Mission / Purpose

The UNO Transportation Institute will provide educational, service, and research initiatives incorporating both passenger and freight systems serving the New Orleans region, the Gulf Coast, the United States and the world. The Institute will promote innovative policies and practices for the users and providers of transportation through academic programs, theoretical and applied research, outreach activities, as well as strategic partnerships with both the public and private sectors. The UNO Transportation Institute will use interdisciplinary collaboration to maximize its impact.

Other Outcomes/Objectives, with Any Associations and Related Measures, Targets, Findings, and Action Plans

O/O 1: Develop transportation-focused educational opportunities
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O/O 2: Community outreach
   To provide outreach and continuing educational opportunities to transportation planning professionals in the Greater New Orleans region. Continue to work with professional associations to host lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences on transportation related topics.

O/O 3: Develop research program
   To develop regionally and nationally competitive research program in the areas of freight/ports, transit-oriented development, evacuation planning, and sustainable, resilient and equitable transportation systems. Nurture and develop stronger partnerships with funding agencies, such as the La DOTD/LTRC, RPC, and other universities, such as LSU to attract federal UTC funding. Actively participate in the Consortium of UTCs and with partners in Louisiana and Texas. Identify new partners across the USA. Develop common research proposals. Apply for funding.

O/O 4: Publish research
   Publish research in peer-reviewed transportation publications. Mentor young faculty and staff members Look for collaborations opportunities across faculty, staff and with students Incentivize peer reviewed submissions though the distribution of UTC grant funds Submit articles to journals