

## Program Progress Performance Report for University Transportation Centers

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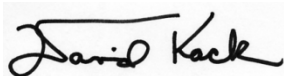
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Reporting Period End Date: March 31, 2014

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## 1. Accomplishments

### What are the major goals and objectives of the program?

The major goals and objectives of the Small Urban and Rural Livability Center (SURLC) are to conduct research, and provide leadership, education, workforce development and technology transfer in all transportation related aspects of livability, focusing specifically on small urban and rural areas.

### What was accomplished under these goals?

During the first six months of the project:

- The SURLC website, (<http://www.westerntransportationinstitute.org/centers/small-urban-and-rural-livability-center/default.aspx>) was set up with the key personnel listed, along with the six livability principles. It is likely the website will be updated as the entire Western Transportation Institute website is planned to be updated.
- SURLC established an Advisory Board to review and propose projects, and to help disseminate research results and other activities of the Center.
- SURLC Director and Deputy Director met with the Advisory Board during the TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- The SURLC team and the Advisory Board developed and ranked twelve project ideas.
- The first SURLC project, The North Dakota Oil Boom's Impact on Livability in Western North Dakota began (March 2014).

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

- Three staff traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting. The UTC & CUTC meetings were held just prior to the TRB meeting (January 2014).
- A staff member attended the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference (February 2014) in Denver, Colorado.
- A staff member attended a Pedestrian Injury Prevention Training in Washington, D.C. (March 2014).

### How have the results been disseminated? If so, in what ways?

- Results from the conferences have been shared in-house, and concepts are being incorporated into possible project ideas.

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

- It is anticipated that additional projects will begin during the next reporting period.
- Communications will continue with the Advisory Board in regards to project updates, and input on any new project ideas.

## 2. Products

### Publications, conference papers and presentations

- Information about SURLC and the six livability principles was distributed at the Montana Bike-Walk Summit (March 2014)

### Website(s) and other Internet site(s)

- SURLC website (<http://www.westerntransportationinstitute.org/centers/small-urban-and-rural-livability-center/default.aspx>)

### Technologies or techniques

Nothing to Report

### Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses

Nothing to Report

### Other products, such as data or databases, physical collections, audio or video products

Nothing to Report

## 3. Participants & Collaborating Organizations

### What organizations have been involved as partners?

North Dakota State University (Small Urban and Rural Transit Center – Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute) is the main partner to Montana State University in the Small Urban and Rural Livability Center.

### Have other collaborators or contacts been involved?

Additional collaborators/contact include members of the Advisory Board, which represent the following organizations: American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Centers for Disease Control (CDC); Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA); Easter Seals Project Action (ESPA); Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Federal Transit Administration (FTA); National Association of Development Organizations (NADO); North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT); Transportation Research Board (TRB); and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

Note: Members of the Advisory Board from FTA and USDOT act as technical and policy liaisons between the Center and FTA and USDOT. They provide guidance and recommendations on research projects, projects that link DOT priorities and initiatives with the direction of the Center, including information on the technical merits of the research projects that may be initiated by the Small Urban and Rural Livability Center.

Advisory Board members are not be involved in any financial decisions, and will not be involved in any discussion of future UTC competitions.

#### **4. Impact**

The development of the principal discipline(s) of the project

Nothing to Report

Other disciplines

Nothing to Report

The development of human resources

Nothing to Report

Physical, institutional, and information resources at the university and/or other partner institution

Nothing to Report

Technology transfer (include transfer of results to entities in government or industry, adoption of new practices, or instances where research has led to the initiation of a startup company

Nothing to Report

Society beyond science and technology

Nothing to Report

#### **5. Changes/Problems**

Changes in approach and reasons for change

Nothing to Report

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

Nothing to Report

Changes that have a significant impact on expenditures

Nothing to Report

Significant changes in use or care of human subjects, vertebrate animals, and/or biohazards

Nothing to Report

Change of primary performance site location from that originally proposed

Nothing to Report

#### **6. Special Reporting Requirements**

Not Applicable