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RE: TRB paper #16-2252 titled "Real-Time Merging Traffic Control at Congested Freeway Off-Ramp Areas" was selected as the Best Freeway Operations Paper in 2016.

Dear Ms. Spiliopoulou:

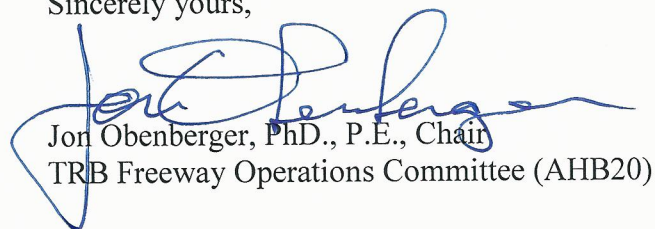
Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your paper #16-2252, which was presented at the Transportation Research Board (TRB)'s 95<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in January 2016, was selected by the Freeway Operations Committee as the "Best Freeway Operations Paper in 2016."

This is a prestigious award that is given annually to the highest rated freeway operations related paper published by TRB. Your paper was selected as the top paper by the TBR Freeway Operations Committee from over 50 papers that were received from all around the world. Your paper was deemed to have made a very significant contribution to the global body of knowledge in freeway operations by this committee.

You will also be recognized at the morning session of the TRB Freeway Operations Committee meeting which will occur from 8 AM to noon on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Supreme Court Conference Room of the Marquis Ballroom in the Marriott Marquis Hotel located in Washington, DC.

Thank you for your submission of your paper to this committee.

Sincerely yours,



Jon Obenberger, PhD., P.E., Chair  
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