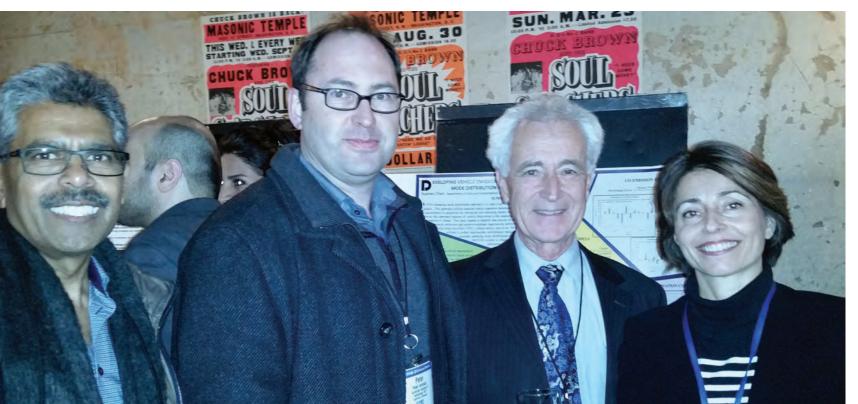
(UF 2016)

Data Scientist – Systems Analysis Group WSP | Parsons Brinkerhoff









From top left: Current and former graduate students Ruoying Xu, Don Watson, Clark Leter and Amy Cavaretta; Ana Moreno, Marilo Martin Gasulla and Ines Aviles Spadoni; Milton Carrasco of Transoft (at left) and Dr. Lily Elefteriadou (at right) with colleagues during the UFTI 2016 reception in January at TRB.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T2): A year in review

This year, the T2 Center marked 32 years in administering the Florida Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). In 2015, the T2 Center trained over 2,100 individuals in 127 course sessions. The T2 Center houses several statewide safety resource centers, including the Florida Pedestrian and Bicycling Resource Center and the Florida Occupant Protection Resource Center. These programs and projects have been renewed for the 2016-2017 grant year. A major change in the Center's leadership occurred in 2016, including a reorganization of its programs. A new director, Maria Cahill, AICP, was named in April of 2016. For more information about the T2 Center and the activities and projects housed at the Center, please visit http://www.t2ctt.ce.ufl.edu/t2ctt/default.asp.

McTrans Center: A year in review

This year the McTrans Center celebrated its 30th anniversary. From its beginning in 1986 as a federallyfunded grant to a completely self-supporting center in 1988, McTrans has continually developed, distributed and supported software for the traffic engineering and transportation planning profession. Recently, McTrans has been involved in the development of the latest version of the Highway Capacity Software™ (HCS7) that implements the updated procedures in the 6th Edition of the Highway Capacity Manual. Additionally, McTrans was involved in building travel time reliability mechanisms for urban streets and freeway facilities and alternative intersections. McTrans presented several webinar series and live training courses on highway capacity analysis and traffic engineering fundamentals. For more information visit http://mctrans.ce.ufl.edu.

UFTI Director Joins Panel of Industry Experts at HNTB Forum

UFTI Director Dr. Lily Elefteriadou participated in a panel of industry experts at an HNTB "Think: Infrastructure Forum" on August 18, 2015, in Orlando, Fla. The group of more than 40 leaders, experts and thinkers met for 2-hours to engage in discussions on key topics important to the transportation industry. The main topic of the discussion was on "Automated and Connected Vehicles." This new transportation technology will affect drivers and pedestrians, including car manufacturers, state DOTs, commercial trucking and logistics, companies, transportation engineers, consultants, the insurance industry and legislation.

Traffic Management for Football Games Workshop/Webinar

On September 3, 2015, the University of Florida Transportation Institute hosted a free workshop titled "Traffic Management for Football Games." The program included two presentations, one by Gator Alumni Matthew Weisman and the other by Texas A&M's Tim Lomax, Ph.D. The presentations were also offered as a live webcast, which has been recorded and can be seen online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGl4wt_BUBA.



A view from the Traffic Management Center at the University of Florida's Ben Hill Griffin Football Stadium.

Concrete Field Testing Technician Training & Certification

On October 9, 2015, seven students attended the American Concrete Institute's (ACI) Concrete Field Testing Technician training and certification course hosted by T2 on the UF campus in Gainesville. The attendees were a mix of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students under the supervision of Dr. Chris Ferraro, P.E., in the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment at UF. After successful completion of the written and performance exams, students earned an ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Grade 1 certification, which is accepted worldwide.

WTS Transportation Symposium on Automated & Connected Vehicles

The WTS Florida Gator Student Chapter hosted their 5th annual Transportation Symposium on November 18, 2015. This year's topic was on "Automated & Connected Vehicles". Guest Speakers included Dr. Carl Crane, UF, director of the center for intelligent machines & robotics; and Dr. David Metcalf, senior researcher at the institute for simulation and training at the University of Central Florida.

UFTI Director Presents on Driver Behavior & Traffic Modeling at FSU-FAMU Research Seminar

Dr. Lily Elefteriadou traveled to Tallahassee to present her research on "Driver Behavior and Characteristics and their Use in Traffic Modeling." The talk was part of the Florida A&M University (FAMU) – Florida State University (FSU) College of Engineering's Civil and Environmental Engineering Seminar Series. It was also sponsored by the Center for Accessibility and Safety for an Aging Population (ASAP) at FSU.

UFTI Reception at TRB & STRIDE Student Poster Competition

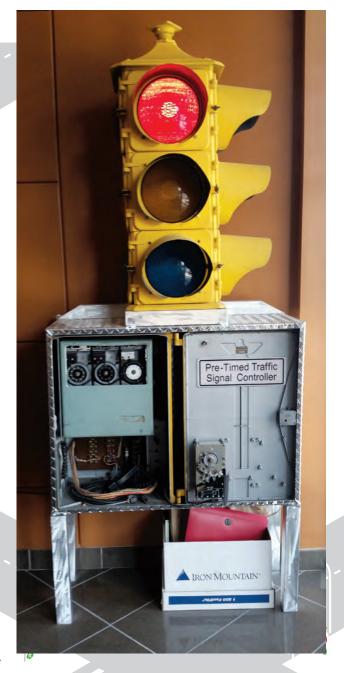
The STRIDE Student Poster Competition was held in conjunction with the University of Florida Transportation Institute's Reception during the 95th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB). Students from the STRIDE partner universities who worked on STRIDE-funded and related projects were invited to compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place scholarships worth \$500, \$250 and \$100, respectively. Winners of the competition were: Ossama Ramadan (UAB), 1st Place; Yinan Zheng (UF), 2nd Place; Chelsea Dyess (GT), 3rd Place.

UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region

STRIDE co-sponarded the 2016 UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region, which was held on March 31, 2016 and April 1, 2016, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The conference theme was Safety, Mobility and Sustainability. Conference speakers included John Schroer, TDOT commissioner; Paul Trombino III, AASHTO president and Iowa DOT director; Peter Kelle, Louisiana State University; and Jurek Grabowski, director of research for the AAA Foundation.

UFTI's T2 Center Hosts Child Passenger Safety Meetings in North & Central Florida

The Florida T2 Center hosted two regional Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Updates this summer. CPS Updates are 8-hour workshops for CPS Technicians who educate parents across Florida on car seat installations. Alison Tillman, a certified CPS Technician at the UFTI's T2 Center, was on hand alongside several state technicians and instructors. State Farm provided funds for part of the Updates.



FACULTY & STUDENT AWARDS

Ines Aviles-Spadoni, M.S.

Research Coordinator, Administrative Leadership Award, Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) and ARTBA Awards Banquet, TRB, Washington, D.C. 2016

Deja Jackson

Best Oral Presentation, Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship, 2016, TRB, Washington, D.C., Paper: *Today's* Perception of Vehicle Safety and It's Impact on Preparing for Tomorrows Autonomous Vehicles

Committee 200 (C200) Scholar Award, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, University of Florida 2016

Eleftheria (Ria) Kontou

Frankee Hellinger Graduate Scholarship WTS Central Florida 2015

Clark Letter

Student of the Year 2015 Southeastern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development & Education Center (STRIDE)

> Top right: Dr. Lily Elefteriadou presents Yinan Zheng with the 2nd Place Award during the UFTI/STRIDE Student Poster Showcase/Competition.

Bottom right: Ines Aviles-Spadoni, the Honorable Norman Mineta (former Secretary of Transportation) and Dr. Lily Elefteriadou during the CUTC Awards Banquet at TRB in January 2016.

Megan McGinley

Frankee Hellinger Undergraduate Scholarship, WTS Central Florida 2016

Dr. Siva Srinivasan

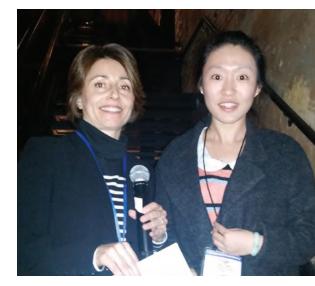
Runner-up, Florida Automated Vehicle Summit (poster competition), *Traveler* Perceptions about Autonomous Vehicles: A Quantitative Synthesis 2015

Don Watson

Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship 2015

Yinan Zheng

2nd Place Winner, STRIDE Student Poster Competition, TRB 2016, Washington, D.C., Poster Title A Model of Pedestrian Delay at Unsignalized Intersections in Urban Networks





INTERNAL STEERING COMMITTEE



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UFTI Director & Kisinger Campo

Professor of Civil Engineering

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McTrans Center

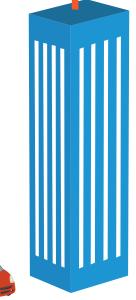


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Engineering/ESSIE







From left: Staff and interns at Mc*Trans*; Alison Tillman (at right) with a colleague during an Occupant Protection event; T2 hosts bike helmet fittings for the community.



EXTERNAL

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District Director of Transportation Operations Florida Department of Transportation

Matt Ubben

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Florida Transportation Commission



UFTI CORE CENTERS

STRIDE

The Southeastern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development and Education (STRIDE) Center is a USDOT/RITA grantfunded, regional University Transportation Center (UTC) headquartered at the University of Florida that conducts transportation-related research in the areas of safety, livable communities and economic competitiveness.

Director: Dr. Lily Elefteriadou http://stride.ce.ufl.edu/

Mc*Trans*

The Mc*Trans* Center distributes and supports software programs for traffic engineering and transportation planning applications, including the Highway Capacity Software™ (HCS 2010™), TSIS-CORSIM™ and TRANSYT-7F™, with training courses and the highest level of technical support provided for these packages. Director: Bill Sampson, PE

http://mctrans.ce.ufl.edu/mct/

Technology Transfer Center (T2)

T2 provides training, technical assistance, technology transfer services, and safety information to transportation, public works and safety professionals as well as the general public. Director: Maria Cahill, AICP

http://www.techtransfer.ce.ufl.edu/



AFFILIATED CENTERS



Center for Health & Built Environment

The Center for Health and the Built Environment is a research center focused on teaching, research, and service to address the relationship of the built environment to health outcomes with special attention to vulnerable populations. (Director: Dr. Ruth Steiner, Urban & Regional Planning)

Center for Intelligent Machines & Robotics (CIMAR)

CIMAR is an interdisciplinary research center conducting research on autonomous ground vehicle navigation, screw theory as applied to position and force control of robotic manipulators, three dimensional geometry and kinematic analysis of robotic systems, real-time computer graphics simulation, hardware/software system development and integration. (Director: Dr. Carl Crane, UF Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering)

Digital Worlds Institute

The Digital Worlds Institute exists to nurture leading edge research and education between the arts, communications, engineering and the sciences, focusing on advanced media systems and digital culture. (Representative: Dr. Angelos Barmpoutis, Computer Science & Engineering)

Geo-Facilities Planning & Information Research Center (GeoPlan Center)

The UF GeoPlan Center works to support land use, transportation, and environmental planning in the State of Florida by providing geospatial and planning expertise, data, training, and education to the stakeholders involved in the planning process. The center is housed in the Department of Urban & Regional Planning. (Assistant Director: Dr. Ilir Bejleri, Urban & Regional Planning)

Human-Experience Research Lab (HXRL)

The Human-Experience Research Lab (HXRL) is focused on designing, building, and evaluating computational technologies as they relate to the human condition and reflecting on how these technologies affect society. (Director: Dr. Juan Gilbert, Computer & Information Science & Engineering)

Neuromuscular Physiology Lab

The lab's mission is to better understand movement deficits and to develop rehabilitation protocols to enhance functional independence. (Director: Dr. Evangelos Christou, Applied Physiology and Kinesiology).

Smart Infrastructure Management Laboratory

Research conducted in this lab is focused on advancing technological and analytical strategies to enable effective monitoring and management of civil infrastructure (Director: Dr. Jennifer Rice, Civil & Coastal Engineering)

Institute for Mobility, Activity, & Participation (I-MAP)

I-MAP focuses on mobility and transportation through the lifespan. Mobility and transportation enable activity, facilitate participation in society, promote access to goods and services, and enhances quality of life. (Director: Dr. Sandra Winter, Department of Occupational Therapy)

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM)

ETDM process incorporates environmental considerations into transportation planning to inform project delivery. (Director: Alexis Thomas, Urban & Regional Planning)

Florida Traffic & Bicycle Safety Education Program (FTBSEP)

FTBSEP employs the diverse skills of a Regional Training Team composed of teachers and other professionals around the state to encourage walking and bicycling as healthy and environmentally responsible transportation choices. (Director: Dr. Dan Connaughton, Tourism, Recreation, & Sports Management)









From left: Dr. David Metcalf's son, Adam, speaks about his experience participating in the Tesla Motors challenge to drive a Model S for more than 400 miles on a single charge; Ines Aviles-Spadoni (at right) with Dr. Virigina Sisiopiku and Dr. Ossama Ramadan of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (STRIDE Consortium members) at the UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region in Tennessee; Larry Dorilus at Gainesville's Traffic Management Center.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Intersection Safety Courses for Florida's Rural Counties and Small Communities USDOT

Nina Barker & Jaime Carreon, T2 Center

Investigating the Effects of Drivers' Body Motion on Traffic Safety

STRIDE Center/US Department of Transportation

Dr. Angelos Barmpoutis, Digital Worlds UF; Dr. Alexandra Kondyli, Civil & Coastal Engineering & Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering

FL Ped/Bike Safety Resource Center 2016

Florida Department of Transportation Maria Cahill, AICP, T2 Center

NHTSA Occupant Protection Assessment for Florida

Florida Department of Transportation Maria Cahill, AICP & Jeri Shell, T2 Center

Occupant Protection Resource Center (2015-2016)

Florida Department of Transportation Maria Cahill, AICP, T2 Center

Local Technical Assistance Program, 2015-2016

Florida Department of Transportation Maria Cahill, AICP & Nina Baker, T2 Center

Transportation Safety Center, (2015 - 2016)

Florida Department of Transportation Maria Cahill, AICP & Dr. Siva Srinivasan, Civil & Coastal Engineering

Safe Routes to School Evaluation

Florida Department of Transportation Maria Cahill, AICP & Dr. Siva Srinivasan, T2 Center/ Civil & Coastal Engineering

Florida Pedestrian & Bike Safety Resource Center, 2015

Florida Department of Transportation Jaime Carreon, & Nina Barker, T2 Center

Florida Minority Task Force on Occupant Protection, 2015

Florida Department of Transportation Dr. Lily Elefteriadou & Jeri Shell, UFTI/ T2 Center

Technology Transfer Support (2015 - 2016)

Florida Department of Transportation Jeri Shell, T2 Center

Southeastern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development & Education Center (STRIDE 1 & 2) 2012-2017 USDOT/OST-R

Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering

Signal Timing Optimization with Consideration of Environmental and Safety Impacts

STRIDE/USDOT

Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering

Before and After Implementation Studies of Advanced Signal Technologies in Florida

Florida Department of Transportation Dr. Lily Elefteriadou & Dr. Scott Washburn, Civil & Coastal Engineering

Traffic Signal Control with Connected and Autonomous Vehicles in the Traffic Stream

National Science Foundation Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering; Dr. Sanjay Ranka, Computer Science Engineering; and Dr. Carl Crane, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Evaluation of Arterial Corridor Improvements and Traffic Management Plans in Florida

Florida Department of Transportation Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering

Development and Testing of Optimized Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Trajectories at Signalized Intersections

Florida Department of Transportation Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering

Improvements to the FDOT Travel Time Reliability

Florida Department of Transportation Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering

Florida DOT Central Office Statistics Florida Department of Transportation & Cambridge Systematics

Dr. Lily Elefteriadou and Dr. Siva Srinivasan, UFTI

Big Data Management Pilot

Florida Department of Transportation Dr. Lily Elefteriadou and Dr. Siva Srinivasan, and Dr. Sanja Ranka

Sunshine Skyway Bridge Monitor Phase I: System Assessment & Integration Recommendations

Florida Department of Transportation Dr. Jennifer Rice, Civil & Coastal Engineering

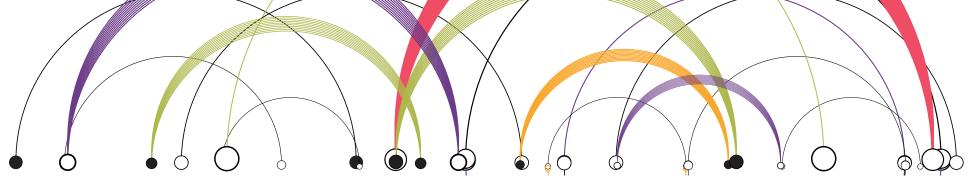
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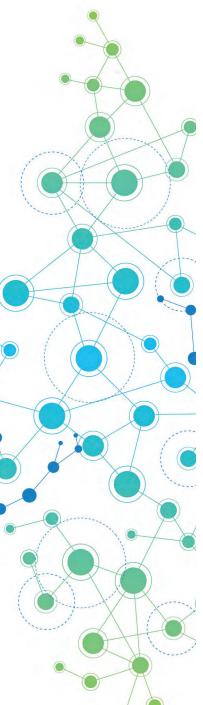
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