

# Program Progress Performance Report for University Transportation Centers



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L.R. Rilett, Director, Mid-America Transportation Center

## 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 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	75%
Applicable Slides, Handouts, Videos, Podcasts, etc. Posted/Linked on MATC Website	On Schedule	50%
Final Reports Due & All Research Projects Complete	On Schedule	75%
<b>Leadership Activities</b>		
Coordination with Region 7 UTC Directors	Complete	100%
Regional Successes & Lessons Learned Workshop	On Schedule	75%
<b>Educational Activities</b>		
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 - 2015)	On Schedule	100% YRS 1-3, 80% YR 4
MATC Transportation Scholars Program: Graduate Seminar Course	On Schedule	100%
MATC Transportation Scholars Conference	On Schedule	75%
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	100%
MATC Transportation Student Chapter (ITE/ASCE/Etc.) related activities	On Schedule	80%
Underrepresented Student MATC Summer Intern Program	On Schedule	100% YR 1, 75% YR 2
MATC Scholars Program for Underrepresented Students (October 2012)	On Schedule	100%
<b>Technology Transfer Activities</b>		
MATC Supported Specialty Conferences, Workshops, and Short Courses	On Schedule	80%
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	80%
MATC Social Media Sites Information Dissemination	On Schedule	80%
<b>US DOT RITA: Reporting</b>		
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, 2015, included the Roads, Rails and Racecars After-School Program, the MATC 2015 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, 2015.

#### **2014-2015 Academic Year Programming:**

The spring semester portion of the 2014-2015 academic year of RRRC was implemented at five (5) sites from January through April: Culler Middle School, Lefler Middle School, Goodrich Middle School, Mickle Middle School, and Maxey Elementary School. All of these sites are located in Lincoln, NE. Each site offered the club one day per week.

RRRC at Lefler Middle School was offered on Mondays from 3:10 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., beginning on January 12, 2015, and ending on April 27, 2015. A total of twelve (12) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with the total attendance being 139 by 21 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 11 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Mechanical Engineering with a water wheel activity, Introduction to Chemical Engineering with a building molecules activity, Introduction to Agricultural Engineering with a make your own ice cream activity, Introduction to Transportation Systems Engineering with a transportation game activity, Introduction to Aerospace Engineering with a water rocket activity, Introduction to Electrical Engineering with an electric cars activity, End of Quarter 3 Celebration with a Bingo Game, Introduction to Optical Engineering with a kaleidoscope activity, Transportation Systems and Introduction to American Society of Civil Engineers with a concrete-making activity, Introduction to Sound Engineering with a make your own instrument activity, Introduction to Sports Engineering with a ramp-building activity, Introduction to Biosystems Engineering with a bone stabilization device construction activity, and the End of Quarter 4 Celebration with a Bingo game.

RRRC at Culler Middle School was offered on Wednesdays from 3:10 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., beginning on January 14, 2015, and ending on April 29, 2015. A total of thirteen (13) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with the total attendance being 128 by 29 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 9 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Mechanical Engineering with a water wheel activity, Introduction to Chemical Engineering with a building molecules

activity, Introduction to Agricultural Engineering with a make your own ice cream activity, Introduction to Aerospace Engineering with a water rocket activity, Introduction to Electrical Engineering with an electric cars activity, a guest presentation from a civil engineer from the Nebraska Department of Roads with a paper bridge activity, End of Quarter 3 Celebration with Bingo Game, Introduction to Optical Engineering with a kaleidoscope activity, Transportation Systems and Introduction to American Society of Civil Engineers with a concrete-making activity, Introduction to Sound Engineering with a make your own instrument activity, Introduction to Sports Engineering with a ramp-building activity, Introduction to Biosystems Engineering with a bone stabilization device construction activity, and the End of Quarter 4 Celebration with a Bingo game.

RRRC at Goodrich Middle School was offered on Mondays from 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning on January 12, 2015, and ending on April 27, 2015. A total of ten (10) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with the total attendance being 88 by 26 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 8.8 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Mechanical Engineering with a water wheel activity, Introduction to Chemical Engineering with a building molecules activity, Introduction to Agricultural Engineering with a make your own ice cream activity, Introduction to Aerospace Engineering with a water rocket activity, a guest presentation from a civil engineer from Midwest Roadside Safety with a bridge pier activity, End of Quarter 3 Celebration with a Bingo Game, Introduction to Optical Engineering with a kaleidoscope activity, Introduction to Sound Engineering with a make your own instrument activity, Introduction to Biosystems Engineering with a bone stabilization device construction activity, and the End of Quarter 4 Celebration with a Bingo game.

RRRC at Mickle Middle School was offered on Wednesdays from 3:10 p.m. - 4:10 p.m., beginning on January 14, 2015, and ending on April 29, 2015. A total of thirteen (13) implementation dates were completed during this spring iteration, with total attendance being 101 by 28 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 7 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Mechanical Engineering with a water wheel activity, Introduction to Chemical Engineering with a building molecules activity, Introduction to Agricultural Engineering with a make your own ice cream activity, Introduction to Aerospace Engineering with a water rocket activity, Introduction to Electrical Engineering with an electric cars activity, a guest presentation from a civil engineer from Midwest Roadside Safety Facility with a bridge pier activity, End of Quarter 3 Celebration with a Bingo Game, Introduction to Optical Engineering with a kaleidoscope activity, Transportation Systems and Introduction to American Society of Civil Engineers with a concrete-making activity, Introduction to Sound Engineering with a make your own instrument activity, Introduction to Sports Engineering with a ramp-building activity, Introduction to Biosystems Engineering with a bone stabilization device construction activity, and the End of Quarter 4 Celebration with a Bingo game.

RRRC at Maxey Elementary School was offered on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., beginning February 26, 2015, and ending on April 9, 2015. A total of six (6) implementation dates were completed, with total attendance being 101 by 18 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 16.83 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Civil Engineering with a Pudding Roads activity, Introduction to Structural Engineering with a straw bridge activity, a guest presentation by Dr. Prabhakar Venkateswaran, Assistant Professor in Engineering at Trinity College, about flames and fire safety with a match stick rocket activity, Introduction to Transportation Systems with a penny boat activity,

Introductions to Water Resources Engineering with a water filter activity, and a Celebration with a Jeopardy review game.

RRRC also continued during the month of June as part of the Community Learning Centers' summer camp at both Goodrich and Culler Middle Schools. RRRC at Goodrich Middle School was offered on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning June 3, 2015, and ending June 24, 2015. A total of four (4) implementation dates were completed during this summer iteration, with a total attendance of 74 by 27 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 18 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Structural engineering with a paper bridge activity, Introduction to Transportation Systems with a penny boats activity, Introduction to Water Resources Engineering with a water filter activity, and Introduction to Aerospace Engineering with a glider airplanes activity. RRRC at Culler Middle School was offered on Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning June 4, 2015, and ending June 25, 2015. Since such a large number of students participated in this club, the total club time was split in half, and half the students in the camp came during the first portion of the club, and the other half came during the second portion. A total of four (4) implementation dates were completed during this summer iteration, with a total attendance of 423 by 144 students; typical weekly participation was approximately 105 students. Topics covered included: Introduction to Structural Engineering with a popsicle stick bridge activity; Introduction to Earthquake Engineering with a shake tower activity; Introduction to Transportation Systems and GPS/GIS with LiDAR gun, GPS, and Google Earth activities; and Introduction to Aerospace Engineering with a glider airplane activity.

Additional RRRC tasks completed during the spring 2015 semester included attending meetings, developing a curriculum schedule for Quarter Four (4) and the summer, recruitment efforts, and communication with mentors, teachers, and other pertinent staff. One (1) after-school club team meeting, consisting of teachers and the MATC educational programs coordinator, was held in May of 2015. The focus of this meeting was preparation and development for the upcoming summer club. Further, multiple calls and emails were made throughout this term to the RRRC team members to assist with preparation for the club implementation and support with the facilitation of clubs.

The after-school club employed: one (1) new educational programs coordinator, one (1) graduate assistant focused on curriculum development, five (5) returning teachers, and eleven (11) returning undergraduate and graduate engineering student mentors. On weekly average, each school had one (1) teacher and three (3) undergraduate engineering student mentors. At Goodrich, there are two teachers who alternate working with the club throughout the 2014-2015 school year. During this report period, the first teacher worked from January to February, and the second teacher worked from February to April. In total, sixty-two (62) program days were completed during the spring and summer iterations, with the total attendance being 1,054 by 293 individual students.

### **2015 Programming:**

#### *Summary of Work Planned for the Upcoming Report Period*

The RRRC program will continue throughout the 2015-2016 academic year for middle school students. During this period, the club will be implemented at four (4) sites: Lefler Middle School, Culler Middle School, Goodrich Middle School, and Mickle Middle School. Each site will have at least: one (1) teacher, three (3) graduate or undergraduate engineering student mentors, and one (1) educational programs

coordinator. Furthermore, curriculum focus will include introducing various branches of engineering with a continued emphasis on transportation. 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 RRRRC academic year clubs and summer program in action, and to view PowerPoints and materials of RRRRC lessons and activities, please visit the following pages:

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

**MATC 2015 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. Eleven (11) undergraduate students were carefully selected for the MATC 2015 Summer Internship Program. An orientation luncheon was held on May 18, 2015, during which the interns participated in a professional etiquette workshop, introductions between the interns and their new employers, and an internship program overview. Each week, the MATC Facebook page featured the MATC Intern Spotlight where interns share their experience and on-going projects via status updates and uploaded pictures. On August 7, at the end of the 10-week summer internship program, the interns had the opportunity to share their individual internship experience through a video and PowerPoint presentation at the MATC Summer Internship Finale Luncheon. The event was attended by fifteen interns, their respective supervisors and employers, faculty advisors, and MATC staff.

MATC 2015 Summer Internship videos and reports are available online at:

[http://matc.unl.edu/internship/internship\\_success.php](http://matc.unl.edu/internship/internship_success.php).

Below is a list of interns and sponsors:

First Name	Last Name	Sponsor	Supervisor
Luisa	Braga	City of Lincoln	Tom Shafer
Lucas	Castro	City of Lincoln	Tom Shafer
Mateus	Lima	City of Lincoln	Tom Shafer
Kyle	McLaughlin	City of Lincoln	Tom Shafer
Nho	Vo	City of Lincoln	Tom Shafer
Blake	Eisenmann	City of Omaha	Murthy Koti
Sean	Murphy	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Adam Denney
Lucas	Ferreira	Iteris, Inc.	David McClintock
Emili	Rietta	Nebraska Transportation Center	Yong-Rak Kim
Jace	Furley	Olsson Associates	Shane King
Reese	Meyer	Olsson Associates	Jon Olsen

### **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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Conference Name</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>University</b>
Mustaque Hossain	Washington, D.C.	CUTC Annual Winter Meeting Banquet	1/10/2015	Kansas State University
Mustaque Hossain	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	Kansas State University
Nassim Sabahfar	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	Kansas State University
Sunanda Dissanayake	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	Kansas State University
Ananna Ahmed	Miami, FL	International Airfield & Highway Pavement Conference	6/7-10/2015	Kansas State University
Genda Chen	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Hadi Farhangi	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Haohan Li	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Wenchao Jiang	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Mohamed Elgawady	Washington, D.C.	American Concrete Institute Fall 2014 Convention	10/26-30/2014	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Steven Schrock	Washington, D.C.	CUTC Annual Winter Meeting Banquet	1/10/2015	University of Kansas
Allison Bruner	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas

Fei Wang	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Hardy Karim	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Hemin Mohammad	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Mazharall Udaipurwala	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Shivraj Patil	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Steven Schrock	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Vishal Sarikonda	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Yan Jiang	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Kansas
Deep Khatri	Atlanta, GA	Geo-Congress: Congress of the Geo-Institute of ASCE	2/23-26/2014	University of Kansas
Jamal Kakrasul	Atlanta, GA	Geo-Congress: Congress of the Geo-Institute of ASCE	2/23-26/2014	University of Kansas
Omar Ismael	Atlanta, GA	Geo-Congress: Congress of the Geo-Institute of ASCE	2/23-26/2014	University of Kansas
Saif Jawad	Atlanta, GA	Geo-Congress: Congress of the Geo-Institute of ASCE	2/23-26/2014	University of Kansas
Eric Fitzsimmons	Colorado Springs, CO	Joint Rail Conference	4/2-4/2014	University of Kansas
Tomas Lindheimer	Colorado Springs, CO	Joint Rail Conference	4/2-4/2014	University of Kansas
Kwaku Boakye	Manhattan, KS	Kansas Transportation Engineering Conference	4/8-9/2014	University of Kansas
Michael Whitlatch	Manhattan, KS	Kansas Transportation	4/8-9/2014	University of Kansas



		Engineering Conference		
Allison Bruner	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Hemin Mohammad	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Huan Cheng	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Kwaku Boakye	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Mazharall Udaipurwala	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Prathmesh Argade	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Rand Khalil	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Shivraj Patil	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Steven Schrock	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Vishal Sarikonda	Rapids City, SD	Midwestern ITE/Western ITE 2014 Joint Annual Meeting	6/28/2014-7/2/2014	University of Kansas
Eric Fitzsimmons	Salt Lake City, UT	Alternative Intersections & Interchanges Symposium	7/20-24/2014	University of Kansas

Tomas Lindheimer	Salt Lake City, UT	Alternative Intersections & Interchanges Symposium	7/20-24/2014	University of Kansas
Allison Bruner	Seattle, WA	ITE Annual Meeting	8/10-13/2014	University of Kansas
Mazharall Udaipurwala	Seattle, WA	ITE Annual Meeting	8/10-13/2014	University of Kansas
Shivraj Patil	Seattle, WA	ITE Annual Meeting	8/10-13/2014	University of Kansas
Vishal Sarikonda	Seattle, WA	ITE Annual Meeting	8/10-13/2014	University of Kansas
Aemal Khattak	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Amirfarrokh Iranitalab	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Bradley Winkelbauer	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Brandt Humphrey	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Huiyuan Liu	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Jianan Zhou	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Joseph Putjenter	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Larry Rilett	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lavania Thandayithabani	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Myungwoo Lee	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Tyler Schmidt	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Yashu Kang	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Yong-Rak Kim	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Larry Rilett	New Brunswick, NJ	CUTC Annual Summer Meeting	6/1-4/2015	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Carlos Sun	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Missouri
Praveen Edara	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Missouri
Charles Nemmers	Rolla, MO	Transportation Infrastructure Conference	10/3/2014	University of Missouri
Yohan Chang	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Missouri
Boris Claros	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Missouri
Timothy Cope	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Missouri
Dan Ding	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Missouri
Amirhossein Khezerzadeh	Washington, D.C.	Transportation Research Board 94th Annual Meeting	1/11-15/2015	University of Missouri

**How have the results been disseminated?**

All MATC activities are primarily in the 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 announce respective project 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](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: <http://matc.unl.edu>, you will be directed to MATC’s website. Below is highlighted information from Google Analytics about the website’s traffic from January 1 - June 30, 2015. By understanding and capitalizing this knowledge, we are able to make our homepage engaging, relevant, and resourceful to our viewers.

Visits: 7,641	Page views: 13,628	Pages per visit: 1.78	Average visit duration: 1:09
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**SlideShare:**

Our total views have increased by 1,230 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, Ukraine, and France. 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: 2,575	Downloads: 83	Tweets: 0
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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: 492	Likes: 224	Reach: 1,665	Total countries: 18	Languages: 10
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**Twitter:**

The Mid-America Transportation Center’s twitter handle is @MATCNews. 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: 150	Following: 561	Tweets: 143
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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](http://www.youtube.com/user/midamericatrans?feature=results_main)

Videos: 68	Views: 2,077	Minutes Watched: 7,088
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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](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 align with the interests of the group. We will also be posting our research, tech transfer, 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 on the programs established.

**Technologies or techniques:**

There is nothing new to report regarding the Center’s technologies or techniques. 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 TRID can be found below:

University Name	Project Title	Lead PI	Access in TRID
Iowa State University	Methods for Removing Concrete Decks from Bridge Girders	Phares, Brent	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265564">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265564</a>
Iowa State University	Evaluation of Thermal Integrity Profiling for Deep Foundations	Ashlock, Jeremy	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1250790">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1250790</a>

Iowa State University	Statewide Heavy Truck Crash Assessment	Hans, Zachary	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265566">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265566</a>
Iowa State University	Safety and Mobility Impacts of Winter Weather - Phase 3	Hans, Zachary	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265563">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265563</a>
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	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265562">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265562</a>
Iowa State University	Sustainable Asphalt Pavements Using Bio-Binders from Bio-Fuel Waste	Williams, R. Christopher	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265565">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1265565</a>
Iowa State University	Systemic Safety Improvement Risk Factor Evaluation and Countermeasure Summary	Knapp, Keith	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1265561">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1265561</a>
Iowa State University	Evaluation of Air-Coupled Impact-Echo Test Method	Ashlock, Jeramy	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257006">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257006</a>
Iowa State University	Study of the Regulatory Issues Affecting Truck Freight Movement in Region VII	Dong, Jing	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257005">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257005</a>
Iowa State University	Development of Railroad Highway Grade Crossing Closure Rating Formula	Hans, Zachary	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1324546">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1324546</a>
Iowa State University	Digital Documentation of Element Condition for Bridge Evaluation	Turkan, Yelda	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257003">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257003</a>
Iowa State University	Modeling Multi-Modal Freight Transportation Network Performance Under Disruptions	Dong, Jing	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257002">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257002</a>
Iowa State University	Framework for Advanced Daily Work Report System	Jeong, David	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257001">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257001</a>
Kansas State University	Sustainable Asphalt Pavements Using Bio-Binders from Bio-Fuel Waste	Klabunde, Ken	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1305391">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1305391</a>
Kansas State University	Evaluation of Bonding Agent Application on Concrete Patch Performance	Riding, Kyle	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251902">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251902</a>
Kansas State University	New Generation Bio-Binder Formulation	Bossmann, Stefan H.	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286098">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286098</a>
Kansas State University	Reducing Work Zone Duration, Comparison of Nighttime vs. Daytime Crashes and Effectiveness of Lighting in Highway Work Zones	Dissanayake, Sunanda	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286097">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286097</a>
Kansas State University	KDOT Column Expert: Ultimate Shear Capacity of Circular Columns using the Modified Compression Field Theory	Rasheed, Hayder A.	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286096">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286096</a>

Kansas State University	Evaluation of Low-Cost Intersection Countermeasures to Reduce Red Light Running Violations	Dissanayake, Sunanda	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251903">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251903</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Unbonded Concrete Pavement/Overlay Monitoring	Chen, Genda	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256992">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256992</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Quantifying Economic Benefits for Rail Infrastructure Projects	Long, Suzanna	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256990">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256990</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Develop a UAV Platform for Automated Bridge Inspection	Yin, Zhaozheng	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256989">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256989</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Freeway Travel Time Estimation using Existing Fixed Traffic Sensors – A Computer-Vision-Based Vehicle Matching Approach	Yin, Zhaozheng	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256988">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256988</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Evaluation of Pile Load Tests for Use in Missouri LRFD Guidelines	Luna, Ronaldo	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251897">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251897</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Splice Performance Evaluation of Enamel-Coated Rebar for Structural Safety	Chen, Genda	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251896">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251896</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Work Zone Safety: Physical and Behavioral Barriers in Accident Prevention	Long, Suzanna	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1331590">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1331590</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Longitudinal Useful Life Analysis and Replacement Strategies for LED Traffic Indicators	Long, Suzanna	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1331591">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1331591</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Nondestructive Evaluation of Mechanically Stabilized Earth Walls with Frequency-Modulated Continuous-Wave (FM-CW) Radar	Chen, Genda	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1254337">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1254337</a>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Quadcopter with Heterogeneous Sensors for Autonomous Bridge Inspection	Yin, Zhaozheng	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251894">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251894</a>
University of Iowa	Advanced Decision Modeling for Real Time Variable Tolling – Data Collection Trial	Hanley, Paul	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257011">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257011</a>

University of Iowa	Older Driver Acceptance of New Driving Safety Technology	Marshall, Dawn	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257010">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257010</a>
University of Iowa	Distracted Driving due to Visual Working Memory Load	Mordkoff, J. Toby	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257009">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257009</a>
University of Iowa	Dollars for Lives: The Effects of Capital Outlay and Maintenance	Nguyen-Hoang, Phuong	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257008">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257008</a>
University of Iowa	Integration of Human-in-the-Loop Driving Simulator with Microscopic Traffic Simulation	Chrysler, Susan	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251918">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251918</a>
University of Iowa	Developing and Refining Sustainability Tools for Winter Maintenance Operations	Nixon, Wilfrid	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251916">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251916</a>
University of Iowa	Mobility and Accessibility of Hispanics in Small Town and Rural Areas	Matsuo, Miwa	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251915">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251915</a>
University of Iowa	Towards Autonomous Vehicles	Schwarz, Chris	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view.aspx?id=1251917">http://trid.trb.org/view.aspx?id=1251917</a>
University of Iowa	Investigation of Synergistic Effects of Warm Mix Asphalt and High Fractionated Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement for Safe, Environmentally Sustainable Highway	Lee, Hosin	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251914">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251914</a>
University of Iowa	Improving Fire Safety: Modifying Droplet Behavior to Minimize Ignition	Ratner, Albert	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251911">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251911</a>
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	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257007">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257007</a>
University of Kansas	Repair of Skewed Steel Bridge Girders Damaged by Distortion-Induced Fatigue	Bennett, Caroline	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257000">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257000</a>
University of Kansas	Evaluation of an Electronic Safety Perimeter System for Kansas Temporary Work Zones	Mulinazz, Thomas	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256999">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256999</a>
University of Kansas	Methods for Field Identification of Fouled Railroad Ballast	Parsons, Robert	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256998">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256998</a>
University of Kansas	Evaluation of the Intersection Confirmation Light System to Reduce Red Light Running Violations at Freeway Ramp Intersections	Schrock, Steven	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256997">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256997</a>
University of Kansas	Geosynthetic Reinforcement to Protect Underground Pipes against Damage from Construction and Traffic	Han, Jie	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251906">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251906</a>



University of Kansas	Evaluation of Low-Cost Intersection Countermeasures to Reduce Red Light Running Violations	Schrock, Steven	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251903">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251903</a>
University of Kansas	Repair of Floorbeam-to-Stringer Connections Affected by Distortion-Induced Fatigue	Bennett, Caroline	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251904">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251904</a>
University of Kansas	Properties of Fouled Recycled Ballast	Parsons, Robert	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251905">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251905</a>
University of Missouri	Development of the Fourth Edition of The Manual for Identification, Analysis and Correction of High-crash Locations (HAL)	Sun, Carlos	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251898">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251898</a>
University of Missouri	Ground-based Interferometric Radar for Rockfall Hazard Monitoring	Rosenblad, Brent	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256995">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256995</a>
University of Missouri	Highway Safety Manual Applied in States II - Freeway/Software	Sun, Carlos	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286094">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1286094</a>
University of Missouri	Nondestructive Evaluation Technologies for Bridge Inspection	Washer, Glenn	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256993">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256993</a>
University of Missouri	Investigation of Alternate Work Zone Merging Sign Configurations	Edara, Praveen	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/M/1279838">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/M/1279838</a>
University of Missouri	Highway Safety Manual Applied in States: Calibration and Training	Sun, Carlos	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251901">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251901</a>
University of Missouri	Evaluation of Alternative Geometric Designs on Highway Corridors - Case Study of J Turns	Edara, Praveen	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251900">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251900</a>
University of Missouri	Evaluation of Work Zone Software Programs: Phase 2 - Validation Using Field Data	Edara, Praveen	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251899">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251899</a>
University of Missouri	Nondestructive Evaluation Technologies for Bridge Inspection	Washer, Glenn	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252087">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252087</a>
University of Missouri	Effectiveness of Work Zone Intelligent Transportation Systems	Edara, Praveen	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252086">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252086</a>
University of Missouri	Analysis of Driver Merging	Edara, Praveen	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252085">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1252085</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Optimizing Concrete Deck Removal in Concrete I-Girder Bridges	Morcous, George	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251928">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251928</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Safety Performance Evaluation of Posts for use in a New Short Radius Guardrail for Intersecting Roadways	Reid, John	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251923">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251923</a>

University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Investigation, Dynamic Testing, and Evaluation of Guardrail Posts for Use in Transitions between Temporary Concrete Barrier and Guardrail	Lechtenberg, Karla	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251922">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251922</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Investigation of Freight Data and Operations in Nebraska	Khattak, Aemal	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256987">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1256987</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Impact of Truck Loading on Design and Analysis of Asphaltic Pavement Structures — Phase IV	Kim, Yong-Rak	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257016">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257016</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Testing and Evaluation of Guardrail Posts Installed in Mow Strips	Rosenbaugh, Scott	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257015">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257015</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Diffuse Ultrasound for Damage Detection in Concrete Railroad Ties	Turner, Joseph	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257014">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257014</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Effects of Sediments on BMPs for Highway Runoff Control	Zhang, Tian	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257013">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257013</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Protocol For Evaluation of Existing Bridges	Szerszen, Maria	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257012">http://trid.trb.org/view/2013/P/1257012</a>
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	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251929">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251929</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Smart City Lincoln: Safe Intersections and Intelligent Enforcement	Sharma, Anuj	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251919">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251919</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Development of a Guide for Prioritization of Railway Bridges for Repair and Replacement	Rakoczy, Anna	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251927">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251927</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Distracted Highway Users at Highway-rail Grade Crossings	Khattak, Aemal	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251926">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251926</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Alternative Funding Mechanisms for State Transportation Systems in Predominantly Rural States	Anderson, John	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251925">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251925</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Dilemma Zone Protection on High-Speed Arterials	Naik, Bhaven	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251924">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251924</a>
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Development of Shaker Test as a Standardized Test Protocol for Deicing Chemicals Evaluation	Tuan, Christopher	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251921">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251921</a>

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	<a href="http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251920">http://trid.trb.org/view/2012/P/1251920</a>
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### 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 is 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](mailto: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.	<i>Omaha</i>	NE	USA			X		X
Intern Program (UNL)	Olsson Associates, Inc.	<i>Lincoln</i>	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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**Have other collaborators or contacts been involved?**

MATC’s research activities are highly multi-disciplinary, featuring 89 faculty members from various disciplines including, but not limited to, chemistry, economics, civil engineering, mechanical engineering,

computer science, and electrical engineering. The Principle Investigators (PIs) and Co-Principle Investigators (Co-PIs) for MATC’s research portfolio are listed below:

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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 while facilitating a more interconnected body of future transportation professionals and 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 future 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 club 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**

There is nothing to report.