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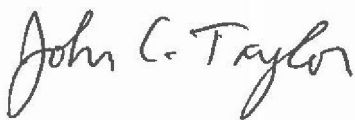
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Welcome to the Winter, 2016 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management, being Vol. 26 No 2! This issue of the *Journal* starts with an article on an assessment of Logistics Management in two Latin American countries, includes an article on better understanding the needs of business parcel shippers, moves on to an article investigating the benefits of contracted vs. in-house maintenance approaches for Air Force aircraft, and concludes with an article on the impact of urban sprawl on journey to work times in the U.S.

The first article examines the logistics strategy typology (Process Strategy, Market Strategy, and Information Strategy) for studying logistics/supply chain management strategy in the context of Peru and Guatemala. The authors find that the typology constructs hold up well in both countries with some similarities and differences in strategic practice in each country. The second article reviews investigates how business parcel shippers select carriers. Survey respondents were asked to evaluate the importance of 17 carrier selection variables in regard to choosing a parcel carrier. Four unique segments were identified based on their carrier selection criteria. The third manuscript examines alternative maintenance strategies for Air Force aircraft and studies the advantages and disadvantages of in-house maintenance as compared to outsourcing these services. The authors conclude outsourced maintenance outperforms organic in-house services based on evaluation of performance on several key target performance and cost metrics. The fourth article reviews the impact of urban sprawl on journey to work times in the U.S. and studies the wisdom of mass transit subsidies and “smart growth” policies. The authors make several public policy recommendations on how to improve public mass transit at the local level.

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