

**Urban Transportation Center
University of Illinois at Chicago**

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2004/2005

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1. Introduction and Highlights

The 2004 –2005 year closes with some significant changes for UTC. In March 2005 we were able to hire an accountant, Vanessa Smith. Vanessa is a welcome addition to the center and provides the staff support we need to manage our accounts and get billings done in a timely fashion. At the same time, the Director, Sue McNeil is moving on. Professor Vonu Thakuria will assume the position of Interim Director in mid-August. The Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs has committed to a national search for a new director. Professor Timothy Johnson, Director of the Survey Research Laboratory and Professor in the Public Administration Program will chair the search.

Otherwise our personnel numbers and total budget have remained fairly constant over the past year. Our state budget has yet again declined and external funding has continued to grow. In terms of traditional academic measures, it has been a very productive year. UTC faculty, staff, and students:

- Published or have scheduled for publication 20 papers in refereed journals (26 in 2003/2004, 10 in 2002/2003)
- Published 32 papers in refereed conference proceedings not including TRB proceedings recommended for *Transportation Research Record* (34 in 2003/2004, 13 in 2002/2003)
- Graduated 10 (8 with theses or projects) masters students (17 in 2003/2004, 16 in 2002/2003) and 2 PhDs
- Awards given to seven students (six in 2003/2004)

We received continued support from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Metropolitan Support Initiative (METSI) and initiated work on our Federal Highway Administration grant.

In October 2004, Urban Transportation Center (UTC) celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Guests at the evening reception at the Hancock Observatory included Penny Michaels, wife of the late Richard Michaels director of the center from 1986 to 1988, former director Buzz Paaswell (1982-1986), former director Ashish Sen (1996-1998) and his wife Colleen and former director Siim Soot (1998-2000). The center was able to honor U.S. Representative Danny Davis with the first Richard Michaels Service Award in recognition of his longstanding support of transportation initiatives. The following day the center hosted its annual symposium, this year focusing on innovative financing.

We began the academic year with a student orientation and picnic. We again hosted a reception for alums at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington DC. Finally, the annual retreat in March of 2006 focused on team building and ethics.

This year, students in the center initiated two important activities. The PhD Students initiated the PhD Forum. Another group of students initiated informal diversity lunches. We welcome these initiatives and congratulate the students on a successful year.

METSI Director, Joe DiJohn spearheaded a successful effort to form a Chicago Chapter of the Transportation Research Forum. Joe DiJohn was elected President.

Our advisory board again had some turnover. We welcome Don Gismondi, Acting Executive Director, Federal Transit Administration, Chicago; Jeffrey Nelson, General Manager, Rock Island Metropolitan Mass Transit District; and Jason Tai, Director, Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation.

Administratively, the Great Cities Urban Data Visualization Laboratory (UDV) reverted to the dean's office.

Transportation Reauthorization has been delayed since August 2003. This impacts us in terms of uncertainty related to our potential collaboration with Northern Illinois University, nevertheless, other agencies are impacted by this delay. Continued extensions of TEA-21 have prevented program shutdowns, it also inhibited the start of new programs.

2. Aims Overall

Mission

The Urban Transportation Center (UTC) at the University of Illinois at Chicago seeks to understand and improve urban transportation through the creation, application and dissemination of transportation knowledge while also making use of the Chicago metropolitan area.

Vision

The Urban Transportation Center will be an internationally recognized center for research, education and training in planning, analyzing and modeling surface mobility. With a stable funding base and a stimulating collaborative interdisciplinary environment, the center is a focal point for researchers in various disciplines interested in intellectually challenging transportation issues and problems. The center also serves to educate and train the next generation of transportation professionals and leaders.

3. Goals for 2004/2005

- Update the UTC strategic plan
Target: Complete
CUPPA goal: Efficient allocation of current resources
Status: The strategic plan is complete. However, the current version needs to be distributed to staff and students for comment and then revised.
- Complete contracts for FHWA funding
Target: Complete

CUPPA goal: Entrepreneurial and development activity
Status: Complete!

- Develop short-term plan for computing, computer support, and programming support.
Target: Complete
CUPPA goal: Technology
Status: Budget and project uncertainties have made this difficult. However, we did manage to resolve the license issues for emme/2 software that is used by Civil Engineering and Urban Planning students for their research and classes.
- Continue to develop the relationship with Public Administration and Engineering
Target: Support 3 PA and 3 Engineering graduate students as RAs during 2004-2005 year
CUPPA goal: Diversity (of disciplines)
Status: UTC supported 5 students from Public Administration and 6 students from Civil Engineering.
- Continue to explore collaborations with other units across campus
Target: Write five proposals with other units on campus
CUPPA goal: External partnerships
Status: The Urban Transportation Center participated in 6 proposals with other units across campus.
- Develop proactive account management in UTC
Target: Develop reporting and information systems for 4 largest accounts.
CUPPA goal: Efficient allocation of resources
Status: Since March we have been able to make tremendous progress in this area. Beginning in July 2005 all principal investigators will receive monthly accounting statements documenting monthly expenditures to the grant, expenditures to date and remaining budget.

4. Main activities in 2004/05

The appendices document the accomplishments in terms of papers, presentations, projects, proposals, courses taught, professional contributions, and other scholarly activities of the faculty, staff, and students affiliated with the center. Appendix 1 includes lists of the UTC faculty and staff, and Appendix 2 lists the UTC supported students.

Research

With funding from the Federal Highway Administration, the project “System Wide Information for Transportation Assessment and Research” began in November 2004. The project has already produced products documented in the appendices. The project has the following elements:

- Chicago Region Freight Study (Kawamura)
- American Community Survey (ACS) Data (Sööt)
- Transferability of Household Travel Survey Data in Calibrating and Validating Travel Forecasting Models (Lin and Mohammadian)
- Economic Impacts and ITS Deployment Planning (Thakuriah)

We wrote collaborative proposals with faculty from the College of Nursing, Engineering (Computer Science and Civil Engineering), Disability Studies, Public Administration Program, and other institutions. These are listed in Appendix 3. The proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with the College of Nursing was funded. UTC was involved in nine other funded new grants.

Again several projects were completed during this year. These projects produced detailed project reports. This includes the pooled fund study with the University of Wisconsin at Madison and the University of Toledo focusing on an Upper Midwest Freight Corridor.

Appendix 3 lists ongoing and new research projects and proposals.

Education

The course offerings remained fairly stable. The budget cuts meant that some of the courses offered by adjunct faculty were not taught, but they will be taught during the 2005-2006 academic year.

Appendix 4 includes a list of transportation courses taught by UTC affiliated faculty and staff. In addition some training and professional development activities were again offered, these are also listed in Appendix 4.

In the Fall our Friday seminar time-slot was used for student orientation activities as shown in Appendix 5. The Spring Seminar schedule is shown in Appendix 6.

We again produced the UTC resume book and all students seeking summer internships found placements for Summer 2005.

We have been working with Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation to establish the William O. Lipinski and A. Philip Randolph Fellowships. These fellowships have been awarded to a second year civil engineering student (Sheng Chen) and a second year MUPP student (Ricardo Herbert). These fellowships provide a unique opportunity for students to better understand IDOT and get hands on experience while completing their degree.

Outreach

Our most visible outreach activities, the fall symposium (see Appendix 7) and the UTC Connector continued this year. We also continued our UTC Friday seminar series.

UTC faculty and staff continue to be very active in professional organizations. We have representation on the Transportation Board's Executive Committee and 8 different technical committees. We serve on review panels, external review panels, planning commissions and advisory groups. We also serve on university committees, college committees and program committees. Our service and professional activities are listed in Appendix 8.

Accomplishments

Our scholarly accomplishments are listed in Appendix 9 including book chapters, refereed journal and conference papers, conference presentations, and reports. We have also listed in thesis and project topics in Appendix 10 and awards in Appendix 11.

Administration

This year with support from the dean's office we finally received administrative help. Already we are able to produce meaningful financial reports and develop proactive budgets for fiscal year 2005-2006. We are beginning to work through the backlog of pending contracts and accounting issues.

The five and ten-year directions identified in the strategic plan in 2004 and the 2003-2004 strategic plan remain unchanged and will be updated under a new director.

5. Targets for 2005/06

Goals and targets for 2005/06 were identified, discussed and revised at staff meetings in May. The goals are as follow:

The goals are as follows:

- Search for and hire a new Director for UTC
Target: Complete by late Spring/ early Summer 2006
CUPPA goal: Consistent with all CUPPA 2010 goals
- Assuming collaboration with Northern Illinois University is approved and funded, complete contracts for FHWA funding
Target: Complete six months after funding commitment
CUPPA goal: Entrepreneurial and development activity
- Develop transparent and informative accounting practices that provide principal investigators with appropriate information, staff with information on correct accounts to use the first time, and project team members with the tools to better allocate their time and allow them to keep track of their need to develop proposals.
Target: Prototype system in place Spring 2006, testing and feedback from users Spring and Summer 06

CUPPA goal: Efficient allocation of current resources

- Develop and implement a plan for organization of data and computing resources including acquisition and upgrading of hardware and software, organization and access to data and information,
Target: Establish a committee by the end of 2005; develop a preliminary plan by Summer 2006
CUPPA goal: Efficient allocation of resources, and technology
- Work with the College to develop promotional materials for UTC
Target: Draft materials by Spring 2006
CUPPA goal: Entrepreneurial and development activity
- Establish Krambles Scholarship at UTC including fundraising to supplement the existing resources
Target: Announcement Fall 2005, award scholarship Spring 2006
CUPPA goals: Preparing students, Entrepreneurial and development activity

Appendix 1. Faculty and Staff

Faculty Associated with the Center

Darold Barnum, Professor of Managerial Studies
David Boyce, Emeritus Professor of Transportation and Regional Science
Kazuya Kawamura, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Policy
Jie (Jane) Lin, Assistant Professor of Transportation Engineering
Sharon Mastracci, Assistant Professor of Public Administration
Abolfazl (Kouros), Mohammadian, Assistant Professor of Transportation Engineering
Peter Nelson, Head and Professor of Computer Science
Anthony Pagano, Associate Professor of Managerial Studies
Michael Shiffer, Clinical Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Policy
Piyushimita (Vonu) Thakuriah, Associate Director and Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Policy
Eric Welch, Assistant Professor of Public Administration
Ouri Wolfson, Professor Computer Science

Faculty Employed by the Center

Joseph DiJohn, Director of METSI
Jung-Taek Lee, Research Assistant Professor
Sue McNeil, Director and Professor of Urban Planning and Policy
Paul Metaxatos, Research Assistant Professor
Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Research Assistant Professor
Siim Sööt, Research Professor, Geography (emeritus)
P. S. Sriraj, Research Assistant Professor

Associates/Visiting Faculty/ Adjunct Faculty

Steve Schlickman

Visiting Scholars

Jaisong Choi
C. Jotin Khisty
Susumu Kudo
Norman West

Support Staff

Karin Allen, Research Transportation Program Manager

Silvia Becerra, Program Coordinator

Gabrielle E. Brown, Program Coordinator

Lise Dirks, Research Transportation Specialist

James W. Kelly, Assistant Director for Research Programs

Shamus Misek, Research Transportation Program Manager

Vanessa Smith, Assistant Director for Business and Finance

George Yanos, Research Programmer as of April 1, 2004 Principal Research
Programmer

Appendix 2. UTC Supported Students

First Name	Last Name	Degree	Expected Graduation	First Name	Last Name	Degree	Expected Graduation
Jacob	Bauer	B.S.	May-07	David	O'Donnell	MUPP	Aug-05
Joost Gideon	Berman	PhD-UPP	May-06	Roseann	O'Laughlin	MUPP	Aug-04
Rajmonda	Cáceres	MISI	Aug-05	Juan	Ortega	PhD-UPP	Aug-04
Peter	Christensen	MUPP	May-06	Norma	Peña-Rivera	PhD-UPP	Aug-05
Yi	Ding	PA-PhD	Dropped	Jessica	Rinks	MPA	May-06
Yukun	Dong	MUPP	May-05	Jon	Schermann	MUPP	Dec-04
Amanda	Eichelkruat	MUPP	May-06	Rachel	Scheu	MUPP	Aug-05
Xiaohua (Grace)	Gu	MPA	Aug-05	Praveen	Shangunathan	MUPP	Aug-04
Timothy	Gustafson	MUPP	May-06	Hyeon-Shic	Shin	PhD-UPP	Aug-05
Jonathon	Hart	MUPP	May-05	Nandini	Swarup	MUPP	Dec-04
Kristen	Hoschouer	MUPP	May-06	Sonali	Tandon	MUPP	May-06
Benoy	Jacob	PA-PhD	May-08	Lei	Tang	PhD-UPP	May-08
Mary Ann	Kaufman	MUPP	May-06	Amit	Thomas	MUPP	Aug-05
Lisa	Kramer	MPA	Dec-04	Umit	Tursun	MS-CE	Aug-05
Xin	Li	MUPP	Dec-04	Bianca	Vintila	BS	May-07
Yihua	Liao	PhD-UPP	May-06	Mingxuan	Wang	MUPP	May-06
Liang	Long	PhD-CE	May-09	Xiaolin	Wang	MS Accounting	May-05
Yandan	Lu	PhD-UPP	May-08	Xuemei	Wang	PhD-Econ	May-09
Stacey	Meekins	MUPP	Aug-05	Daniel	Weiske	MPA	May-05
Mark	Minor	MUPP	May-06	Dan	Yu	MS-CE	May-06
Santosh	Mishra	MS-CE	May-05	Nidhi	Vaid	MUPP	May-04
Daisuke	Mizusawa	PhD-UPP	May-06	Yong-Ping	Zhang	PhD-CE	May-09
Rachel	Nathman	BS (UC Irvine)	May-06	Jiangping	Zhou	MUPP	Aug-05
Sanya	Niumpradit	PhD-UPP	Aug-04				

Appendix 3. Research Projects and Proposals
Continuing Projects

Status	Principal Investigator	Project Title	Sponsor	From	To	Amount
New	Brent Ryan	Whiting Indiana Commercial Development Plan	City of Whiting	1/5/05	5/31/06	\$ 15,000.00
New	JoEllen Wilbur	Environmental Correlates and Adherence of Home-based Walking in African American Women	Robert Woods Johnson Foundation	4/1/05	3/31/07	\$ 150,000.00
New	Joseph DiJohn	IDOT Paratransit Regional Database	Illinois Department of Transportation	1/1/05	6/30/05	\$ 16,563.86
New	Joseph DiJohn	Metropolitan Transportation Support Initiative FY05	Illinois Department of Transportation	5/16/05	6/30/07	\$ 500,000.00
New	Kazuya Kawamura	Business and Site Specific Trip Generation Methodology for Truck Trips	Midwest Regional University Transportation Center	6/1/04	5/31/05	\$ 99,818.00
New	Kazuya Kawamura	IDOT Fre-Q amendment	Illinois Department of Transportation	1/1/04	12/31/04	\$ 25,000.00
New	Paul Metaxatos	Estimating Origin-Destination Matrices for the Pace Service Area	PACE	5/15/05	12/15/05	\$ 38,216.00
New	Piyushimita Thakuriah	Study on Employment Transportation Partnership and Economic Benefits	Community Transportation Assoc of America	6/15/05	12/31/05	\$ 40,000.00
New	Sue McNeil	Continued Collaboration among the CTA, UIC, and MIT	Chicago Transit Partners	5/1/05	4/30/06	\$ 270,000.00
New	Sue McNeil	Measuring the Benefits of Implementing Asset Management Systems and Tools	Midwest Regional University Transportation Center	6/15/05	8/15/06	\$ 39,289.00

New	Sue McNeil	System Wide Information for Transportation Assessment and Research	Illinois Department of Transportation	8/16/04	8/16/06	\$ 656,444.00
New	Sue McNeil	Technical Support for the Special Committee on Mass Transit for Northeastern Illinois	Illinois Department of Transportation	1/1/05	6/30/06	\$ 60,000.00
Ongoing	Joseph DiJohn	Metropolitan Transportation Support Initiative FY04 Amendment	Illinois Department of Transportation	2/15/03	6/30/05	\$ 500,000.00
Ongoing	Joseph DiJohn	RTA Transit Check	Regional Transportation Authority	8/7/03	8/6/05	\$ 112,000.00
Ongoing	Kazuya Kawamura	Business and Site Specific Trip Generation Methodology for Truck Trips	Midwest Regional University Transportation Center	7/1/04	6/31/05	\$ 99,818.00
Ongoing	Kazuya Kawamura	Ramp High Occupancy Vehicle Project	Illinois Department of Transportation	2/18/05	6/30/06	\$ 99,000.00
Ongoing	Kazuya Kawamura	Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study	Midwest Regional University Transportation Center	8/15/03	10/14/04	\$ 100,000.00
Ongoing	Laxmi Ramasubramanian	Visualizing Metra	Metra	9/1/03	5/30/06	\$ 75,000.00
Ongoing	Piyushimita Thakuriah	Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship	Department of Transportation	9/1/04	9/1/05	\$ 30,000.00
Ongoing	Sue McNeil	Making CTA More Competitive as It Moves into the 21st Century III	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	10/10/02	10/9/05	\$ 804,543.42
Ongoing	Sue McNeil	Technology Transfer for Asset Management in Transportation II	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	9/5/03	3/4/05	\$ 89,935.00
Ongoing	Sue McNeil and Laxmi Ramasubramanian	Technology Transfer for Asset Management in Transportation (continuation)	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	9/5/03	5/15/05	\$ 89,935.00

Ongoing	Piyushimita Thakuriah	Transportation Research for Low-Income Groups	Federal Transit Administration	5/1/00	5/31/07	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pending	Glenn Hedman	RERC on Universal Design and the Built Environment	U.S. Department of Education	10/1/05	9/30/10	\$ 4,735,383.00
Pending	Sue McNeil	Technology Transfer for Asset Management in Transportation	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	5/16/05	8/15/06	\$ 80,000.00
Declined	Glenn Hedman	RERC on Universal Design and the Built Environment	U.S. Department of Education	10/1/04	9/30/09	\$ 4,249,500.00
Declined	Jung-Taek Lee	Impact of Increase Freight Traffic on Pavement Maintenance Cost	Midwest Regional University Transportation Center	7/1/05	9/30/06	\$ 75,000.00
Declined	Sue McNeil	Collaborative IGERT in Infrastructure Management	National Science Foundation	1/1/05	12/31/09	\$ 1,655,043.00
Declined	Sue McNeil	ERC - Cyber Transportation by Ubiquitous Computing (CyTUC)	National Science Foundation	6/1/06	5/31/11	\$ 17,738,202.00
Declined	Sue McNeil	Individual and Social Factors Influencing the Accessibility of Metropolitan Trails	Robert Woods Johnson Foundation	8/16/04	8/15/05	\$ 148,224.00

Appendix 4. Courses

Courses Taught Fall 2004

Course Number	Course Name	Instructor
CEMM 302	Transportation Engineering	Jane Lin
UPP 594	Transportation Planning and Land Use	Sue McNeil
UPP 503	Data Analysis for Planning and Management	Kazuya Kawamura
UPP 560	Transportation I: Introduction	Kazuya Kawamura
UPP 569/CEMM 580	Infrastructure Management	Sue McNeil
UPP 584	Methods of Policy Analysis	Piyushimita Thakuriah

Courses Taught Spring 2005

Course Number	Course Name	Instructor
CEMM 594	Advanced Special Topics in Civil Engineering, Mechanics and Materials	Abolfazl Mohammadian
CEMM 402	Geometric Design of Highway Facilities	Abolfazl. Mohammadian
UPP 503	Data Analysis for Planning and Management I	Sue McNeil
UPP 513	Data Analysis for Planning and Management II	Piyushimita Thakuriah
UPP 561	Urban Transportation II: Policy and Methods	Piyushimita Thakuriah
UPP 562	Transportation III: laboratory	Kazuya Kawamura
UPP 565	Transportation: Special Topics	Michael Shiffer

Employer Training 2004-2005

Date	Topic
August 12, 2004	Best Workplaces for Commuters (BWC) Campaign Coordinator Course: Session Three, Making the Pitch
August 26, 2004	BWC Campaign Coordinator Course: Session Four
September 2, 2004	Net Conference: Create Ads and PSA's That Get Action
November 4, 2004	Net Conference: Paying for Performance: Cash for Commuters
June 8, 2005	BWC Network Strategy Session: Promoting BWC Among Universities and Colleges
June 29, 2005	Net Conference New Approaches to Reduced Car Use for Campus Communities

Appendix 5. Fall Orientation

Date	Event
August 27	Orientation picnic
September 3	Get to know UTC: People, Expectations and Research
September 10	Aimee Quinn from the UIC Library: Electronic Resources
September 17	J.T. Lee, P. Metaxatos and L. Dirks: Variables of Major Data Sources, Traffic Simulation Software, SAS, GIS
October 12	IESP Lecture, Peter Clinch
October 29	Fall Symposium
November 4	SAS & GIS Training using CATS 1990 Household Travel Survey
November 12	Student Research Presentations: J. Hart, S. Mishra, S. Meekins
November 19	Professional Research Presentations: Jignesh Mehta, Hubert Morgan, NIPC

Appendix 6. Spring Seminar Schedule

Spring Seminar Series

Date	Name	Affiliation	Topic
February 11, 2005	Tony Smith	S. B. Friedman & Co	The STAR Line Land Use Study: An Overview
February 18, 2005	Nick Jackson	Chicagoland Bicycle Federation	On Street or Off? Designing Streets for Bicycles
February 25, 2005	Piyushimita Thakuriah [#]	UIC	Partnerships for Job Accessibility and Employment Transportation
March 4, 2005	Ray Ribbich	Consultant	Restoring With Roads: Context Sensitive Solutions in Project Design
March 11, 2005	--	UTC	RETREAT
March 18, 2005	Jarrold Cebulski	Patrick Engineering	CSS and Public Involvement
March 25, 2005	--	UIC	SPRING BREAK
April 8, 2005	Bod Dilling	IDOT	Incident Management at IDOT
April 22, 2005	Student Presentations	UIC	G. Berman, D. Mizusawa and S. Yagi
April 29, 2005	Student Presentations	UIC	---

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Appendix 7. Annual Symposium

Urban Transportation Center
Annual Fall Symposium

Nontraditional Approaches to Fund Transportation and Manage Demand

October 29, 2004

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome: **Sue McNeil**, Professor and Director, Urban Transportation Center
- 9:00 a.m. **Tolls, Value Pricing, and Congestion Management**
- Moderator: **Joseph DiJohn**, Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Support Initiative and Research Professor, Urban Transportation Center
- Panelists: **Jack Hartman**, Executive Director, Illinois Tollway Authority
Edward J. Regan, III, Senior Vice President, Wilbur Smith Associates
Jon Ramirez, Senior Vice President, Cofiroute Global Mobility
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 p.m. **Market Pricing and the Freight Industry**
- Moderator: **Kazuya Kawamura**, Assistant Professor, Urban Planning and Policy Program
- Panelists: **Peter Samuel**, Editor, TOLLROADSnews
Randy Williamson, Assistant Director for Transportation Issues, United States General Accounting Office
Robert Gallamore, Professor and Director, Transportation Center Northwestern University
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Keynote Introduction: **Robin Hambleton**, Dean, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs
- 12:40 p.m. Keynote Speaker: **Glenn Lyons**, Director, Centre for Transport & Society, University of the West of England
- 1:30 p.m. All Panel Discussion
- Moderator: **Glenn Lyons**, Centre for Transport & Society, University of the West of England
- Audience encouraged to participate*
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Appendix 8. Service and Professional Memberships

Service and Membership Highlights

Members represent UTC in various organizations including the following:

University of Illinois at Chicago

UTC faculty and students are active participants in the University and College Committees. We have also made significant efforts to work with other colleges within the university on proposals including:

- College of Applied Health Sciences
- College of Business Administration
- College of Engineering
- College of Nursing
- Institute of Environmental Science and Policy

In addition, UTC's PhD students developed a PhD Forum as a formal way to exchange information regarding research.

Regionally

- Business Leaders in Transportation Freight Planning Committee
- CATS, various committees
- Chicagoland REDI
- Greater North Michigan Avenue Association Transportation Committee
- Illinois Transportation Research Committee
- **Chicago Transportation Research Forum (TRF) Chapter Formed.** Officers elected at the meeting include Joseph DiJohn, Program Committee members include Kazuya Kawamura
- Metropolitan Planning Council Transportation Committee
- Metropolitan Transportation Association
- Metropolis 2020 Freight Advisory Task

Nationally

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Asset Management Task Force
- American Public Transit Association (APTA)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ACSC)
- Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT)
- Board on Infrastructure and the Constructed Environment
- Bureau of Transportation Statistics Committees

Appendix 9. Publications and Presentations

Publications and Presentations

Books and Chapters

Kawamura, Kazuya, Anusha Seetharaman, and S. dev Bhatta. Chapter . “Assessment of the Relationship between Vehicle Type Mix and the Benefit of Freight Projects.” *Logistics for Sustainable Cities*, E. Taniguchi and R. Thompson ed. Elsevier, 2004.

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Journal Papers

Chen, Ping, Rebecca Bari Buchheit, James H. Garrett, Jr, **Sue McNeil**, “WEB VACUUM: A Web-based Environment for Automated Assessment of Civil Infrastructure Data” *Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering*, Volume 19, Number 2, pp 137-147, April 2005.

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Sinha, Avinash and **Piyushimita Thakuriah**. “Relationship between Occupational, Industry and Socioeconomic Characteristics and Job Start Ties: Evidence from Current Population Survey.” *Transportation Research Record*. Vol. 1894 (2004): 67-74.

Winsor, Jeromie, Louis H. Adams, **Sue McNeil,** and **Laxmi Ramasubramanian**. “Transportation Asset Management Today: Communities of Practice in the Transportation Industry.” *Transportation Research Record*. 1885 (2004): 88-95.

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Amekudzi, Adjo, Michael Garvin, Pannapa Herabat, **Sue McNeil**, and Kristen Sanford Bernhardt, "Teaching Civil Infrastructure Systems and Infrastructure Management," Proceedings of the International Workshop on Integrated Lifecycle of Infrastructures, Hong Kong, December 2004.

Amekudzi, Adjo, **Sue McNeil**, and Kristen L. Sanford Bernhardt, "Engaging Students in Civil Infrastructure Management," paper to be presented at 2005 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, Portland, Oregon, June 12-15, 2005.

Berman, Joost Gideon, Siim Sööt, and Susumu Kudo. "American Community Survey Travel Analysis." Census Data for Transportation Planning. 11 May 2005. The National Academies. Irvine, CA. 2005.

Chandler, David A., **Norman, West, Kazuya Kawamura.** *Development and Testing of a Model Planning Process for Intermodal Cargo Oriented Development.* Proc. Transport Chicago. 3 June 2005, MCPTR. Chicago, IL: MCPTR, 2005.

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Appendix 10. Thesis and Dissertations and Projects

Last Name	First Name	Thesis/ Dissertation Title	Thesis Advisor	Degree
Nidhi	Vaid	Using Design Guidelines to Enhance the Quality of Users' Experience at Urban Transit Stations.	Sue McNeil/ Laxmi Ramasubramanian	MUPP
Niumpradit	Sanya	Modeling Relationships between Highway Expenditure and Economic Performance: An International Analysis	Piyushimita Thakuriah	PhD
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Schermann	Jon	A Methodology for Determining Relative Productivity of Local Industries and Its Linkage to Local Employment Performance	Nik Theodore	MUPP
Swarup	Nandini	Cost Benefit Analysis of Alternate Management Mechanisms for RTA's Transit Check Program	Sue McNeil	MUPP
Hart	Jonathon	Strategies for Effective Design and Development of Park-and-Ride Facilities	Sue McNeil	MUPP
Dong	Yukun	Urban Regimes and Infrastructure Financing	Ting-Wei Zhang	MUPP
Mishra	Santosh	Air Quality Benefits of Public Transit Improvement: A GIS Based Quantifying Approach	Jie Lin	MS (CE)
		Project Title		
Donahue [♦]	Elizabeth	An Evaluation in the Planning Process: The Chicago Transit Authority's Rail Infrastructure	Sue McNeil	MUPP
O'Donnell [♠]	David	Green Building at Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation: A High Performance Building Guide	Rachel Weber	MUPP
Scheu [♠]	Rachel	Assessing Residential Building Code Opportunities in Kane County, Illinois: Increasing Efficiency to Decrease Peak Demand	Sue McNeil	MUPP

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Appendix 11. Awards of Merit

Name	Award
Lisa Kramer	University of Illinois Alumni Association Student Leadership Award
Diasuke Mizusawa	American Society of Civil Engineers, Illinois Section, Transportation Group Scholarship
Norma Peña Rivera	Dwight Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship
Laxmi Ramasubramanian and Asma Ali	2004 Collegiate Schools of Planning/Fannie Mae Foundation Best Action Research Paper in Housing and Community Development.
Rachel Scheu	American Planning Association's Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Fellowship
Jiangping Zhou	Eisenhower Grants for Research Fellowship
Jiangping Zhou	2005 Association of American Geographers (AAG) China Group Travel Grant

Appendix 12. Diversity Lunches
Diversity Lunches

In October of 2004, the Urban Transportation Center’s Director Sue McNeil sponsored a sensitivity seminar for research assistants, professors, and staff at the Urban Transportation Center. While the seminar fostered useful discussion on appropriate office behavior in terms of sexual harassment and proper office conduct, many felt that the seminar did little to promote cultural sensitivity or a climate conducive to cultural exchange. There was a general feeling that discussions on culture and ethnicity would be especially appropriate since the Urban Transportation Center has people from all points of the globe.

In an effort to encourage cultural exchange Gideon Berman, Mary Ann Kaufman, with faculty liaison Paul Metaxatos organized diversity lunches. Students and professors voluntarily meet approximately every other Monday to hear a presentation from a fellow co-worker on his/her culture/country. The real value in these luncheon seminars has been the conversations that have taken place afterwards.

This year’s presentations:

Date	Topic/Country/Culture	Speaker(s)
November 1, 2005	Israel	Gideon Berman
November 15, 2005	Albania	Rajmonda Caceres
November 29, 2005	Australia	Sue McNeil
January 31, 2005	China	Yong Ping
February 7, 2005	Utah and Later Day Saints	Kristen Hoschouer
February 21, 2005	Weddings in one region	PS Sriraj
March 7, 2005	Customs and Rites of Passage Discussion	Mary Ann Kaufman
April 11, 2005	Contrasting suburban and city life	Tim Gustafson
April 18, 2005	Japan	Daisuke Mizusawa and Sadayuki Yagi
May 9, 2005	Diversity Potluck Lunch with presentation on Cuba	Norma Peña Rivera
May 31, 2005	Xiam, Gobi, Tibet	Huan Huang (Friend of UTC)