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1. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1.1. What are the major goals and objectives of the program?

The major goals and objectives of the program as outlined in the proposal include the following categories.

Research
CAMMSE will address the FAST Act research priority area of “Improving Mobility of People and Goods” by conducting multi-disciplinary, multi-modal research, education and workforce development, and technology transfer. CAMMSE is motivated by the recent advances in computing, smartphones and communication technologies, and ubiquitous data to create sustainable, efficient, and growth-enabling multimodal transportation systems. Cutting edge analytical methods and models will enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, and reliability of these systems accordingly. Recent technological advancements enable new perspectives and holistic approaches to address the well-known challenges in multimodal transportation systems planning, design, operations, and maintenance. In particular, the following research topic areas will be established to maximize synergy and adaptability across multiple modes and jurisdictions:

- Increase access to opportunities that promote equity in connecting regions and communities, including urban and rural communities;
- Generate innovations in multi-modal planning and modeling for high-growth regions;
- Develop data modeling and analytical tools to optimize passenger and freight movements;
- Innovations to improve multi-modal connections, system integration and security; and
- Smart Cities.

Leadership
The CAMMSE team is nationally and internationally recognized for its contributions to the field of transportation research, and for its deployment of successful solutions to critical, real-world transportation challenges. In addition, team members are committed advocates and longstanding leaders within the multimodal transportation community and the UTC system itself. Through this UTC grant, the Consortium plans to build on its demonstrated experience to mentor future leaders in the field of transportation. CAMMSE plans to nurture students through skill building and professional development activities that promote notable research scholarships and successful transportation careers.

Education and Workforce Development
With years of collective education, research, and UTC experience, CAMMSE will provide a transportation education program through its partner universities. The program will promote creative and multidisciplinary problem-solving and exposure to a myriad of educational and workforce development experiences. The program will serve to attract, educate, and train future and existing transportation professionals with the know-how to undertake and implement innovative projects being or to be conducted.

The workforce development program will leverage the existing training skills and delivery resources available within partner universities. On-line webinars will be designed and delivered using available technical resources, which could provide Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) to interested course participants. In addition, UTC funds will be used to support and host the monthly transportation seminar series, particularly while classes are in session. The target audience is current students and the local...
university community. UTC funds will also enhance our ability to host nationally and internationally recognized speakers. The target audience is local and regional (onsite), and national when recording and posting talks online.

CAMMSE will support career-building activities that facilitate student transition from school to the workplace by offering enhanced student research opportunities, research seminars, guest speakers, professional conference travel and other professional networking opportunities. In addition, outreach programs at the pre-collegiate level (elementary to high school) will be designed to spark interest in transportation issues and to encourage youth to consider transportation academic programs and careers. The outreach initiatives will particularly focus on recruiting underrepresented minorities into transportation and other STEM fields.

Technology Transfer

The technology transfer program at CAMMSE is designed to support the USDOT in its objective of “expanding technology transfer to partners and stakeholders” by sharing research results quickly and to the widest possible audience. CAMMSE has demonstrated ability to disseminate research results, spur implementations, and conduct continuing education programs. The technology transfer program is a direct extension of the Center’s research and education programs; in other words, these activities are designed to increase the scope and effectiveness of research accomplishments and education initiatives. General objectives within the technology transfer area in CAMMSE will be to:

- Increase the national visibility of CAMMSE research and education activities.
- Increase the availability and speed at which CAMMSE research results are disseminated.
- Provide technical assistance based on CAMMSE research and development.

Collaboration

CAMMSE has an extensive history of forming collaborative relationships at a variety of technical, fiscal and administrative levels. Across all its activities, from conducting pooled fund studies to hosting tech transfer events, CAMMSE will seek to work with collaborators from all sectors.

Diversity

In order for the transportation workforce to reflect the diversity of the national workforce pool, CAMMSE will continue to pursue the development of innovative programs to encourage new entrants, particularly those from groups currently underrepresented in the field. CAMMSE will actively participate in a number of committed activities through which the CAMMSE will increase interest in STEM disciplines and raise awareness of transportation-related careers amongst underrepresented groups.

1.2. What was accomplished under these goals?

Research

CAMMSE was funded by USDOT in November 2016 under the FAST act. Year 1 research projects have been completed, though year 2 and year 3 projects are still ongoing during this reporting period. CAMMSE research results have been published in multiple journals, including *ASCE Journal of Transportation Engineering, Part A: Systems*, *International Journal of Transportation Science and Technology*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, *Journal of Transportation Safety & Security*, *Transportation Research Record: Journal of Transportation Research Board*, and *World Wide Web*.

CAMMSE research results were also presented at many conferences on different occasions, which include the 6th Annual UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region, Swiss Transportation Research Council 2018, FHWA Transportation Policy Symposium 2018, North Carolina Section of the Institute of

Leadership

Representing the CAMMSE, Center Director Dr. Wei Fan used his expertise to serve on the NCHRP Synthesis 20-05 Topic 50-10 Panel "Availability of Pedestrian Infrastructure Data for Routing and Network Analysis" on October 16, 2018 at the Keck Center of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine located at 500 Fifth Street, NW Washington, DC. On October 24, 2018, Dr. Wei Fan attended and presented a paper at the 6th Annual UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region that was held at the Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina. On December 17, 2018, Dr. Wei Fan was appointed as the Co-Chair of the Connected Autonomous Vehicles Section for the World Transport Convention. On January 13, 2019, Dr. Wei Fan served as the Chair of Session of "Connected and Autonomous Vehicles" in the 22nd COTA Winter Symposium at Washington D.C.

CAMMSE Center Director and Associate Directors have been actively serving on many editorial boards (e.g., Associate Editor of the ASCE Journal of Transportation Engineering, Part A: Systems, IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, International Journal of Transportation Science and Technology, and Journal of Transportation of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Editorial board of the Asian Transport Studies, Institute of Transportation Engineers, Journal of Infrastructure Preservation and Resilience Journal of Transportation Research Part D, Transportation Letters, and Transportmetrica A: Transport Science) and many professional committees (e.g., member of the ASCE Advanced Technologies Committee, ASCE Connected & Autonomous Vehicles Impacts Committee, ASCE Public Transport Committee, ASCE Rail Transportation Committees; member of the TRB Standing Committees (AHB60, AHD60, AP025, ADB10, ABR10, ABJ70, AFN30, ADC20, ADC60, and AFP40), session chair of the INFORMS, and at large member of PENC state board) as well as proposal, book review committees (e.g., NCHRP), the dissertation award committee of the Hong Kong Society of Transportation Studies, Outreach subcommittee of the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee (LSHSC), Co-General Chair of the 6th International Workshop on Crowd Assisted Sensing, Pervasive Systems and Communications (CASPer 2019), March 2019, and Co-General Chair of the IEEE 38th International Performance Computing and Communications Conference (IPCCC 2019), London, UK, October 2019.

Education and Workforce Development

CAMMSE has been working with Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Student Chapter at UNCC in supporting and hosting the bi-weekly transportation seminar series in which guest speakers are invited to University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC) to present their current project activities while classes are in session. The target audience is current students and the local university community. Dr. Fan’s transportation research group has also been conducting graduate student seminars on a weekly basis.

CAMMSE Center Staff (Drs. Wei Fan, Miguel Pando, David Weggel, Martin Kane, and Yu Wang) has been meeting on a regular basis. Topics discussed among these important regular meetings include, but are not limited to, the second annual research symposium, annual transportation summer camp at UNCC, research, education and outreach as well as technology transfer activities. In particular, on March 21, 2019, Dr. Miguel Pando, CAMMSE Assistant Director of Education and Outreach, and Dr. David Weggel gave presentation, “An Introduction to Transportation: Uses, Modes, Energy, and the Environment”, to two 9th-grade class blocks (20 students and 21 students, respectively) at Central Cabarrus High School, Concord, North Carolina.
During the 2018 Fall Semester at UNCC, Dr. Wei Fan developed and taught a new course entitled “Connected and Autonomous Vehicles” to several graduate students. Dr. Yu Wang, integrated research results from CAMMSE on vehicular networking and urban sensing into three Computer Science graduate level courses (ITCS 6132, ITCS 6167, and ITCS 6168). One Ph.D. student, Dr. Miao Yu graduated in December 2018 and won the Outstanding Graduate Ph.D. Student Award. He is currently employed as an Associate Professor by Hohai University, Nanjing City, JiangSu Province, P.R.China. Ms. Zijing Lin won the Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS) Charlotte Metro Chapter Mary N. Clayton Honorary Scholarship in January 2019. From February 22-24, 2019, Mr. Zhen Chen, Mr. Yang Li and Ms. Zijing Lin attended the First Southern District ITE Student Leadership Summit that was held at Clemson University, SC. From March to July 2019, Mr. Yu Pan, a visiting scholar from Wuhan University of Science and Technology will be joining and collaborating with CAMMSE research group at UNCC on research.

At Washington State University (WSU), the Ph.D. student Yan Zhang won the 2018 Outstanding Student Award (3rd Place), selected by the International Association of Chinese Infrastructure Professionals (IACIP). The Ph.D. student Jialuo He won the Best Poster Award (1st Place), the 2019 Annual Workshop of IACIP, Washington, D.C. Michelle Akin provided a table with activities and demonstrations at the 9th Annual Nez Perce STEM Fair on Dec. 6, 2018 that included wind-up cars, balloon cars, alternate fuels display and a steam-powered boat. Michelle Akin was also involved in the STEAM Coalition through which she conducted a lot of elementary-age outreach.

At Texas Southern University (TSU), there were three undergraduate and nine graduate transportation related courses offered by faculty. Two master theses were directly supported by CAMMSE, i.e., “Evaluation of Driver’s Compliance to Temporary Speed Limits While Approaching Work Zones on Two-lane Highways”, and “Investigating the Impact of Built Environment and Temporal Attributes on Bike Share Usage in Houston”.

At University of Connecticut (UConn), the Transportation Undergraduate Research Fellowship (TURF) has supported over two dozen students. Student-led research projects were conducted under the supervision of CAMMSE faculty. TURF fellows presented the results of their research at a seminar in the fall. CAMMSE Researchers at UConn hosted a conference: “Putting Humans in the AV Driver’s Seat” which presented intellectual leaders from across the United States and beyond whose work focused on societal impacts of AVs. The event culminated in an interactive Town Hall session moderated by WNPR’s Lucy Nalpathanchil, the host of “Where We Live”.

At the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin), events such as “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day” and “Interacting with the local community” were held as interacting with the local community thinking of creative ways to portray complicated concepts in a simple and easy to understand way. Two graduate students, Mr. Mengyu Fu and Mr. Scott Kilgore were supported by CAMMSE projects during the reporting period.

**Technology Transfer**

CAMMSE faculty, staff, researchers and students have been making presentations at different meetings including the 6th Annual UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region, 2018North Carolina Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCSITE) Annual Meeting, Swiss Transportation Research Council, Central Connecticut State University Sustainability Forum, FHWA Transportation Policy Symposium 2018, Transportation Research Board 98th Annual Meeting, and Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) 21st Annual Winter Symposium.

At UT Austin, in particular, one of the best technology transfer tools are the students that work on these CAMMSE research projects. At present, UT Austin has a total of four active projects sponsoring 2 master’s students, 6 PhD students, 3 principal investigators, and 1 researcher. These UT Austin students are key to the technology development and have both gone to work in the Transportation Engineering industry. They will carry the new technology with them and use it in their new jobs, teach peers how to use the technology, thereby implementing the technology. Most importantly, these new techniques will
continue to grow and improve as they are used. The professors at UT Austin have also used their classes to teach the new techniques developed through the CAMMSE UTC, therefore planting the new technology in students that are not directly supported by the UTC.

**Collaboration**

CAMMSE created a diverse collaboration network with different state and local government agencies, and educational and professional organizations, as well as community practitioners. CAMMSE also worked to build collaborative relations with international transportation centers and universities.

During the reporting period, CAMMSE Center Director Dr. Wei Fan has been actively working with other UTCs. For example, he has been reviewing proposals for the USDOT Region 10 The Pacific Northwest Transportation Consortium (PacTrans), USDOT Tier 1 University Transportation Center - Freight Mobility Research Institute (FMRI), and USDOT Tier-I Connected Cities for Smart Mobility toward Accessible and Resilient Transportation (C2SMART). Dr. Fan also collaborated with several other universities across the country and abroad (e.g., Florida State University and Tongji University), co-writing proposals and papers. Dr. Yu Wang collaborated with Dr. Fan Li’s group in Beijing Institute of Technology on vehicular networks and smart sensing.

UT Austin collaborated with the City of Austin and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. UT Austin also partnered with the Women in Transportation Seminar Heart of Texas (WTS-HOT) Student Chapter and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)/ Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Student Chapter.

At WSU, during this time period, Dr. Xianming Shi (WSU) served as a visiting professor at Wuhan Polytechnic University, China. Dr. Shi also hosted one visiting scholar from Harbin Institute of Technology and another one from Central South University of Forestry & Technology, China. Michelle Akin is an active member of the Palouse STEAM Coalition, coordinating quarterly forums with keynote speakers and professional development hours for in-service teachers.

TSU collaborated with other universities, such as Beijing Jiaotong University, University of Technology, on researches. TSU collaborated with Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) to provide internship positions to graduate students and collaborated with WTS Houston to establish a student chapter in TSU.

**Diversity**

Several Ph.D. students from underrepresented groups have been hired to conduct CAMMSE’s research during this reporting period. For example, at UNCC, five international graduate students (Mr. Zhen Chen, Mr. Yang Li, Ms. Zijing Lin, Mr. Pengfei Liu and Mr. Bo Qiu all from P.R. China) joined the INES Ph.D. program and they have been working as CAMMSE research assistants. A master student, Mr. Kiavash Riahipour, from Iran, is currently advised by Dr. Wei Fan to write his thesis. Dr. Wei Fan also served as a Ph.D. committee member for Ms. Yueqi Hu, who recently graduated with a Ph.D. degree from Computer Science at UNCC. UT Austin students sponsored by CAMMSE come from all sorts of diverse backgrounds, including female and international students. Specifically, UT Austin supported students include three females (Ms. Zienia, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Amelia) and five males (Mr. Hao, Mr. Mengyu, Mr. Abdullah, Mr. Cesar, and Mr. Santhosh) through CAMMSE. One female research engineer (Michelle Akin, P.E. at WSU) has been actively involved in the CAMMSE 2018 Project 17. One female minority undergraduate civil engineering student (Nicole Kim at WSU), has been involved in CAMMSE 2019 Project 15.
1.3. What opportunities for training and professional development has the program provided?

The bi-weekly seminars at UNCC are open to the general public, particularly to the local and state transportation agencies, as well as the industry practitioners.

1.4. How have the results been disseminated?

News items and information about graduate seminars have been regularly posted on the website at https://cammse.uncc.edu/news-events/graduate-seminars.

In particular, as mentioned before, UNCC has made many presentations both nationally and internationally. UT Austin has presented the results through conference proceedings, technical reports, and technical presentations.

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

The following tasks are planned in order to accomplish the goals and objectives of CAMMSE.

(1) CAMMSE Center Director Dr. Wei Fan plans to attend and present at the Second Annual National Mobility Summit of US DOT University Transportation Centers, April 11, 2019, Washington, D.C.

(2) CAMMSE will conduct outreach activities in the NC Science Expo Festival on April 28, 2019 on the campus of UNCC.

(3) CAMMSE will attend NCDOT Research Summit on May 7, 2019 at NCA&T, Greensboro, NC to present papers based on research.

(4) CAMMSE will hold the Third CAMMSE Transportation Summer Camp from June 10-14, 2019. The camp will include 1 day of field trip (Traffic control center, transportation museum, and Light Rail UNCC station).

(5) CAMMSE will issue the RFPs for the year of 2019-2020, conduct rigorous peer-reviews, select funded projects and issue contracts. For all research projects that will be selected for funding in 2019-2020 year 4, the CAMMSE project information forms will be posted and updated on the CAMMSE website as well as on RiP once the subcontracts are officially signed.

(6) All final project reports that have been completed for year 2 (2017-2019) will be provided to the Transportation Research Board (Transport Research International Documentation database), the National Transportation Library, the U.S. DOT’s Research Hub, the Transportation Library, the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, FHWA’s Research Library, and the U.S. Department of Commerce as required by OST-R.

(7) Attend North Carolina Section Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCSITE) Annual Meeting in November 2019 to present papers based on research.
2. PARTICIPANTS AND COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

2.1. Who has worked on the program?

The members of CAMMSE UTC include the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC); the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin); the University of Connecticut (UConn); Washington State University – Pullman (WSU); and Texas Southern University (TSU). Table 1 lists the leadership team members who have worked on the program during this reporting period.

Table 1. CAMMSE Staff Working on the Program

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<th>Wei Fan</th>
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<th>Nicholas Lownes</th>
<th>Xianming Shi</th>
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<td>Associate Director at WSU</td>
<td>Associate Director at TSU</td>
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<td>Contribution to Program/Project</td>
<td>Oversees overall operations of the program. Responsible for coordinating with stakeholders and developing and implementing the CAMMSE strategic plan</td>
<td>Serves as liaison between CAMMSE and UT Austin</td>
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2.2. What organizations have been involved as partners?

Table 2 provides a list of the organizations that have partnerships with CAMMSE.
## Table 2. A List of Organizations Creating Partnerships with CAMMSE

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Our CAMMSE UTC has successfully established an external advisory board which contains members from universities and government agencies. The detailed information about all five advisory board members is provided below:

- **Dr. Michael Accorsi**, Professor and Senior Associate Dean, School of Engineering, University of Connecticut. Email: michael.accorsi@uconn.edu
- **Dr. Amit Bhasin**, Director, Center for Transportation Research, Associate Professor, Transportation Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin. Email: a-bhasin@mail.utexas.edu
- **Elizabeth Robbins**, Planning Policy & Partnerships Manager, Multimodal Planning Division, Washington State Department of Transportation. Email: robbins@wsdot.wa.gov
- **Neil Mastin**, Research and Development Manager, North Carolina Department of Transportation. Email: jmastin@ncdot.gov
- **Wade Odell**, Research Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation. Email: Wade.Odell@txdot

### 2.3. Have other collaborators or contacts been involved?

Dr. Wei Fan, CAMMSE Director, has been making presentations, working, co-writing and publishing papers with faculty and researchers from the Key Laboratory of Road and Traffic Engineering, Ministry of Education and College of Transportation Engineering at Tongji University in Shanghai, P.R.China. A collaborative relationship has been successfully developed between two universities. Dr. Fan was also invited to give presentations at several other universities in China (e.g., Shijiazhuang Tiedao University, Shanghai Maritime University, Wuhan University of Science and Technology, and Dalian University of Technology) and is currently building a collaborative relationship with these universities.

TSU established a collaboration with Houston Bike Share, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization the bike share program (Houston BCycle) in Houston. Dr. Mehdi Azimi talked to a member of the board of directors and also the Executive Director. Houston Bike Share shared the ridership data including trip start time and date, trip end time and date, trip duration, start station, end station, number of docks per station, bicycle id, etc. to be used in CAMMSE’s research project.
3. OUTPUTS

3.1. Journal publications, conference papers, and presentations

Journal publications


Conference papers


Presentations


[7] Lin, Z. and Fan, W., Evaluating the Potential Use of Crowdsourced Bicycle Data in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCSITE) Annual Meeting, McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, Thursday, November 15, 2018.


[29] Shi, X. Smart and Green Infrastructure Enabled by Materials. Presentation for the 3rd Simpson Strong-Tie Annual Building Connections Student Symposium, October 6, 2018, Pullman, WA.

3.2. Website(s) or other internet site(s)

The CAMMSE website is located at [http://cammse.uncc.edu/](http://cammse.uncc.edu/). This website has been used to disseminate any information related to the program.

3.3. Other outputs

CAMMSE Graduate Seminar Series @ UNCC, Sponsored by CAMMSE


[2] “Travel Time Reliability Prediction”, Presented by Mr. Zhen Chen (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, October 10, 2018 EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.


“Using General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) Data as a Basis for Evaluating and Improving Public Transit Equity”, Presented by Mr. Yang Li (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, November 7, 2018, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Research on the Impacts of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs) on Traffic Flow”, Presented by Mr. Miao Yu (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, November 14, 2018, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3366.

“Latent Class Model for Crash Severity Analysis”, Presented by Mr. Zhen Chen (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, November 28, 2018, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Fitting a Partial Proportional Odds Model Using SAS”, Presented by Mr. Pengfei Liu (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, December 5, 2018, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Bicyclist Injury Severity Analysis: Model comparison”, Presented by Ms. Zijing Lin (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, December 12, 2018, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“A Brief Overview of Next Generation Simulation (NGSIM) Vehicle Trajectories and Supporting Data”, Presented by Mr. Yang Li (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, January 23, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Simple Machine Learning and K-NN Algorithm”, Presented by Mr. Zhen Chen (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, January 30, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Deep Leaning”, Presented by Mr. Pengfei Liu (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, February 6, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.


“Artificial neural network (ANN) and traffic crash Analysis”, Presented by Mr. Yang Li (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, February 20, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Introduction to tree-based machine learning methods”, Presented by Mr. Bo Qiu (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, February 27, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Machine Learning methodology: Extreme gradient boosting (XGBoost)”, Presented by Mr. Zhen Chen (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, March 13, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Dimensionality Reduction Algorithms”, Presented by Mr. Pengfei Liu (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, March 20, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

“Generalized Ordered Outcome Models for Crash Injury Severity Analysis”, Presented by Ms. Zijing Lin (CAMMSE INES Ph.D. research assistant), 9-10am, March 27, 2019, EPIC CEE Conference Room 3344.

ITE Seminar Series @ UNCC, Co-organized and sponsored by UNCC ITE Student Chapter and CAMMSE


[2] The Young Member Committee from NCSITE came to UNCC for networking and the meeting was co-hosted by UNCC ITE Student Chapter and CAMMSE. Location: EPIC 3226, October 24, 2018.

[3] Presentation by Mr. Justin T. Carroll, the current engineering director from STV. Location: EPIC 3336, February 12, 2019.


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4. OUTCOMES

4.1. Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses

Nothing to report.

4.2. Software products

CAMMSE research results in enhancements to existing open-source software projects including:

[1] PopGen: see https://github.com/foss-transportationmodeling/popgen/releases, and

4.3. Improvement of existing techniques, practices, technologies

Nothing to report.

4.4. Books

Nothing to report.
5. IMPACTS

The CAMMSE is currently conducting a variety of research, education and outreach, technology transfer, and diversity activities and as such, the impact of this program cannot be measured during this reporting period.

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

Results from UT-Austin’s 2018 Project 06, Characterization of Bicycle Rider Behavior among Various Street Environments may provide a basis for changes in traffic control device application to bicycle traffic. The study used field observations of bicycle riders to measure their responses to control devices across a variety of situations ranging from control device rich environments to those with no bicycle control devices. Rider compliance varied inversely with the richness of the control device environment indicating, at least in some cases, more control devices may not be better.

5.2. What is the impact on other disciplines?

The results from UT-Austin’s 2018 Project 06 Characterization of Bicycle Rider Behavior among Various Street Environments can be applied to Human Behavioral/Social Science and Urban Planning disciplines.

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

During this reporting period, several graduates’ students from UNCC, UT Austin and TSU that were sponsored through UTC projects have graduated. These students are key in the technology development and have gone to work in the university and transportation engineering industry.

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

Information developed through UT Austin’s research is being shared with the City of Austin as the City functions as a partner in the research efforts. UT students are invited to spend time in the City Traffic Control Center representing a valuable learning environment, but the learning is really two-way as the City engineers and students learn from each other.

5.5. What is the impact on technology transfer?

The CAMMSE-supported students that have graduated during this reporting period will carry the new technology that they have helped develop with them for the rest of their careers. This new technology will be used their new jobs, and they will teach peers how to use the technology, thereby implementing the technology. Most importantly, these new techniques will continue to grow and improve as they are used.

5.6. What is the impact on society beyond science and technology?

Through events like “An Introduction to Transportation: Uses, Modes, Energy, and the Environment”, CAMMSE has provided a medium for sponsored students to develop important soft skills. All these events required that students interact with the local community and think of creative ways to portray complicated concepts in a simple and easy to understand way. Students also had to use creativity to think of an interesting way to capture young children’s attention and keep them engaged. The CAMMSE has
had impacted both the local community and the sponsored students by encouraging creativity and fostering human-to-human connections.

In particular, the direct impact of UT Austin’s projects is a better understanding of how to improve multi-modal mobility (i.e., vehicles, cyclists) and safety (i.e., the interaction between cyclists and motorists). From the Adaptive Signal Control Project, we have improved existing technologies that will allow people to have less delay, resulting in decreased emissions and better quality of life.
6. CHANGES AND PROBLEMS

6.1. Changes in approach and reasons for change

Nothing to report.

6.2. Actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them

Due to some reasons, a few CAMMSE Year 2 research projects have been experiencing some delays. For example, due to the award timing and the contracting issues and primarily due to the lack of time to recruit students for the projects, the three Year 2 research projects at the University of Connecticut (UCONN) were not able to get off the ground. As such, a no-cost extension for these projects was needed through September 30, 2019, which would give researchers at UCONN more time to complete all research projects and submit final reports and participate in the Annual CAMMSE Research Symposium in November 2019. To resolve them, Dr. Nicholas Lownes, the Associate Director of CAMMSE at UCONN has been actively working with his grant management staff so that when Year 3 funds come in, if 75% of their total grant has not be expended, the new projects can get off the ground right away.

Other consortium members, including UT Austin, Texas Southern University and Washington State University, also experienced similar situations due to the award timing and the contracting issues and primarily due to the lack of time to recruit students for the projects. As such, a no-cost extension for most of their Year 2 research projects was also needed through September 30, 2019. Currently, all partner institutions have been working extremely hard to address these issues in order to accomplish the project objectives. Regarding their research and technology transfer contributions, the relatively poor performance of the Washington State University consortium member has also been noted by the executive leadership committee at UNCC. This problem can be resolved by making a change in the leadership there and having another professor at WSU take over as its associate director, or making an center-wide objective performance-based budget adjustment to the award allocation.

6.3. Changes that have a significant impact on expenditures

Nothing to report.

6.4. Significant change in use or care of animals, human subjects, and/or biohazards

Nothing to report.

6.5. Changes of primary performance site location from that originally proposed

Nothing to report.

6.6. Additional information regarding products and impacts

Nothing to report.
7. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(1) **External Advisory Board**: Available on the program website: https://cammse.uncc.edu/directory/external-advisory-board

(2) **Financial and Annual Recipient Share Reports**: The SF 425 requirements will be met by separate reports.
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