## University of Texas Center for Transportation Research

#### **Interlocal Agreement**

**Mobility Committee** 

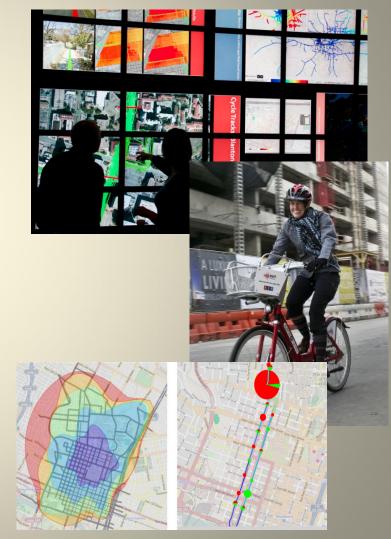
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# UT Center for Transportation Research (CTR)

- One of the leading university-based transportation research centers in the world.
- Local resource Located at The University of Texas at Austin.
- CTR is part of the Tier 1 University of Texas Transportation Center for Data-Supported Transportation Operations and Planning (D-STOP), which was awarded to UT by the U.S. DOT.
- CTR currently contracts with:
  - TxDOT
  - National Science Foundation
  - US Dept. of Transportation
  - Transportation Safety Board
  - Federal Highway Administration
  - Federal Rail Administration
  - Department of Homeland Security
  - CAMPO
  - North Central Texas Council of Governments



- Agreement Duration: 5 years
- Requested Authorization: \$500,000/year
- Provide access to multidisciplinary expertise:
  - Center for Transportation Research
  - Texas Advanced Computing Center
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering Departments
  - School of Architecture
  - Department of Communication Studies
  - Wireless Networking and Communications Group



#### **Initial Projects:**

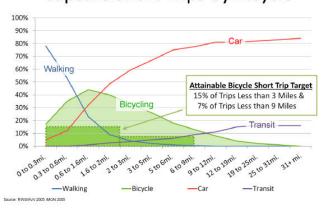
- Establish Traffic Management Center performance metrics
- Develop data warehouse
  - Urban analytics
  - Open data portal
- Analyze adaptive signal control performance
- Travel demand management data analysis
- Best practices:
  - Safety & mobility project prioritization
  - ROW permit fees



#### **Potential Future Projects:**

- White papers, research, peer-city reviews...
  - Automated vehicles
  - Trip generation & vehicle miles traveled development criteria
  - Sidewalk bike riding guidelines
  - Lane width impacts on mobility & safety
- Best practices for:
  - Arterial street health metrics
  - Transit preferential treatments
  - Complete Streets reporting metrics
- City-wide travel behavior survey design for improved infrastructure decision-making





Capture Short Trips by Bicycle

#### **Mutually beneficial agreement:**

**Benefits to City:** 

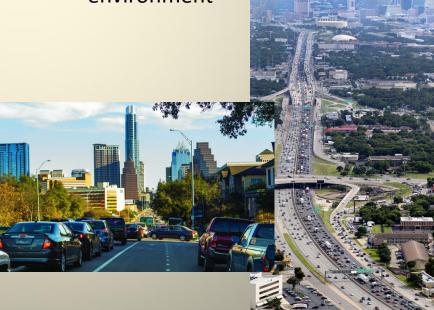
- Access to varied expertise & experience
- Exposure to latest best practices and strategies from emerging research
- Extension of staff

Benefits to CTR:

- Provides students/researchers realworld data for research
- Exposure to urban transportation • challenges and opportunities
- Immersed in post-university work environment

#### **Upcoming Schedule:**

| 1/12/16 | UTC                |
|---------|--------------------|
| 2/3/16  | Mobility Committee |
| 2/25/16 | City Council       |



#### Thank You



