Student name: Muhammad Usman

Academic level: PhD – Urban and Regional Science, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Texas A&M University

Impact Statement:
The project has provided me with an opportunity to undertake a comprehensive exploration of the implications of autonomous vehicles, particularly within small and rural towns. It has allowed for a detailed study of real-world applications, focusing on how these vehicles can enhance mobility for older individuals, those with disabilities, and individuals without access to personal transportation. This project has also contributed to the development of my dissertation research proposal, immersing me in the unique challenges faced by transportation-restricted populations in such communities. Overall, this project's impact lies in its dual role of investigating practical applications of autonomous vehicles and shaping scholarly inquiry into their potential benefits within specific geographical contexts.

Student name: Muyang Li

Academic level: Master of Urban Planning, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Texas A&M University

Impact Statement:
Engaging in the ENDEAVRide program has enabled me to cultivate advanced proficiencies in developing sustainable transportation for small towns. The program expands my scope to the actual case study. It is an excellent opportunity for me to take the theory of planning into practice from the “PLAN 664- Plan Theory & History”. “PLAN 673- Design Sustain Transport” mentioned that planners provide sustainable travel methods to build a smart city. I used what I learned from the program to write a topic on sustainable transportation for the course's final exam. “PLAN 661 - Communication in Plan” focuses on training planners to work with the stakeholders and create a comfortable environment in the interview. The program takes me to focus group study. In my final report, I write down this valuable experience to verify the communication skills learned from PLAN 661. In the courses of PLAN 612, PLAN 665, and PLAN 678, they taught me how to do transportation planning at a county level. The program is a critical supplement of small towns' transportation plans to the transportation study. ENDEAVRide program offers me the opportunity to walk out from the book and take what I learned into practice. The experience inspired me to work harder not only for myself but for the society.

Student name: Jiahe Bian

Academic level: PhD – Urban and Regional Science, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Texas A&M University

Impact Statement:
Being involved in the ENDEAVRide project during my doctoral study was a unique opportunity that let me apply what I've learned academically to real-world challenges. This work honed my skills in design and research, making me a more well-rounded scholar and practitioner in the transportation planning field. What inspired me the most, though, was the prospect of starting a business with direct social impact. Through hands-on experience, I learned how to marshal resources and move forward agendas. I have come to appreciate that problems are not roadblocks but invitations to innovate; the key is to think big and remain persistent.