

#### Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute

### Executive Board Meeting

May 9, 2013

Engineering Admin Building Room 101



#### Welcome!

Dr. Martin Lipinski

**Director Emeritus** 



### University of Memphis Update

Dr. Andy Meyers
Vice-Provost for Research



### Herff College of Engineering Update

Dr. Eugene Eckstein Interim Dean



### Strategic Plan

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#### **IFTI Vision**

The vision is that IFTI will be a nationally recognized leader in linking people to solutions in freight and logistics through research, education and technology transfer activities.



#### Research Objectives

- Perform cutting-edge freight transportation research of regional and national significance
- Establish cooperative research programs with other leading universities
- Concentrate transportation and transportation related research to policy, modeling, simulation and sustainability
- Support private sector research initiatives



#### Research MOS\*: 2013 Update

Topic	2012	2013	2015	2020
Funded Faculty Researchers	6	10	8	14
Research Projects	7	9	13	18
Research Funds	\$1 M	\$1.8 M	\$1.5 M	\$2.5 M
Publications/ Presentations	12	12	20	30



<sup>\*</sup> MOS = Metrics of Success

#### **Education Objective**

- Foster the educational and professional development of K-12 learners; university undergraduate and graduate students and practicing transportation professionals
- Provide a focus on educational pathways to satisfy industry needs



#### **Education MOS: 2013 Update**

Topic	2012	2013	2015	2020	
New Funded Faculty	1 part-time Business 1 part-time Engineering	1 Full-Time Engineering Faculty	1 new faculty Business line item I new faculty Engineering line item	Full time Business & Engineering Associate Directors New faculty in business and engineering	
Funded Students	6 Masters 5 PhD	8 Masters 5 PhD	12 Masters 7 PhD	14 Masters 10 PhD	
Student Recruitment Plan	Regional	No Formal Plan	National	International	
New Graduate Level Courses	1	0	2	1	
Transportation Masters Program	Determine program functionality between Engineering/Business	Started discussion, but limited by time	Offer interdisciplinary transportation masters program	Assign staff member to manage administrative demands	
Transportation Undergraduate Program	Explore interdisciplinary undergrad degree with U College	Talked to U College	Begin offering undergrad degree through U College	U College & Masters Program in Transportation	
K-12 Outreach	Expand scope of GEE/TREC to reach rural communities	In Process	Increase racial/cultural diversity in GEE/TREC	Continue ongoing efforts with K-12 programs	



#### Outreach/Tech Transfer Objective

- Educate and engage constituents through significant technology transfer activities and transportation workforce development activities
- Use technology transfer activities to enhance career pathways



#### Outreach MOS: 2013 Update

Topic	2012	2013	2015	2020
Academy: Offerings	2	2	2.5	3
Academy: Participants	40	24	70	75
Academy: Revenue	\$250 K	\$100 K	\$350 K	\$500 K
Professional Development Courses: Offered	2	0	4	4
PDC: Revenue	\$10 K	<b>\$0</b>	\$20 K	\$25 K
Conferences to Engage Community	6	11	8	10
Seminars/ Symposiums/ Presentations	12	29	24	30
Community Touch Points: # on mailing list	600	750	1000	1500
CTP: News Articles	6	14	18	24
CTP: Total Individual Contacts	16	12 +	16	16



### Research Review



# University of Memphis

Dr. Mike Golias

**Assistant Professor** 





## Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute: Research

Mihalis Golias
Assistant Prof., Department of Civil Eng.
University of Memphis

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#### **Affiliates**

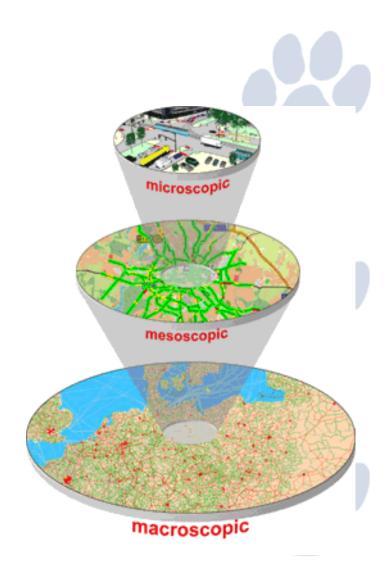
- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Business & Economics
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing and Supply Chain Management
- Industry (CN, VTG, FedEx, Consultants)





#### Modeling Capabilities

- Traffic simulation: Macro, Meso, Micro - VISTA (on-line tool), Paramics, VISUM/VISSIM, TransCAD, Synchro
- GIS
- Mathematical Modeling (desktop): GAMS, Matlab, VBA, Custom
- Simulation: Arena, FlexSim, Matlab



Source: http://www.english.ptv.de

#### Project Highlights

- GPS Truck Data For Intermodal Facilities
- Hours of Service Effects
- Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades
- Effects of Panama Canal Expansion
- Lamar Corridor Improvements
- Enhancing Rail Connectivity to Underserved Rural Communities

#### National Proposal Highlights

- National Transportation Center on Using Multimodal Freight Systems To Increase Economic Competitiveness (3 million) -IFTI Lead of Southern Hub, Sponsor RITA
- Regional Transportation Center on Comprehensive Transportation Safety (2.75 million)- IFTI Co-PI, Sponsor RITA
- TIER Transportation Center on Promoting economic competitiveness and equity through innovative intermodal freight facility planning and management (1.5 million) - IFTI Lead Multiple Universities, Sponsor RITA
- Discovering vulnerable physical routes in a network -(\$355,000)- IFTI Lead Single, Sponsor CIA

#### State Proposal Highlights

- Journey to School in a Freight-Centric Community \$40,000
- A performance-based guidebook for freight transportation planning: Addressing the goals of MAP 21, \$150,000
- Occurrence of Primary and Secondary Crashes: Identification, Visualization and Prediction, \$150,000
- Freight Corridor State of the Art, \$40,000
- Truck Parking, \$80,000

#### Workforce Development

- 1. Annie Wise, MSc Student
- 2. Kelsey Ford, MSc Student
- 3. Jared O'Dell, MSc Student
- 4. Zach Johnson, MSc Student
- 5. Andrew Lutz, MSc Student
- 6. Anteneh Yohannes, MSc Student
- 7. Max Dulebenets, PhD Student
- 8. Alireza Naimi, PhD Student
- 9. Kwabena Anafi, PhD Student
- 5-6 New Students Joining this Fall







#### Publications (Rate of 10 per year)

- Transportation Research Part A, C & E
- International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing and Technology
- International Journal of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management
- Transportation Research Record
- International Journal of Information Technology Project Management
- Journal of Maritime Economics and Logistics
- Contributions to Books
- TRB, IIE, METRANS, TRF, WCTR among others

#### **National Committees**

- Ports and Channels
- Marine Environment
- Intermodal Freight Transportation
- Transportation Economics
- Freight Transportation Economics and Regulation
- ITE, FHWA







### Workforce Development Research

- GEE / TREC & FTLA Continue to show great success
- GEE/TREC expands to Wooddale HS
- Workforce Summit as part of our Student Symposium



# Vanderbilt University

Dr. Jimmy Dobbins
Associate Director VECTOR



# Consortium Update

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#### CFIRE

#### **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON**

University of Wisconsin - Superior
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University of Toledo
University of Illinois - Chicago
Michigan Technological University

#### **UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**

Vanderbilt University
University of Alabama - Huntsville
University of Southern Mississippi







#### **National Center**

- National Center for Freight & Infrastructure,
   Research & Education
- Consortium Members:
  - Southern Hub Vanderbilt, Southern
     Mississippi and Alabama Huntsville
- Total from US DOT \$3,000,000
- Southern Hub Portion \$1,100,000
- U of M portion \$480,000



#### **Tier 1 Center**

- Center for Intermodal Freight Transportation Studies (CIFTS)
- Consortium Members: Vanderbilt, Southern Mississippi, Alabama – Huntsville, Washington and Old Dominion
- Total from US DOT \$1,500,000
- U of M portion \$682,226



#### **Regional Center**

- STRIDE Southeastern Transportation Research Innovation, Development and Education Center
- Consortium Members: Florida, Auburn, NC-Chapel Hill, Georgia Tech, Mississippi State, NC State, UAB and FIU
- Total from US DOT \$2,750,000
- U of M portion \$100,000



# Education & Outreach Review



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The Freight Transportation Leadership Academy



#### Garrett A. Morgan Grant

- Partnership with Memphis City Schools
- Focus on Wooddale High School
- IFTI has facilitated technical tours and professional speakers
- Co-Hosted Barrington Irving as a motivational speaker



#### 2013 Intermodal Conference

- Date: September 24, 2013
- Location: FedEx Institute of Technology
- Speakers:
  - Commissioner Schroer
  - Congressman Cohen
  - TN Senator Norris



#### **US Secretaries' Visits**

**Secretary Donovan HUD** 



**Secretary LaHood Transportation** 





# Legislative Aides Workshop

- Attended "The Aerotropolis University"
- Experienced mini-FTLA
- Toured IDEXX Laboratories, the CN Hump Yard, FedEx Night sort and the BSNF Intermodal Yard
- Uniquely able to host this type of event as a University



# Freight Week

- Combined Student Freight Symposium & Workforce Development Summit
- 30 students from 14 Universities on campus talking about freight transportation research
- Industry professionals discussed growing workforce challenges facing our industry.
- Toured FedEx Night Sort, CN Hump Yard & BNSF



## High School Summer Outreach

**GEE** TREC







### Women & Transportation

- Dr. Stephanie Ivey invited to White House
- Women & Transportation Society





# Financial Report

Sean Ellis
Associate Director



## CIFTS – UTC Program

- Total Award from US DOT = \$2,220,000
- Match is 1 to 1
- Grant extended to June 30, 2013
- Match provided by:
  - CN
  - TDOT
  - Project based



### CAIT – Earmark

- Total award from US DOT\$4,600,000
- Match is 80 federal to 20 non-federal
- Grant ended June 30, 2012
- Match provided by:
  - CN
  - Ingram Barge
  - DeHart Gift
  - University Match
  - Project based



### **NEW CAIT – Extension**

- Amount extended\$623,927
- Match is 80 federal to 20 non-federal
- Grant ended Oct 14, 2017
- There is a chance that there is additional funds available from this earmark. We are working with TDOT and the MPO to determine if additional funds are available.



### **CFIRE – New UTC**

- Two years of funding award that began Jan 1, 2012
- Four years of spending, ending Jan 31, 2016
- Total Award of \$6,897,600 for the whole program
- U of M serves has Southern Hub with \$2,650,000 designated for the Southern Partners
- All funds must be matched 1 to 1 by receiving institution
- Match provided by:
  - TDOT \$300,000
  - CN
  - Academy
  - Expanded supporting network



# Other Funding Sources

- Garret Morgan Grant \$32,000
- Freight Advance Traveler Information System (FRATIS) -\$25,000
- Herff College of Engineering (Kimberly Grantham) -\$12,000
- West TN Stem (Kimberly Grantham) \$15,000
- Freight Transportation Leadership Academy (after expenses) \$25,000



# Student Report

Sean Ellis, Associate Director



### **Associate Researcher**



**Ioannis Psarros** 



### **Doctoral Candidates**



Kwabena Anafi



Max Dulebenets



Hisham Gnedy



Ali Naimi



Keith Story



### **Graduate Students**



Kelsey Ford



Annie Wise



Stephen Edwards



Zach Johnson



Jared O'Dell

Not pictured: Andrew Lutz, Anteneh Yohannes, Mohammad Farshchin



# **Executive Board Business**

Dan Pallme
Interim Director



## **Bylaws**

- Executive Board Membership (pg. 1-2)
- Executive Board Roles (pg. 3)



# Upcoming Events

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### Summer 2013

- Council of University Transportation Centers (June 10 – 13)
- GEE/TREC Summer Workshops (July)
- Freight Transportation Leadership Academy Cohort 13-B (August)
- US Department of Commerce visit (August)



### Fall 2013

- Intermodal Freight Conference (Sept. 24)
- Fight for the Freight Cup (Oct. 3)
- Executive In Residence (November)



# Open Discussion

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