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The Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR UTC) was selected as the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Region 9 UTC under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. (IIJA). This center is housed in the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California.

Established in 2016, the PSR UTC is led by the University of Southern California and includes nine partners: California State University, Long Beach, University of California Berkeley, University of California, Davis, University of California, Irvine, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Hawaii Manoa, Northern Arizona University, Pima Community College, University of Nevada Las Vegas. The Pacific Southwest Region UTC will serve Region 9 with a comprehensive, integrated program of research, education and technology transfer built upon the priority needs of the region: 1) closing access gaps, 2) increasing sustainability and resilience of the goods movement system, and 3) expanding workforce opportunities.

The PSR UTC was awarded a five-year grant totaling approximately $15 million from the US DOT, authorized under the IIJA Act. The five characteristics of Region 9 that frame the research program and inform the research themes.

1. Uneven transportation access across our enormously divers region, particularly among transportation-disadvantaged travelers and communities
2. Our region’s central role in global supply chains, and the growing risk of disruption to the supply chains
3. Transportation’s central role in sustainability: reducing criteria emissions, meeting ambitious climate goals, and our region’s particular vulnerabilities to climate risks such as wildfires, sea level rise, drought, and extreme weather
4. Our region’s role as the global center of the information and communications technology (ICT) revolution, which is transforming transportation
5. The changing nature of transportation work, potentially placing hundreds of thousands of jobs at risk but creating new jobs as well

The PSR UTC is structured to have a truly regional focus and is intended to build a strong university-government-industry partnership. Our consortium of universities and community colleges, together with partnerships with state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), forms a region-wide network to guide the development and implementation of the center’s research, education, and technology transfer programs.

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