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Welcome to the Winter, 2015 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management! This issue, being Vol. 25, No. 2 completes the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Journal. This Silvery Anniversary is major milestone in the history of the Journal and a tribute to the previous Editors and Authors of the Journal. We look forward to another even better 25 years.

This issue of the *Journal* contains an article on a logistics executive in residence course, an article on highway construction delays claim analysis, an article on the impact of freight traffic on school walking decisions in urban environments, and an article on the auto industry's MMOG/LE self-assessment processes for improving supply chain delivery performance.

The first article is an excellent overview of the issues involved in starting a Logistics Executive in Residence course. Both the anecdotal and statistical evidence suggests that the Executive in Residence course increases interaction and improves learning with majors. The second article discusses highway construction efficiency, a topic which is critical to highway users such as the trucking industry given today's era of shortages in funding, and given the need for major re-investments in the highway system. The analysis shows clearly that a standardized process for delay claim analysis would improve highway construction contracting. The third manuscript presents findings from a study of urban neighborhoods in a major southeastern city, including those that are adjacent to freight corridors. The paper examines the impact of actual and perceived freight activity on school pedestrian safety. The fourth article introduces readers to a relatively new self-assessment tool for measuring the readiness and effectiveness of supplier materials management and logistics processes in the automotive industry. The authors address the various strengths and weaknesses of the MMOG/LE model, and make several recommendations on how the system and processes for managing it could be improved.

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