Lisa Aultman-Hall, TRC Faculty
During 2012-2013, I had the privilege of being a visiting scholar at the Department of Transportation Engineering at University of California, Davis. While there, I was exposed to the many different faces of transportation research being conducted throughout the state. My research work involved the launch of a new transportation graduate course in intelligent transportation systems and Intelligent Transportation Systems. Prior to this, I was a PhD student at the University of Washington where I worked on research projects related to traveler behavior modeling and traffic flow analysis as well as our work on travel behavior, freight transportation, and travel... 

Brian Lee, TRC Faculty
In the summer of 2012, Yelena Gabea and I conducted a transportation survey in a public housing complex in a Chicago community. We collected data from a random sample of residents regarding their travel behavior and perceptions of transportation services. The survey involved questions about their use of various transportation modes and the perceived effectiveness of the available transportation options. We also collected demographic information such as age, income, and educational background. The survey was conducted using a computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) method and was approved by the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board. The results of the survey will be used to improve the transportation services in the community and to inform policy decisions. 

New England Transportation Consortium
It is a great honor to be named to the New England Regional Transportation Committee (NERTC). NERTC is a partnership of the six New England states, which share research initiatives in support of emergency management, economic development, and workforce training. I am the senior editor of the NERTC newsletter, which is published quarterly and distributed to all members of the regional transportation community. The newsletter provides updates on research projects, upcoming events, and opportunities for collaboration. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in transportation research in the New England region.

TRC Graduate Research and Education
In 2012, the TRC continued its efforts to support graduate education and research in transportation. The TRC Graduate Research and Education program provided funding for several projects, including the development of a new transportation course at the University of Illinois and the completion of a transportation survey in a Chicago community. The program also supported the dissemination of transportation research findings through the TRC newsletter and other publications. The TRC is committed to fostering a strong and diverse transportation research community in the Midwest region.
The 2012–2013 year was another extraordinary one for the TRC. Our new research endeavors included the USDOT-funded project “Rapid Exploitation of Commercial Remotely Sensed Imagery for Disaster Response and Recovery,” and two intercity travel surveys with our Vermont partner, Resource Systems Group, Inc. We celebrated as the first student completed our graduate certificate in Sustainable Transportation Systems. Participation numbers at our outreach and educational events increased. Our workforce development programs continued to expand in Vermont and we are participating regionally and nationally in advancing the infrastructure to support a twenty-first century workforce for the transportation sector.

We extend our warmest thanks and best wishes to Dr. Austin Troy for his two years of service as director of the TRC. Dr. Troy has been a close faculty partner of the TRC since its inception. He assisted UVM Administration with planning for the Center before it opened in July 2006. He has served as a member of the faculty advisors from 2006 until his appointment as director in 2011. He was principal investigator for one of the TRC’s original Signature Projects, which focused on integrated land use and transportation modeling. His work will be sorely missed as he moves forward to new positions as Director of the Regional Planning and Business Management Department of the University of Colorado, Denver. We look forward to new partnerships with him at his new home institution, the Urban and Regional Planning Program at the University of Colorado, Denver.

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