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Signature: Heather Nachtmann
Maritime Transportation Research & Education Center (MarTREC)

MarTREC is a USDOT Tier 1 University Transportation Center funded in September 30, 2013 under MAP-21. Our consortium consists of the University of Arkansas (UARK), Fayetteville, AR; Jackson State University (JSU), Jackson, MS; Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, LA; and University of New Orleans (UNO), New Orleans, LA. Each institution is strategically located to support the MarTREC theme and consists of renowned maritime transportation researchers dedicated to transferrable research and inclusive education and workforce development.

MarTREC’s theme is building economic competitiveness through efficient, resilient, and sustainable maritime and multimodal transportation systems. Our vision is to be recognized as the Nation’s premier source for expertise on maritime and multimodal transportation research and education.

1. Accomplishments

1.1 Consortium-Level Accomplishments

1.1.1 Research

Goal: MarTREC will conduct research that contributes to building economic competitiveness through efficient, resilient, and sustainable maritime and multimodal transportation systems.

Objectives:
R1) Conduct research projects related to MarTREC’s research goal
R2) Engage a diverse set of faculty and students in MarTREC research activities
R3) Disseminate research findings

Accomplishments:

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1.1.2 Leadership

Goal: MarTREC will become the premier source for expertise on maritime transportation research, education, and workforce development.

Objectives:
L1) Demonstrate academic leadership towards MarTREC’s leadership goal
L2) Demonstrate industry leadership towards MarTREC’s leadership goal
Accomplishments:

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1.1.3 Education and Workforce Development

Goal: MarTREC will develop educational resources to elucidate scientific and engineering practices involved in maritime and multimodal transportation systems and practices.

Objectives:
EWD1) Conduct education and workforce development (EWD) projects related to the goal
EWD2) Educate college students within MarTREC theme
EWD3) Conduct workforce development related to MarTREC theme
EWD4) Conduct outreach activities related to MarTREC theme

Accomplishments:

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1.1.4 Technology Transfer
Goal: MarTREC consortium institutions will participate in national, regional, and local education and workforce development outreach to provide state-of-the-art knowledge to private and public transportation organizations and provide a forum where government employees, academic researchers, and private sector can exchange ideas on current issues.

Objectives:
TT1) Transfer MarTREC outcomes into practice
TT2) Develop products in support of MarTREC technology transfer goal

Accomplishments:

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1.1.5 Collaboration
Goal: MarTREC will continue our existing partnerships with maritime and multimodal transportation stakeholders and develop new partnerships at the consortium, institution, and project levels to facilitate our planned research, leadership, education, workforce development, and technology transfer activities.

Objectives:
C1) Develop external partnerships related to MarTREC’s collaboration goal
C2) Develop collaborative products related to MarTREC’s collaboration goal
C3) Engage faculty and students in achieving MarTREC’s collaboration goal

Accomplishments:

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1.1.6 Plans for Next Reporting Cycle

MarTREC had 18 active research projects during this reporting period. The Center has completed 13 projects over the life of the grant. Three projects were completed during this reporting period. The faculty researchers will continue to engage with industry experts to ensure that these projects are making transformational contributions. The consortium will continue to expand our collaborative partnerships to support this. We will continue to emphasize educational and technology transfer activities. Our next annual Advisory Board meeting is planned for November 10, 2017.

1.2 Project-Level Accomplishments

1.2.1 Maritime and Multimodal Logistics Management Projects

Dynamic Decision Modeling for Inland Waterway Disruptions
Shengfan Zhang, Ph.D.
Heather Nachtmann, Ph.D.
August 2014-December 2016
Accomplishments: Collected and studied lock and dam closure reports, with a focus on unscheduled, weather-related disruptions. Reasons for closure and duration of disruptions were recorded. A Markov Decision Process (MDP) model was developed from the barge owner perspective that considers the uncertainty in the status of the closed or partially closed lock and dam as well as the traffic and safety status of barges remaining on the waterway.
Completed project: Conducted by U of A, this project was completed in December 2016. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

Economic Impacts of Lock Usage and Unavailability
Justin Chimka, Ph.D.
August 2014-June 2016
Accomplishments: The research objective is to estimate annual tons locked by commodity group and lock, as a function of lock usage and unavailability (1993-2013). Results include effects of lock usage and unavailability on tons locked by commodity group. Twenty-two out of the 42 datasets resulted in at least one useful subset where we could employ our alternative to stepwise regression to find a linear model which is efficient and practically appropriate according to our definitions of those characteristics. We are currently extending the project to study Climate Impacts on Lock Use and Performance.
Completed project: Conducted by U of A, this project was completed in June 2016. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

Efficient Dredging Strategies for Improving Transportation Infrastructure Resilience
Kelly Sullivan, Ph.D.
August 2014-December 2016
Accomplishments We developed an optimization model for this problem that incorporates uncertainty due to unpredictable amount of budget required for emergency dredging. We developed a mathematical model to explore inland dredging strategies (i.e., how to allocate funds into districts, which sites should be dredged) that are efficient with respect to cost and ensuring minimum disruption to freight transportation. We produced a case study that illustrates the application of our model to the U.S. inland waterway network. We demonstrated how our model and algorithms can be used at a variety of resource levels to allocate maintenance budget to districts. Using these results, we demonstrated the tradeoff between available maintenance budget and system-wide performance.
Furthermore, we demonstrated insights (e.g., which locations are more critical for dredging) that can created as a result of solving our model.

**Completed project:** Conducted by U of A, this project was completed in December 2016. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

**Multimodal Transport and TransLoad Facilities in Arkansas**
Justin Chimka, Ph.D.
July 2014-December 2014

**Accomplishments:** This project is based on the theory regional and short line railroads are underutilized, and a key to unlocking greater economic value in Arkansas is additional TransLoad Facilities that enable Multimodal Transport. Determined what should be the locations and capabilities of additional facilities, and producing a guidebook for people interested in developing a TransLoad Facility.

**Completed project:** Conducted by UA, this project, funded by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission as a MarTREC match project, was completed in January 2015. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

**Regional Economic Impact Study of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System**
Heather Nachtmann, Ph.D.
April 2014-August 2015

**Accomplishments:** The project implemented a multiregional social accounting matrix framework to estimate the economic impacts of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) found that the total economic impacts of the MKARNS nationwide are $8.5 billion in sales, $4.3 billion in gross domestic product (GDP), and $2.5 billion in labor income.

**Completed project:** Conducted by UA, this project, funded by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department as a MarTREC match project, was completed in August 2015. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

**Supporting Secure and Resilient Inland Waterways**
Heather Nachtmann, Ph.D.
Justin Chimka, Ph.D.
August 2014-June 2017

**Accomplishments:** We have developed and tested a linear approach to extend our Cargo Prioritization Terminal Allocation Problem (CPTAP) modeling capability. This new approach allows us to solve realistic response scenarios more quickly. Our next steps are to test the new approach and compare this with our existing models. Our research was presented at the 2016 American Society for Engineering Management Conference and Institute for Operations Research and Management Science conference this fall.

**Project plans:** We will continue to reach our overall project goal to enhance CPTAP capability to provide real-time decision support for disruption response stakeholders to minimize the total value loss of cargo disruptions on the inland waterways.

**1.2.2 Building Resilient and Sustainable Multimodal Infrastructure Projects**

**Climate Impacts on Lock Use and Performance**
Justin Chimka, Ph.D.
July 2016-June 2018

**Accomplishments:** Statistical models of Climate Impacts on Lock Use and Performance will help DOT and USACE integrate Climate Change Adaptation with Lock Operations and Marine Services by
quantifying fixed route infrastructure vulnerability. Currently consolidating locks by district / division and / or waterway data for calendar years 1993 – 2015.

**Project plans:** Estimate generalized linear models (GLM) of annual tons locked by commodity group and lock, as a function of lock usage and unavailability, general characteristics of locks, and climate variables.

**Corrosion-Tolerant Pre-Stressed CFRP Fatigue Retrofits for Improved Waterway Lock Reliability**

*Gary Prinz, Ph.D., P.E.*  
*Clint Wood, Ph.D., P.E.*  
*July 2016-June 2018*

**Accomplishments:** Fatigue analysis using Miner’s Rule determined that section F13 (Figure 21), has the highest fatigue damage following one lock drain-fill cycle. In this study, the Greenup Lock and Dam was the lock gate analyzed under a moving hydrostatic pressure using the finite element software package ABAQUS. Critical sections were identified from locations of stress concentration from von Miss stress contours. Each section was given an AASHTO detail category and then the stress history data was collected. The reservoir cycle counting method was used to determine the stress ranges and number of cycles. A linear damage accumulation rule (Miner’s Rule) was used to determine accumulated fatigue damage from the stress cycles and locate the region of highest fatigue damage.  

**Project plans:** Design CFRP retrofits for areas of high stress and fatigue. Test bonding mechanism and fatigue resistance on full scale retrofit components, and install retrofits on a lock gate and attach gagues to monitor behavior.

**Development of a Design Protocol: Sustainable Stabilization of Slope using Recycled Plastic Pin in Mississippi**

*Sadik Khan, Ph.D., P.E.*  
*May 2016-October 2017*

**Accomplishments:** In Mississippi, the shallow slope failure is induced by the climatic (temperature and rainfall) variation that cause shrink-swell behavior of expansive Yazoo clay soil, and require significant budget to repair. As a cost effective alternative, Recycled Plastic Pins (RPP) can be utilized to stabilize shallow slope failures, to offer a sustainable option and increase the economic competitiveness to maintain multimodal transportation infrastructure. Soil Investigation of the soil parameters of Highway slopes. Investigation of Rainfall Pattern in Mississippi. Preliminary Finite Element Analysis (2D FEM analysis in Plaxis) and Parametric Study in Finite Element Analysis with Rainfall.  

**Project plans:** Development of Design Protocol and prepare final project report.

**Evaluating the Performance of Intermodal Connectors**

*Sarah Hernandez, Ph.D.*  
*August 2016-June 2018*

**Accomplishments:** Intermodal connectors - critical “last mile” roadways connecting intermodal freight facilities such as maritime ports to the National Highway System. Gathered existing traffic, facility (port), and other relevant data to identify major data gaps for ICs in AR.

**Project plans:** Design an advanced, non-intrusive traffic sensor capable of providing high quality data for ICs. Assess performance of current routes and identify potential ICs not currently designated as ICs but being used as such. Use field data and stakeholder input to design a set of case studies to highlight IC usage and performance.
Exploration of Novel Multifunctional Open Graded Friction Courses for In-situ Highway Runoff Treatment
Yadong Li, Ph.D., P.E.
Lin Li, Ph.D., P.E.
July 2014-June 2016
Accomplishments: The goal of this study was to examine the removal of the major heavy metals Cu and Zn in roadway runoffs through PCP and Modified PCP (MPCP) and by adding innovative additives to Open Graded Friction Courses (OGFC) to create a new material that has high heavy metal removal capacities. The results of this study bring an important conclusion that not only can the pervious concrete pavement bring traffic-related benefits but also environmental benefits because of its long-term removal capacities for Cu and Zn, which are the major heavy metal contaminants in roadway runoffs. The use of PCP in roadways and parking lots brings positive impacts for the sake of environmental protection.
Completed project: Conducted by JSU, this project was completed in June 2016. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

Identifying High-Risk Roadways for Infrastructure Investment Using Naturalistic Driving Data
Brian Wolshon, Ph.D., P.E.
October 2013-June 2015
Accomplishments: The final report reveals that clusters of high magnitude jerk events while decelerating were significantly correlated to long-term crash rates at these same locations, and these events can be used as surrogate measures of safety and as a way of predicting safety problems before even a single crash has occurred.
Completed project: Conducted by LSU, this project was completed in June 2015. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

In-Situ Monitoring and Assessment of Post Barge-Bridge Collision Damage for Minimizing Traffic Delay and Detour
Wei Zheng, Ph.D., P.E.
July 2014-June 2016
Accomplishments: This project developed an efficient in-situ monitoring and data processing scheme for assisting bridge professionals to reliably assess the barge-bridge collision damage and make prompt and informative decision on the operation the bridge and navigation waterways. Once a barge-bridge collision event happens, field dynamic measurements can be collected from the collided bridge structure with the sensor network.
Completed project: Conducted by JSU, this project was completed in June 2016. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

Innovative Bio-Mediated Particulate Materials for Sustainable Maritime Transportation Infrastructure
Lin Li, Ph.D. P.E.
November 2015-June 2017
Accomplishments: The primary objective of the proposed research project is to develop bio-mediated particulate materials to enhance the resilience and protection of maritime transportation infrastructure elements. The advanced materials are based on MICP for the sandy soils in the coastal area. We’ve completed the long-term durability experimental study of fine grained soils (silt and clay) on the effect of microbial improved sandy soil and bio-beam experiments.
Project plans: Analyze the experimental results and bio-beam results.
LNG Bunkering for Marine Vessels at the Port of New Orleans: Siting and Facility Components
Bethany Stich, Ph.D.
April 2014-January 2016
Accomplishments: Develop an assessment of best practices regarding the construction of shore-side Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) bunkering facilities and the overall feasibility of the LNG fueling facility. The best recommendation is for the Port of New Orleans to join with the International Chamber of Shipping in encouraging the International Maritime Organization (IMO) division of the United Nations to continue taking the lead in globally-applied emissions standards. As the shipping industry is committed to the most rapid reduction possible of its share of greenhouse gas emissions, the transfer of the global shipping fleet to LNG is the most efficacious way to attain this end. The Port is best advised to aggressively support an IMO-derived driven global implementation of policies which would make this fleet conversion more cost effective than continued reliance upon cheap diesel as a marine fuel.
Completed project: Conducted by UNO, this project was completed in January 2016. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

Optimal Dredge Fleet Scheduling within Environmental Work Windows
Chase Rainwater, Ph.D.
Heather Nachtmann, Ph.D.
August 2014-August 2016
Accomplishments: After initial success with the base model, maritime professionals were intrigued by the use of operations research to aid in their decision process. The potential of the initial tool was met with concern over the fact that many realistic components were not considered. The main impact of this project is that every concern presented by USACE has now been addressed from a modeling perspective. The decision makers now understand that optimization tools can be flexible and extendable and, with the appropriate amount of attention, complex challenges can be modeled.
Completed project: Conducted by U of A, this project was completed in August 2016. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

Optimal Dredge Fleet Scheduling - Phase 2 Research
Chase Rainwater, Ph.D.
Heather Nachtmann, Ph.D.
August 2016-August 2017
Accomplishments: The failure to integrate the selection and scheduling process suggests that opportunity exists for significant financial and operational benefits for transportation planners. Thus far our research has shown improvement in objective function for same job small and medium size instances and negative impact on large size problem.
Project Plans: We will continue to probe the complex challenges of multiple trips to the same job.

Quantifying Resiliency of Maritime Transportation Systems
Brian Wolshon, Ph.D. P.E.
Scott Parr, Ph.D.
October 2015-June 2018
Accomplishments: The work presented in this research uses archival data from the United States Coast Guard’s Nationwide Automatic Identification System (NAIS) to quantify the state of resiliency of coastal navigation systems. To illustrate the experimental methodology, case study examples are presented assessing the disruptions that resulted from a collision in March 2014 in the Houston Ship Channel, Texas and from Superstorm Sandy in 2012 on the greater port of New York/New Jersey. From an application viewpoint, the methods and results presented here can be adapted and implemented to
quantitatively evaluate levels of port activity following disruptive events and better understand the factors which lead to more resilient maritime systems.

**Project Plans:** Application of this model to quantify the resiliency of port operations on case study areas will be conducted.

**Rapid and Non-Destructive Assessment of Levees for Strength and Liquefaction Resistance**

**Clint Wood, Ph.D. P.E.**

**Michelle Bernhardt, Ph.D.**

**January 2015-June 2017**

**Accomplishments:** A small earthen dam tested using surface wave methods and resistivity in association with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Lab work has been conducted to understand the relationship between resistivity, density, and water content. Field study at levees were identified in the Midwest during the GEER reconnaissance and lab experiments were completed to understand the relationship between resistivity, density, and water content of standardized soil samples.

**Project plans:** Data is being compiled for final report.

**1.2.3 Livability and Emergency Management of Coastal and River Valley Communities Projects**

**Development of a Large-Scale Traffic Simulation Model for Hurricane Evacuation of Mississippi Coastal Region**

**Feng Wang, Ph.D., P.E.**

**July 2014-July 2015**

**Accomplishments:** This project studied improved traffic flow assignment within an evacuation network and indicates that implementation of a gate control strategy could effectively decrease the total travel cost and reduce the degree of conflicts related to traffic movements and trip routes inside the network and improve evacuation performance.

**Completed project:** Conducted by JSU, this project was completed in July 2015. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.

**Evaluating Coastal and River Valley Communities Evacuation Network Performance Using Macroscopic Productivity**

**Scott Parr, Ph.D.**

**Brian Wolshon, Ph.D., P.E.**

**May 2015-May 2017**

**Accomplishments** The simulation of mass evacuation traffic processes, while enormously valuable in emergency planning and management, presents a number of challenges to transportation modelers and analysts. One area where evacuation modeling and analysis has lacked is in the ability to determine the specific evacuation travel demand and capacity and conditions under which a road network can most effectively carry the maximum amount of vehicles, moving at maximum speeds to minimize the overall clearance time for an area under threat of catastrophic disasters. Knowledge of how to reduce the likelihood of oversaturation would be useful, for example, to develop temporally and spatially phased evacuation plans that meter demand into the system for maximum overall benefit. The productivity function, pioneered by Geroliminis and Daganzo (2007, 2008) is used to assess network performance from a macroscopic point of view. Then, an optimization model with the objective of maximizing both total network productivity and maximum outflow is proposed. Further, a simulation based study of the New Orleans metropolitan area is used to validate the effectiveness of the optimization model.

**Project plans:** Completing final report.
Measurement of Traffic Network Vulnerability for Mississippi Coastal Region
Feng Wang, Ph.D., P.E.
November 2015-October 2017
Accomplishments: Potential critical links related to the flooding surges of a hurricane were identified using a probability distribution approach to obtain the risk of an inundation over a road surface.
Project Plans: Measure evacuation network vulnerability and evaluate different evacuation strategies.

National Inventory and Analysis of Transit Oriented Development in Proximity to Coasts and Port Facilities
John Renne, Ph.D.
October 2013-September 2017
Accomplishments: Progress made on quantifying and examining the number of jobs and residents in station areas near coastal areas, major rivers, and near port facilities across the United States.
Project plans: Efforts will forecast future development and job potential of underbuilt station areas and identify the number and type of jobs located in stations and compare and contrast by typology. Currently transcribing final set of interviews. Paper titled “Transit—Oriented Development and Ports: A National Analysis in the United States,” which is based on the data from this project accepted for presentation at the World Symposium on Transport and Land Use Research, Brisbane, Australia July 3-6, 2017. The paper is also being considered for publication in the Journal of Transport and Land Use.

Quantification of Multimodal Transportation Network Vulnerability: A Pilot Study in Mississippi
Himangshu Das, Ph.D., P.E.
May 2016-May 2017
Accomplishments: There are pressing needs to develop a network based quantification framework to assess vulnerability of multimodal transportation and infrastructure network exposed to both natural and man-made hazards. The objective of this study is to identify critical transportation networks and its vulnerabilities to a wide variety of hazard conditions based on real-world data. The objectives will be accomplished through systematic inventory of transportation facilities in Mississippi and prognostic modeling of infrastructure vulnerability using network model. Identifying future climate scenarios and inventory of transportation network data. Extreme flood inundation surface related to project area has been analyzed and mapped and model development for multimodal transportation network is ongoing.
Project plans: Completing final report.

Road Sign Recognition during Computer Testing versus Driving Simulator Performance for Stroke and Stroke+Aphasia Groups
Neila Donovan, Ph.D.
October 2013-June 2015
Accomplishments: Research results show that post stroke aphasia significantly impacted accuracy and response time of road sign interpretation, and as language and symbol complexity increased on road signs, the aphasia-affected drivers performed with less accuracy and required more time indicating that designers of road signs and healthcare professionals should consider this when making decisions related to when those impacted to safely return to driving.
Completed project: Conducted by LSU, this project was completed in June 2015. Final project report was submitted on time and distributed as per grant guidelines.
Statistical Analysis of Vehicle Crashes in Mississippi based on Crash Data
Feng Wang, Ph.D., P.E.
November 2015-October 2017
Accomplishments: Analysis of the MDOT crash data showed that more than 15% of fatalities occurred in the coastal counties in 2013, which means vehicle crashes in this area call for extra attention. Models have been built to analyze the vehicle crashes for major highways in the Mississippi coastal area.
Project plans: We are applying the models to crashes on multiple highway corridors and have developed machine learning algorithms to identify traffic crash hot spots on US 49.

Vulnerability of Fuel Distribution Systems to Hazards in Coastal Communities
John Pardue, Ph.D., P.E.
May 2015-March 2017
Accomplishments: The combined fueling station and road network constructed for this project is the first spatial representation of this system for a Louisiana coastal parish. While the Louisiana Governor’s Office of Homeland Preparedness (GOHSEP) has a GIS-based system with spatial fueling data that can be used in an emergency, it has not been used for any pre-event analysis function. Results presented to the state’s Supply Chain / Transportation Council. This organization was formed after the catastrophic floods of 2016 to better prepare the state’s transportations network, and by extension, other critical infrastructure systems, from failure during these events.
Completed Project: Conducted by LSU, this project was completed in March 2017. Final project report was submitted and is being distributed as per grant guidelines.

2. Products
2.1 Publications
Journal Articles


Conference Papers
4. Yin, C., L. Bu (student), and F. Wang, "Optimization of Transshipping Freight of Less than Container Load at Port Rail-Sea Container Intermodal Terminal," World Transport Convention annual meeting, Beijing, China, February 2017. (submitted)

Conference Presentations
4. Nachtmann, Heather, “Transportation and Logistics Research in Industrial Engineering at the University of Arkansas,” IFARHU- SENACYT, Panama City, Panama, October 2016. (Invited Talk)


Books/Other One Time Publications

2.2 Websites

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2.3 Technologies or Techniques
Nothing to report

2.4 Inventions
Nothing to report

2.5 Other Products
- Project, Dynamic Decision Modeling for Inland Waterway Disruptions, developed a decision support tool to assist decision-making in the event of waterway disruption. The data built predictions for durations of lock/dam closures.

3. Participants & Collaborating Organizations

3.1 Partnerships

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<td>Jose Lopez, Ryan Goetz, and Chris Redell, United States Army Corps of Engineers</td>
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<td>Dr. Brady Cox and Ken Stokoe</td>
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<td>Dr. Chuanzhong Yin</td>
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4. Impacts

4.1 Impacts on Principal Disciplines

Leadership Positions

1. Junior Vice President of Programs, Public Sector OR Section, INFORMS
2. President Elect, American Society for Engineering Management
3. President, American Society for Engineering Management
4. Member, Advisory Council for Transportation Research, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
5. Chair, ASCE Methods of Design Committee
6. Member, Transportation Research Board Committee (ABJ90 - Freight Transportation Data)
7. Sub-committee chair, TRB, (ABG20- Transportation Training and Education)
8. Special Projects Subcommittee Chair, Geo-Institute Soil Properties and Modeling
9. Member, TRB Pavement Management Committee
10. Member, TRB Emergency Evacuation Committee
11. Vice chair, AFP-40 committee, TRB
12. Education Director, University of North Carolina, Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence
13. Professional Committee, Serving as an Executive Officer (Industry Representative) for the American Society of Engineering Education’s (ASEE)
14. Subcommittee Member, Office of Marine Engineering Division (OMED)
15. Chair, Standing Committee on Emergency Evacuation, Transportation Research Board
16. Committee member, Standing Committee on Emergency Evacuation, Transportation Research Board
17. Member, TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee; American Society for Public Administration Section on Transportation Policy and Administration Executive Committee

Leadership Awards
2. Robert W. Whalin, Director Emeritus, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, renewed
3. Khan, M.S., “Gulf Research Fellowship for Early Career Faculty Fellowship

4.2 Impacts on Other Disciplines

Related External Grants
2. “Next Generation Ex-Post Analysis for Transportation Economics,” (AASHTO EconWorks)
3. ”A Virtually Connected Laboratory for Introducing Self-driving Car Technology through a New Mobile-learning Pedagogy,” (NSF IUSE)
4. ”Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence,” subcontract from University of North Carolina, (DHS)
5. ”Coastal Flood Risk Reduction,” subcontract from Texas A&M University (NSF, PIRE project)
6. “RII Track 4: Collaborative Research to Advance Enhanced Landfill Mining,” (NSF EPSCoR)
7. “Building Louisiana coastal resilience to shocks and stressors through collaborative citizen-expert data collection, analysis, and intervention,” (Gulf Research Institute)

4.3 Impacts on Transportation Workforce Development

Pre-College and Recruitment
- The University of Arkansas Engineering Career Awareness program (ECAP) is designed to recruit students who are underrepresented in the field of engineering, and to give these students the support they need to feel comfortable, confident and ready to succeed. The ECAP program provides financial assistance to qualifying students, but ECAP is much more than a scholarship.
Starting with the three-week summer bridge program and continuing through graduation and beyond, ECAP students become part of a family.

- LSU Spill Science and Response program attracts students to careers in spill prevention and response science for pipelines, and other forms of transport of hydrocarbons. Industry partner, Kinder Morgan, is the largest energy infrastructure company in the US.
- MarTREC is committed to increasing the diversity of our workforce. Twenty of the 32 MarTREC supported students were either female or a minority.

**Internships**

- One logistics internship with J.B. Hunt
- Two Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department internships

**4.4 Impacts on Physical, Institutional, and Informational Resources**

**Collaborative Activities**

1. World Trade Center Transportation Committee, October 3, 2016
2. IFFCBANO Membership meeting, October 4, 2016
3. N.O. Public Belt Railroad/Port of New Orleans Tour, October 4, 2016
4. WTSGNO meeting, November 3, 2016
5. MarTREC Advisory Board Meeting, Fayetteville AR, November 18, 2017
7. International Propeller Club honoring Gary LaGrange, January 17, 2017
8. "Turn Services Welcomes the M/V American Pharoah," February 15, 2017

**Guidebooks**


**4.5 Impacts on Technology Transfer**

**Editorial Journal Positions**

1. Associate Editor, Operations Research Letters
2. Associate Editor, Economic Quality Control
3. Editor, International Journal of Six Sigma and Competitive Advantage
4. Editorial Board, International Journal of Quality Engineering and Technology
5. Associate Editor, Engineering Management Journal
6. Area Editor, The Engineering Economist
7. Editor Board Member, Journal of Geotechnical and Geological Engineering
8. Editorial Board Member, Journal of Frontiers of Structural and Civil Engineering (FSCE)
10. Guest Co-Editor, Journal of Advanced Transportation

Transfer of Results
2. Version 4, scheduling optimization tool, developed and transferred to US Army Corps of Engineer systems.

4.6 Impacts on Society beyond Science and Technology

Distinguished Lectures
1. Dr. Craig Philip, Research Professor and VECTOR Director Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Vanderbilt University, “Logistics and Supply Chains in the 21st Century: Uncertainty, Change, and a Look toward the Future” Some Observations from an “Operator” turned “Academic”, November 2016. (35 attendees)
2. Dr. Jefferey Melby, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, "Invention of the Core Loc Concrete Armor Unit and Reinforcing Recommendations" October 2016. (30 attendees)
3. University of New South Wales, Australia, August 2017. (40 attendees)
4. Technical University of Delft (TU Delft), Netherlands, December 2016. (25 attendees)

Conference Planning Positions
1. Cluster Co-chair, Public Sector OR Cluster, INFORMS 2017
2. Operations Research Track Organizer - IISE
4. Track Co-Chair, American Society for Engineering Management Conference
5. Committee Member, Transportation Research Board (ABJ90 - Freight Transportation Data)
6. Sub-committee chair, TRB (ABG20- Transportation Training and Education)
7. Member, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) MOVITE Section Local Arrangements Committee (LAC)
8. Co-chair, Road Safety and Emergency Management Section Technical Committee, 2017 World Transport Convention (WTC), Beijing, China
9. Session Chair, Battelle Remediation Conference, Miami, FL

5. Changes/Problems
MarTREC was awarded a FAST Act Tier 1 University Transportation Center (UTC). Our theme is *Preserving the Existing Transportation System.*

6. Special Reporting Requirements
Nothing to report