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1. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

What are the major goals and objectives of the program?

The following is a list of the major goals and objectives that were outlined in the MATC Proposal and highlighted at the US DOT RITA site visit on April 12, 2012.

	Status	% Complete
Call for Problem Statements	Complete	100%
Request for Proposals	Complete	100%
Proposals under External Review (US DOT Reviewer, SHRP II Coordination, US DOT)	Complete	100%
Review Budgets and for Duplication with Region 5 & 6 UTC Research Programs	Complete	100%
Final Proposal Ranking & Selection	Complete	100%
Research Projects under Contract	Complete	100%
Technology Transfer Tech Briefs, Webinars, & Presentations on Research Results	On Schedule	55%
Applicable Slides, Handouts, Videos, Podcasts, etc. Posted/Linked on MATC Website	On Schedule	35%
Final Reports Due & All Research Projects Complete	Forthcoming	0%
Leadership Activities		
Coordination with Region 7 UTC Directors	Complete	100%
Regional Successes & Lessons Learned Workshop	On Schedule	65%
Educational Activities		
Grad/Undergrad MATC Course Development & Implementation	On Schedule	80%
MATC Supported Certificate Programs in Transportation	On Schedule	75%
MATC Undergraduate Summer Internship Program (Summers 2012 & 2013)	On Schedule	100% YR 1, 50% YR 2
MATC Transportation Scholars Program: Graduate Seminar Course	On Schedule	100%
MATC Transportation Scholars Conference	On Schedule	70%
MATC/CUTC Student of the Year Program - Annually @ TRB	Forthcoming	100%
MATC Summer Institute (Summers 2012 & 2013)	On Schedule	100%
MATC After School Program (Summers 2012 & 2013)	On Schedule	100%
MATC Support of "GO/Vamos!" Online K-12 Publication	On Schedule	75%
MATC Transportation Student Chapter (ITE/ASCE/Etc.) related activities	On Schedule	75%
Underrepresented Student MATC Summer Intern Program (Summers 2012 & 2013)	On Schedule	100% YR 1, 75% YR 2
MATC Scholars Program for Underrepresented Students (October 2012)	On Schedule	100%
Technology Transfer Activities		
MATC Supported Specialty Conferences, Workshops, and Short Courses	On Schedule	75%
Mid-Continent Research Symposium: August 15-16, 2013	On Schedule	100%
LTAP Regional Meeting - MATC Workshop: September 2013	On Schedule	100% YR 1
MATC Website Information Dissemination	On Schedule	75%
MATC Social Media Sites Information Dissemination	On Schedule	75%
US DOT RITA: Reporting		
Posting Directory of Key Center Personnel	Complete	100%
Posting Research Project Descriptions	Complete	100%
UTC Program Progress Performance Reports (Quarterly)	On Schedule	100%
Federal Financial Reports (Quarterly)	On Schedule	100%
Annual Performance Indicators Report	On Schedule	100%

What was accomplished under these goals?

Currently, all MATC-planned activities are underway, in progress, or are in the planning stages. Please see the percent complete and status columns shown above for established progress on these activities.

What opportunities for training and professional development has the program provided?

As indicated in the table above, there are multiple opportunities for training and professional development within the planning and development phases.

Opportunities for contact hours with participants during the period of January 1 – June 30, 2014 included the Roads, Rails, and Racecars After-School Program, the GO! Online electronic magazine, the MATC 2014 Summer Internship Program, and other MATC professional development activities. Summaries of these activities are provided below.

Road, Rails and Race Cars (RRRC): MATC continued to support the preparation and implementation efforts of the RRRC engineering after school club for elementary and middle school students and the summer program for middle school students from January through June, 2014.

2013-2014 Academic Year Programming

The spring semester portion of the 2013-2014 academic year iteration of RRRC was implemented at four (4) sites: Culler Middle School, Lefler Middle School, Maxey Elementary School, and Mickle Middle School, all of Lincoln, Nebraska. Each site offered the club one day per week.

RRRC at Culler Middle School was offered on Mondays from 3:10 p.m. - 4:15 p.m., beginning on January 13th, 2014 and ending on April 28th, 2014. A total of thirteen (13) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with the total attendance being 172 by 42 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 13.23 students. Topics covered included: Glider Airplanes - Parts I & II; Edible Cars; High Speed Rail Systems; Rail Safety; Geography of Rail Systems; the end of Quarter Three (3) celebration with students playing Jeopardy (inclusive of questions of all topics over the course of Quarter Three (3)); Introduction to Safety (State Farm sponsored lesson/activity); Distracted Driving (State Farm sponsored lesson/activity); Floods and Roadways (State Farm sponsored lesson/activity); Buildings and Fire Prevention (State Farm sponsored lesson/activity); Guest presentations by Midwest Roadside Safety Facility researcher, Dr. Robert Bielenberg and local race car driver, Bob Ruisinger; and the end of the club year celebration with students playing Jeopardy (inclusive of questions of all topics over the course of Quarter Four (4)).

RRRC at Lefler Middle School was offered on Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m., beginning on January 15th, 2014 and ending on April 30th, 2014. A total of fourteen (14) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with the total attendance being 204 by 43 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 14.57 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to the Field of Civil Engineering; Geotechnical Engineering; Green Energy uses in Transportation; Speed & Motion; Traffic Barriers; Advantages of Simple Machines: Catapults – Part I; the end of Quarter Three (3) celebration with students playing Jeopardy (inclusive of questions of all topics over the course of Quarter Three (3)); Advantages of Simple Machines: Catapults - Part II; Glider Airplanes; High Speed Rail Systems; Rail Safety; Geography of Rail Systems; Disaster Preparedness and Recovery (State Farm

sponsored lesson/activity); and the end of the club year celebration with students playing Jeopardy (inclusive of questions of all topics over the course of Quarter Four (4)).

RRRC at Maxey Elementary School was offered on Wednesdays from 3:40 p.m. - 4:30p.m., beginning on February 26th, 2014 and ending on April 9th, 2014. A total of six (6) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with the total attendance being 47 by 8 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 7.83 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to the Field of Civil Engineering; Geotechnical Engineering; Green Energy uses in Transportation; Speed & Motion; Glider Airplanes; and the end of the club year celebration with students playing Jeopardy (inclusive of questions of all topics over the course of the Maxey RRRRC).

RRRC at Mickle Middle School was offered on Mondays from 3:10 p.m. - 4:15 p.m., beginning on January 13th, 2014 and ending on April 28th, 2014. A total of fourteen (14) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with total attendance being 229 by 25 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 16.36 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to the Field of Civil Engineering; Geotechnical Engineering; Green Energy uses in Transportation; Speed & Motion; Traffic Barriers; Advantages of Simple Machines: Catapults – Part I; the end of Quarter Three (3) celebration with students playing Jeopardy (inclusive of questions of all topics over the course of Quarter Three (3)); Advantages of Simple Machines: Catapults - Part II; Glider Airplanes; High Speed Rail Systems; Rail Safety; Geography of Rail Systems; Disaster Preparedness and Recovery (State Farm sponsored lesson/activity); and the end of the club year celebration with students playing Jeopardy (inclusive of questions of all topics over the course of Quarter Four (4)).

Additional RRRRC tasks completed during the spring 2014 semester included attending meetings, developing a curriculum schedule for Quarter Four (4) (Quarter Three (3) curriculum scheduling was completed in December 2013), recruitment efforts, and communication. Two (2) after school club team meetings, consisting of teachers, undergraduate engineering student mentors, and the MATC educational programs coordinator, were held in the months of January and March of 2014. The focus of these meetings was preparation and development for the upcoming Quarter Three (3) and Four (4) RRRRC plans and curriculum. MATC also received a grant from State Farm on January 21, 2014 in the amount of \$13,046 to create and implement a safety lesson unit and hosted a State Farm Community Partnerships meeting regarding funding dissemination and progress reporting in February of 2014; in attendance were: two (2) State Farm representatives and ten (10) UNL faculty and staff members involved in the project. Additionally, two (2) recruitment efforts were held to recruit club students for the beginning of the club implementation in January, 2014 at Mickle Middle School and in February, 2014 at Maxey Elementary School. Further, multiple calls and emails were made throughout this term to the RRRRC team members to assist with preparation for the club implementation and support with the facilitation of clubs.

The after school club employed: one (1) returning educational programs coordinator, three (3) returning teachers, one (1) new teacher, four (4) returning undergraduate engineering student mentors, and two (2) new undergraduate engineering student mentors for the spring iteration of RRRRC. On weekly average, each school had one (1) teacher (Maxey did not have a teacher at the site) and three (3) undergraduate engineering student mentors; Lefler welcomed a new teacher on April 9th due to the prior teacher's commitment to another club and inability to assist with RRRRC after that time. In total,

forty-seven (47) program days were completed during the spring iteration, with the total attendance being 652 by 116 individual students.

2014 Summer Programming

Efforts during late April/early May included an increased focus on the communication of and preparation for the summer RRRC program at Culler Middle School. Prior to the beginning of the summer program, one (1) program organization meeting took place in May of 2014; in attendance were: one (1) teacher, one (1) principle, one (1) Mid-America and Nebraska Transportation Center's Director, and one (1) educational programs coordinator. Team members of the summer RRRC program included: one (1) returning educational programs coordinator, one (1) new educational programs coordinator, two (2) returning teachers, four (4) returning graduate or undergraduate engineering student mentors, one (1) new undergraduate engineering student mentor, and multiple individuals from the Culler Middle School staff and volunteers. RRRC was offered once a week on Wednesdays, with two sections offered each day from 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. A total of four (4) club days were completed with the start date of the summer program beginning on June 5th, 2014 and ending on June 26th, 2014. The total attendance of the Culler Middle School summer program was 373 by 119 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 93.25 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Civil Engineering, highlighting the Rail Industry and High Speed Trains; Glider Airplanes; Road Designs and Safety Concerns (State Farm sponsored lesson/activity); Advantages of Simple Machines – Catapults; and an end of the summer program celebration.

Summary of Work Planned for the Upcoming Report Period

The RRRC program will continue throughout the 2014-2015 academic year for elementary and middle school students (sites, dates, and times of implementation TBD). Each site will have at least: one (1) teacher, three (3) graduate or undergraduate engineering student mentors, and one (1) educational programs coordinator. Further, curriculum focus will include implementing the State Farm Safety Unit as well as other lessons as determined by future funding partners. Future focus of the after school clubs will also center on the attainment of future club grants, on manuscript writing for academic journal submission, and on metric development for club outcome analysis.

For images of the RRRC academic year clubs and summer program in action, and to view PowerPoints and materials of RRRC lessons and activities, please visit the following pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/STEMAfterSchoolProgram?ref=hl>

<https://www.slideshare.net/stemafterschoolprogram>

MATC 2014 Summer Internship Program:

The MATC Summer Internship Program attracts a large number of talented applicants seeking to broaden their knowledge of transportation engineering, to learn about practical applications of theories discussed in undergraduate engineering courses, and to work with some of the leading agencies and professionals in their respective fields of interests. Fifteen (15) undergraduate students were carefully selected for the MATC Intern Program. An orientation luncheon was held on May 12, 2014 during which the interns participated in a professional etiquette workshop, introductions between intern and their new employers, and an internship program overview. In addition, both interns and employers actively

participated in an interactive presentation on setting goals to make the most of their internship. Each week, the MATC Facebook page features the MATC Intern Spotlight where interns share their experience and on-going projects via status updates and uploaded pictures. More information on the MATC Intern Field Trip and the MATC 2014 Summer Internship videos and reports will follow in the next report. Below is a list of this year's interns and sponsors.

First Name	Last Name	Sponsor	Supervisor
Dylan	Larchick	City of Lincoln	Dan Hassler
Michael	Donovan	City of Lincoln	Mark Miller
Kyle	Christensen	City of Lincoln	Tim Byrne
Alex	Moore	City of Lincoln	Ron Edson
Reid	Winkleman	City of Lincoln	Ron Edson
Sadie	Erdmann	City of Lincoln	Ron Edson
Lucas	Ferreira	City of Omaha (Public Works Department)	Murthy Koti
Sean	Murphy	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (Omaha)	Adam Denney
Iago	Aguiar	Nebraska Department of Roads	River Hwang
David	Watson	Schemmer Associates (Omaha)	Shane Swope
Jason	Sindelar	Speece Lewis Engineers	Chris Lane
Jordan	Wipf	Speece Lewis Engineers	Chris Lane
Kyle	McLaughlin	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Aemal Khattak
Sandip	Timsina	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Anuj Sharma
Taylor	Reinsch	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Aemal Khattak

Go! Vamos:

Go!'s mission is to educate and engage teens in exploring educational and career opportunities in transportation. Go! is a free online magazine/forum designed to inform and educate teens about educational and career opportunities in transportation so as to attract, engage, excite, and motivate them to pursue careers in transportation. Support for Go!'s activities was sought from MATC's 2013-2014 program to develop spotlight articles highlighting the activities and transportation programs of universities in the MATC consortium. This support allowed MATC to leverage the existing programs, activities, and network of Go!

Currently Go! Vamos has 3,074 subscribers, 238 Facebook fans, and 332 Twitter followers. During the reporting period three (3) stories were highlighted.

Links to stories:

- <http://www.go-explore-trans.org/massena-bridge-slide/> "Massena Bridge Slide" [March 10, 2014]
- <http://www.go-explore-trans.org/make-a-4-wheel-balloon-car/> "Make a Four-wheel Balloon Car" [April 8, 2014]

- <http://www.go-explore-trans.org/mainstreet-across-america/> "Mainstreet Across America" [April 18, 2014]

The Go! Website and magazine during the reporting period had the following activity:

Visits: 7,075

Unique Visitors: 6,476

New Visits: 90.88%

Returning Visitors: 9.12%

Page views: 12,747

Number of countries viewing: 140

MATC 2014 Spring Webinar:

On March 28, 2014, MATC hosted a webinar to share the results of a MATC research project, *Towards Autonomous Vehicle* by Dr. Chris Schwarz from the National Advanced Driving Simulator at University of Iowa. Seventy-five (75) individuals from around the country joined the webinar online and twenty-three (23) individuals were present in Lincoln. The recorded webinar is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZFteBA1LOc>

MATC Professional Development Activities, Conferences and Workshops:

As part of MATC's education and workforce development initiatives, the consortium member universities support student and faculty travel to a wide variety of meetings and conferences across the country to promote and discuss the implementation of research. These connections help students progress both academically and professionally.

The table below highlights professional development opportunities pursued by staff, students, and faculty over the reporting period.

Name	Destination	Conference Name	Dates	University
Jing Dong	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board	1/12-16/2014	Iowa State University
Mustaque Hossain	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board	1/12-16/2014	Kansas State University
Nassim Sagahfar	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board	1/12-16/2014	Kansas State University
Syeda Aziz	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board	1/12-16/2014	Kansas State University
Ananna Ahmed	Kansas City, MO	North Central Asphalt User and Producer Group Hot Mix Asphalt Technical Conference	2/19-20/2014	Kansas State University
Daniel Mealiff	Kansas City, MO	North Central Asphalt User and Producer Group Hot Mix Asphalt Technical Conference	2/19-20/2014	Kansas State University
Masoumeh Tavakol	Kansas City, MO	North Central Asphalt User and Producer Group Hot Mix Asphalt Technical Conference	2/19-20/2014	Kansas State University
Milad Saghebfar	Topeka, KS	Geotechnical Aspects of Pavements	3/18-20/2014	Kansas State University

Stacey Tucker	Topeka, KS	Geotechnical Aspects of Pavements	3/18-20/2014	Kansas State University
Milad Saghebfar	Raleigh, NC	12th International Society for Asphalt Pavements (ISAP) 2014 Conference	6/1-5/2014	Kansas State University
Mustaque Hossain	Raleigh, NC	12th International Society for Asphalt Pavements (ISAP) 2014 Conference	6/1-5/2014	Kansas State University
Haritha Musty	Orlando, FL	Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) Annual Meeting	6/7-11/2014	Kansas State University
Nassim Sagahfar	Orlando, FL	Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) Annual Meeting	6/7-11/2014	Kansas State University
Milad Saghebfar	State College, PA	21st Annual Friction Workshop	6/15-20/2014	Kansas State University
Ananna Ahmed	Manhattan, KS	Kansas Society of Professional Engineers Conference	6/18-20/2014	Kansas State University
Daniel Mealiff	Manhattan, KS	Kansas Society of Professional Engineers Conference	6/18-20/2014	Kansas State University
Masoumeh Tavakol	Manhattan, KS	Kansas Society of Professional Engineers Conference	6/18-20/2014	Kansas State University
Mustaque Hossain	Manhattan, KS	Kansas Society of Professional Engineers Conference	6/18-20/2014	Kansas State University
Syeda Aziz	Manhattan, KS	Kansas Society of Professional Engineers Conference	6/18-20/2014	Kansas State University
Dincer Konur	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	Missouri S&T
Sean Schmidt	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	Missouri S&T
Alisha Elmore	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Allison Bruner	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Caroline Bennett	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Eric Fitzsimmons	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Huan Cheng	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Ibraheem Aljulajjel	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Kwaku Boakye	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Mazharali Udaipurwala	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Prathmesh Argade	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Shivraj Patil	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Stephanie O'Brien	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Steven Schrock	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas

Tomas Lindheimer	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Vishal Reddy Sarikonda	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Kansas
Michael Whitlatch	Manhattan, KS	96th Annual Kansas Transportation Engineering Conference	4/8-9/2014	University of Kansas
Ali Sultan	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Charles Nemmers	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Henry Brown	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Kyoung Min Nam	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Massoud Nasrollahi	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Matthew Kraus	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Paige Martz	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Praveen Edara	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Yi Hou	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Yohan Chang	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Missouri
Aemal Khattak	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Nebraska
David Guitierrez	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Nebraska
Joseph Putjenter	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Nebraska
Larry Rilett	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Nebraska
Lavania Thandayithabani	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Nebraska
Nicholas Weiland	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Nebraska
Yong-Rak Kim	Washington, D.C.	93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB 2014)	1/12-16/2014	University of Nebraska
Pradhuma Shrestha	Colorado Springs, CO	2014 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Joint Rail Conference	4/1-4/2014	University of Nebraska
Sushanta Rakshit	Colorado Springs, CO	2014 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Joint Rail Conference	4/1-4/2014	University of Nebraska
Yong-Rak Kim	Raleigh, NC	12th International Society for Asphalt Pavements (ISAP) 2014 Conference	6/1-5/2014	University of Nebraska
Cynthia Baker	Indianapolis, IN	121st American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Annual Conference & Exposition	6/15-18/2014	University of Nebraska
Lavania Thandayithabani	Indianapolis, IN	121st American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Annual Conference & Exposition	6/15-18/2014	University of Nebraska

How have the results been disseminated?

All MATC activities are primarily in implementation phase and some recurring projects are in the planning phase for the next year. Primarily, electronic distribution and social media has been used. PowerPoint presentations have also been given.

MATC has connected with 82 newspaper, TV, and radio organizations located in all eight partner institutions and across the nation and will be developing a press release template to release respective projects results and highlights for each location. The goal is to develop a product that easily translates into a story for media personnel to quickly and effectively report the activities in which MATC is engaged so that MATC and US DOT RITA are visible and accurately represented to the public. In the current reporting period, staff have spent time planning and producing the content for the upcoming MATC Newsletter. The next MATC Newsletter is slated to be distributed in the upcoming months.

What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives?

There will be no change in the agency-approved application for this effort. Implementation of the activities outlined in the table above for all research, education, workforce development, and technology transfer projects will continue toward completion on-schedule.

2. PRODUCTS

Publications, conference papers, and presentations:

Highlights of the Roads, Rails and Racecars After-School Program

https://www.facebook.com/STEMAfterSchoolProgram?ref_type=bookmark

Website(s) or other Internet site(s):

Currently, MATC maintains 7 online sites that distribute information utilizing the internet. Links to each site, as well as report period information, can be found below:

MATC Website: By clicking the following link: matc.unl.edu, you will be directed to MATC's website. Highlighted information from Google Analytics about the website's traffic from January 1 – June 30, 2014 is below. By understanding and capitalizing this knowledge, we are able to make our homepage engaging, relevant, and resourceful to our viewers.

Visits: 9,112	Page views: 27,921	Pages per visit: 3.42	Average visit duration: 3:73
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SlideShare: Our total views have increased by 2,077 since our last metric. This increase has expanded our global reach; the top 5 countries that view our presentations are: the United States, India, Germany, France, and Canada. Below you will find a snapshot of MATC's SlideShare activity and the link to view the page. <http://www.slideshare.net/matcRegion7UTC/presentations/>

Total Views: 21,000	Downloads: 134	Tweets: 1
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Vimeo: Mid-America Transportation Ctr is the page title for the Vimeo account, below you will find the hyperlink to access the account as well as related activity. <http://vimeo.com/matc>

New videos: 0	Total videos: 65	Total loads: 705
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Facebook: The Mid-America Transportation Center (MATC) has the following statistics and can be viewed by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mid-America-Transportation-Center-MATC/141238439284182>

Views: 486	Likes: 187	Reach: 3849	Total countries: 52	Languages: 26
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Twitter: @MATCNews is the Mid-America Transportation Center's twitter handle. The page can be viewed by clicking the following link, and highlighted numbers for MATC's Twitter activity are below.

<http://twitter.ie/MATCNews>

Followers: 143	Following: 567	Tweets: 142
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YouTube: MATC's YouTube feed can be viewed by clicking the following link. This site will feature one participating Region 7 University per quarter.

http://www.youtube.com/user/midamericatrans?feature=results_main

Videos: 51	Views: 505	Minutes Watched: 1,550
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LinkedIn: The newly created Mid-America Transportation Center LinkedIn group can be found at http://www.linkedin.com/groups/MidAmerica-Transportation-Center-4484370?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr. We have compiled a list of individuals to invite. Our goal is to post valuable and relevant information that fits the group's interests. We will also be posting our research, tech transfer and educational information, and other MATC updates within other transportation LinkedIn groups.

Currently, marketing and media plans are being established to further advance and grow each site's exposure and content, based upon the programs established.

Technologies or techniques:

Nothing new to report. All current research and workforce development activities are under implementation.

Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses:

All current research and workforce development activities are under implementation.

Other products:

As the project selection process is complete, the following research projects listed according to university have been selected for funding. The links to their research project descriptions in RiP can be found below:

University Name	Project Title	Lead PI	Access in RiP
Iowa State University	Methods for Removing Concrete Decks from Bridge Girders	Phares, Brent	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265564
Iowa State University	Evaluation of Thermal Integrity Profiling for Deep Foundations	Ashlock, Jeramy	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1250790
Iowa State University	Statewide Heavy Truck Crash Assessment	Hans, Zachary	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265566
Iowa State University	Safety and Mobility Impacts of Winter Weather - Phase 3	Hans, Zachary	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265563
Iowa State University	Validation of Traffic Simulation Model Output for Work Zone and Mobile Source Emissions Modeling and Integration with Human-in-the-Loop Driving Simulators	Hallmark, Shauna	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265562
Iowa State University	Sustainable Asphalt Pavements Using Bio-Binders from Bio-Fuel Waste	Williams, R. Christopher	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265565
Iowa State University	Systemic Safety Improvement Risk Factor Evaluation and Countermeasure Summary	Knapp, Keith	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1265561
Iowa State University	Evaluation of Air-Coupled Impact-Echo Test Method	Ashlock, Jeramy	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257006
Iowa State University	Study of the Regulatory Issues Affecting Truck Freight Movement in Region VII	Dong, Jing	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257005
Iowa State University	Development of Railroad Highway Grade Crossing Closure Rating Formula	Hans, Zachary	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257004
Iowa State University	Digital Documentation of Element Condition for Bridge Evaluation	Turkan, Yelda	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257003
Iowa State University	Modeling Multi-Modal Freight Transportation Network Performance Under Disruptions	Dong, Jing	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257002
Iowa State University	Framework for Advanced Daily Work Report System	Jeong, David	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257001
Kansas State University	Sustainable Asphalt Pavements Using Bio-Binders from Bio-Fuel Waste	Klabunde, Ken	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1305391
Kansas State University	Evaluation of Bonding Agent Application on Concrete Patch Performance	Riding, Kyle	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251902

Kansas State University	New Generation Bio-Binder Formulation	Bossmann, Stefan H.	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286098
Kansas State University	Reducing Work Zone Duration, Comparison of Nighttime vs. Daytime Crashes and Effectiveness of Lighting in Highway Work Zones	Dissanayake, Sunanda	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286097
Kansas State University	KDOT Column Expert: Ultimate Shear Capacity of Circular Columns using the Modified Compression Field Theory	Rasheed, Hayder A.	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286096
Kansas State University	Evaluation of Low-Cost Intersection Countermeasures to Reduce Red Light Running Violations	Dissanayake, Sunanda	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251903
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Unbonded Concrete Pavement/Overlay Monitoring	Chen, Genda	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256992
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Quantifying Economic Benefits for Rail Infrastructure Projects	Long, Suzanna	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256990
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Develop a UAV Platform for Automated Bridge Inspection	Yin, Zhaozheng	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256989
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Freeway Travel Time Estimation using Existing Fixed Traffic Sensors – A Computer-Vision-Based Vehicle Matching Approach	Yin, Zhaozheng	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256988
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Evaluation of Pile Load Tests for Use in Missouri LRFD Guidelines	Luna, Ronaldo	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251897
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Splice Performance Evaluation of Enamel-Coated Rebar for Structural Safety	Chen, Genda	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251896
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Work Zone Safety: Physical and Behavioral Barriers in Accident Prevention	Long, Suzanna	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1300156
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Longitudinal Useful Life Analysis and Replacement Strategies for LED Traffic Indicators	Long, Suzanna	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1307458

Missouri University of Science & Technology	Nondestructive Evaluation of Mechanically Stabilized Earth Walls with Frequency-Modulated Continuous-Wave (FM-CW) Radar	Chen, Genda	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1254337
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Quadcopter with Heterogeneous Sensors for Autonomous Bridge Inspection	Yin, Zhaozheng	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251894
University of Iowa	Advanced Decision Modeling for Real Time Variable Tolling – Data Collection Trial	Hanley, Paul	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257011
University of Iowa	Older Driver Acceptance of New Driving Safety Technology	Marshall, Dawn	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257010
University of Iowa	Distracted Driving due to Visual Working Memory Load	Mordkoff, J. Toby	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257009
University of Iowa	Dollars for Lives: The Effects of Capital Outlay and Maintenance	Nguyen-Hoang, Phuong	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257008
University of Iowa	Integration of Human-in-the-Loop Driving Simulator with Microscopic Traffic Simulation	Chrysler, Susan	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251918
University of Iowa	Developing and Refining Sustainability Tools for Winter Maintenance Operations	Nixon, Wilfrid	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251916
University of Iowa	Mobility and Accessibility of Hispanics in Small Town and Rural Areas	Matsuo, Miwa	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251915
University of Iowa	Towards Autonomous Vehicles	Schwarz, Chris	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251917
University of Iowa	Investigation of Synergistic Effects of Warm Mix Asphalt and High Fractionated Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement for Safe, Environmentally Sustainable Highway	Lee, Hosin	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251914
University of Iowa	Improving Fire Safety: Modifying Droplet Behavior to Minimize Ignition	Ratner, Albert	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251911
University of Iowa	Simulation Webinar Series	Chrysler, Susan	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1250949
University of Iowa	Diagnosis and prognosis of retrofit fatigue crack reinitiation and growth in steel-girder bridges for proactive repair and emergency planning	Rahmatalla, Salam	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257007

University of Kansas	Repair of Skewed Steel Bridge Girders Damaged by Distortion-Induced Fatigue	Bennett, Caroline	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257000
University of Kansas	Evaluation of an Electronic Safety Perimeter System for Kansas Temporary Work Zones	Mulinazz, Thomas	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256999
University of Kansas	Methods for Field Identification of Fouled Railroad Ballast	Parsons, Robert	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256998
University of Kansas	Evaluation of the Intersection Confirmation Light System to Reduce Red Light Running Violations at Freeway Ramp Intersections	Schrock, Steven	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256997
University of Kansas	Geosynthetic Reinforcement to Protect Underground Pipes against Damage from Construction and Traffic	Han, Jie	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251906
University of Kansas	Evaluation of Low-Cost Intersection Countermeasures to Reduce Red Light Running Violations	Schrock, Steven	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251903
University of Kansas	Repair of Floorbeam-to-Stringer Connections Affected by Distortion-Induced Fatigue	Bennett, Caroline	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251904
University of Kansas	Properties of Fouled Recycled Ballast	Parsons, Robert	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251905
University of Missouri	Development of the Fourth Edition of The Manual for Identification, Analysis and Correction of High-crash Locations (HAL)	Sun, Carlos	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251898
University of Missouri	Ground-based Interferometric Radar for Rockfall Hazard Monitoring	Rosenblad, Brent	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256995
University of Missouri	Highway Safety Manual Applied in States II - Freeway/Software	Sun, Carlos	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286094
University of Missouri	Nondestructive Evaluation Technologies for Bridge Inspection	Washer, Glenn	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256993
University of Missouri	Investigation of Alternate Work Zone Merging Sign Configurations	Edara, Praveen	http://rip.trb.org/browse/dproject.asp?n=33537
University of Missouri	Highway Safety Manual Applied in States: Calibration and Training	Sun, Carlos	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251901
University of Missouri	Evaluation of Alternative Geometric Designs on Highway Corridors - Case Study of J Turns	Edara, Praveen	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251900

University of Missouri	Evaluation of Work Zone Software Programs: Phase 2 - Validation Using Field Data	Edara, Praveen	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251899
University of Missouri	Nondestructive Evaluation Technologies for Bridge Inspection	Washer, Glenn	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252087
University of Missouri	Effectiveness of Work Zone Intelligent Transportation Systems	Edara, Praveen	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252086
University of Missouri	Analysis of Driver Merging	Edara, Praveen	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252085
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Optimizing Concrete Deck Removal in Concrete I-Girder Bridges	Morcous, George	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251928
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Safety Performance Evaluation of Posts for use in a New Short Radius Guardrail for Intersecting Roadways	Reid, John	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251923
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Investigation, Dynamic Testing, and Evaluation of Guardrail Posts for Use in Transitions between Temporary Concrete Barrier and Guardrail	Lechtenberg, Karla	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251922
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Investigation of Freight Data and Operations in Nebraska	Khattak, Aemal	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256987
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Impact of Truck Loading on Design and Analysis of Asphaltic Pavement Structures — Phase IV	Kim, Yong-Rak	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257016
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Testing and Evaluation of Guardrail Posts Installed in Mow Strips	Rosenbaugh, Scott	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257015
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Diffuse Ultrasound for Damage Detection in Concrete Railroad Ties	Turner, Joseph	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257014
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Effects of Sediments on BMPs for Highway Runoff Control	Zhang, Tian	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257013
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Protocol For Evaluation of Existing Bridges	Szerszen, Maria	http://rip.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257012
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Study of a Distributed Wireless Multi-Sensory Train Approach Detection and Warning System for Improving the Safety of Railroad Workers	Sharif, Hamid	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251929
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Smart City Lincoln: Safe Intersections and Intelligent Enforcement	Sharma, Anuj	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251919

University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Development of a Guide for Prioritization of Railway Bridges for Repair and Replacement	Rakoczy, Anna	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251927
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Distracted Highway Users at Highway-rail Grade Crossings	Khattak, Aemal	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251926
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Alternative Funding Mechanisms for State Transportation Systems in Predominantly Rural States	Anderson, John	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251925
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Dilemma Zone Protection on High-Speed Arterials	Naik, Bhaven	https://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251924
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Development of Shaker Test as a Standardized Test Protocol for Deicing Chemicals Evaluation	Tuan, Christopher	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251921
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Development of a Vacuum-Filtration-Based Method for Rapid Measurement of Total Suspended Solids in Stormwater Runoff from Construction and Development Sites	Zhang, Tian	http://rip.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251920

3. PARTICIPANTS & OTHER COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

What other organizations have been involved as partners?

During the current reporting period, the Mid-America Transportation Center has worked with 81 unique organizations across the United States and around the world to develop the research, education, workforce development, and technology transfer activities that are currently underway at the center. Each organization and its location is listed below, along with information describing the specific area or capacity in which the respective organization has committed to supporting the center. For more detailed information on how each organization is working with the center, please email the MATC program coordinator, Laviania Thandayithabani at lthanday@unl.edu.

MATC Program Affiliation	Organization Name	City	State	CO	Financial Support	In-Kind Support	Contribution Facilities	Collaborative Research	Personnel Exchanges
Scholars Program	A.O. Maki & Associates, LLC	Kirkland	WA	USA					X
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Amy Starr, Advisory Board Member/RRRC guest speaker	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Christina Argo, Omaha Public Schools/RRRC guest speaker	Omaha	NE	USA		X			
Research Program and Workforce Development	CISL Research Project			Israel				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	City of Lincoln Public Works & Utilities	Lincoln	NE	USA				X	
Intern Program (UNL)	City of Lincoln: Materials Division	Lincoln	NE	USA			X		X
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Culler Middle School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			

Research Program and Workforce Development	Debra S. Haugen, LLC	Minneapolis	MO	USA				X	
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Emily Faubel, Advisory Board Member/RRRC guest speaker	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Research Program and Workforce Development	Geotechnology INC	St. Louis	MO	USA				X	
Scholars Program	H.G. Adams & Associates, Inc.	Norfolk	VA	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	Iowa DOT	Ames	IA	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	ISU Civil Engineering	Ames	IA	USA				X	
Intern Program (UNL)	Iteris, Inc.	Lincoln	NE	USA			X		X
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Jeff Cole, Advisory Board Member	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	John Huber, Omaha Public Schools/RRRC guest speaker	Omaha	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	John Swanson, Nebraska Trucking Association/RRRC guest speaker	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Scholars Program	JPID Consulting	Baton-Rouge	LA	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	Kansas DOT	Topeka	KS	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	Korea Institute of Construction Technology	Goyang-Si Gyeonggi-Do		Korea				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	K-TRAN	Topeka	KS	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	Kumho Petrochemical, Ltd	Seoul		Korea				X	
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Larry Johnson, Advisory Board Member/RRRC guest speaker	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Lea Ann Johnson, Advisory Board Member	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Lefler Middle School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Lincoln Pius X	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Scholars Program	Lincoln University	Jefferson City	MO	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	Lockheed Martin	Bethesda	MD	USA	X			X	
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Mary Davie, Advisory Board Member/RRRC guest speaker	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Scholars Program	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge	MA	USA					X
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Maxey Elementary School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	McMillan Magnet Middle School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Mickle Middle School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Research Program and Workforce Development	Minnesota DOT	St. Paul	MO	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	Missouri DOT	Jefferson City	MO	USA				X	
Scholars Program	Morgan State University	Baltimore	MD	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	MST Dept of Civil Architectural & Environmental Engineering	Rolla	MO	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	MU Dept of Civil & Environmental Engineering	Columbia	MO	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	NE Dept of Roads	Lincoln	NE	USA				X	
Scholars Program	New Mexico State University	Las Cruces	NM	USA					X
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	North Star High School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Intern Program (UNL)	Olsson Associates, Inc.	Omaha	NE	USA			X		X

Intern Program (UNL)	Olsson Associates, Inc.	Lincoln	NE	USA			X		X
Scholars Program	Prairie View A&M University	Prairie View	TX	USA					X
Scholars Program	Prairie View A&M	College Station	TX	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	PTV America, Inc.	Portland	OR	USA				X	
Scholars Program	Purdue University	West Lafayette	IN	USA					X
Intern Program (UNL)	Schemmer Associates	Lincoln	NE	USA			X		X
Intern Program (UNL)	Speece Lewis Engineers	Lincoln	NE	USA			X		X
Intern Program (UNL)	City of Omaha Public Works Department	Omaha	NE	USA			X		X
Research Program and Workforce Development	Smart Work Zone Development Initiative	Ames	IA	USA				X	
Scholars Program	Southern University and A & M College	Baton-Rouge	LA	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	Tencate Geosynthetics	Olathe	KS	USA				X	
Scholars Program	Tennessee State University	Nashville	TN	USA					X
Scholars Program	Texas A&M University	College Station	TX	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	The National Advanced Driving Simulator at UI	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	
Scholars Program	The National GEM Consortium	Alexandria	VA	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	The School of Library and Information Sciences (UI)	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Tim Voss, Nebraska Department of	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Tracey Webb, Nebraska Safety Council/RRRC guest speaker	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Research Program and Workforce Development	UI Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	UI Dept. of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	UI School of Urban & Regional Planning	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	Union Pacific Railroad	Omaha	NE	USA				X	
Roads, Rails and Race Cars	Calvert Elementary School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars	Hartley Elementary School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars	Goodrich Middle School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars	Lincoln High School	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars	Boone Middle School	Boone	IA	USA		X			
Roads, Rails and Race Cars	Jefferson Middle School	Madison	WI	USA		X			
Research Program and Workforce Development	University of Kansas	Lawrence	KS	USA				X	
Scholars Program	University of Maryland-Eastern Shore	Princess Anne	MD	USA					X
Scholars Program	University of Minnesota	Minneapolis	MO	USA					X
Scholars Program	University of Nebraska-Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction	Omaha	NE	USA					X
Scholars Program	University of Texas-Arlington	Arlington	TX	USA					X
Research Program and Workforce Development	UNL Bureau of Business Research	Lincoln	NE	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	UNL Dept. of Civil Engineering	Lincoln	NE	USA				X	
Roads, Rails and Race Cars After-School Program	Wally Mason, Lincoln Public Schools/RRRC guest speaker	Lincoln	NE	USA		X			

Research Program and Workforce Development	University of Iowa Public Policy Center	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	University of Iowa Department of Psychology	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	
Research Program and Workforce Development	Center For Computer Aided Design	Iowa City	IA	USA				X	

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4. IMPACT

What is the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the program?

Activities conducted during the current reporting period are expected to have an impact upon the transportation engineering discipline in the future. The results from a number of research projects have been developed into courses for the public that will shape future knowledge of specific transportation-related technologies.

What is the impact on other disciplines?

Many of MATC's educational activity outputs offer an interdisciplinary experience in which students, faculty, and staff from various institutions may interact and gain professional networking opportunities with transportation sector leaders. These activities increase channels of communication between participants in the workforce and individuals from many academic fields and facilitate a more interconnected body of future transportation professionals, creating a highly responsive and skilled next generation within the field.

What is the impact on the development of transportation workforce development?

A number of educational and technology transfer activities utilize MATC-sponsored research to develop the transportation workforce.

What is the impact on physical, institutional, and information resources at the university or other partner institutions?

There is currently nothing new to report regarding MATC's impact on physical, institutional, and information resources at the university or other partner institutions.

What is the impact on technology transfer?

MATC research projects at all campuses will be disseminated in the form of instructional courses and direct implementation. Additionally, researchers are currently cultivating partnerships that will enable successful technology transfer in the future.

What is the impact on society beyond science and technology?

We anticipate that K-12 students participating in the after-school programs and summer institute program will significantly benefit from their experiences. The interdisciplinary projects completed during program activities bolsters students' conceptual and practical skills in mathematics, science, and technology. In addition, students and their families learn about the numerous career paths that are available in STEM fields – family support has been shown to be a significant factor for current and later academic success. By the time many students reach high school, they have formed ideas about their academic competence in STEM subjects, often deciding that those subjects are not for them. Involvement in the Roads, Rails and Race Cars clubs encourages students to reconfigure their expectations of math and science, as well as extends their interest beyond classroom experiences.

5. CHANGES/PROBLEMS

There are no changes or problems to report.

6. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Nothing to report.