Editorial

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Municipal Engineer was founded in 1992 and it has a frequency of four issues per year with an impact factor of 0.196 in 2017. This issue presents five research papers and one discussion paper covering a collection of transportation and construction related research topics.

In the first paper of this issue, Falconer (2017) highlights the essential need for the provision of trainings for local practitioners in Ethiopia in order to equip them with the knowledge and skills with regards to the application of bituminous surfacing as a cost-effective solution for road sealing and maintenance.

Next, Wang *et al.* (2017) reveals the application of bee colony optimisation algorithm to develop a light rail (or mass rapid) transit routing prototype with an aim to facilitate easy mobility of tourists visiting large cities.

The analysis of spatial distribution of trips generated during normal periods and megaevents using a logistic regression model is presented in the third paper by da Silva and Portugal (2017) which allows the formulation of measures to facilitate improvement of traffic flow and vehicle trips.

The paper by Trigunarsyah and Hamzeh (2017) focuses on the utilisation of value engineering technique to study the mobilisation and temporary facilities in construction projects and it has been evidently shown that it could lead to significant costs reduction without compromising the quality and functionality.

Delaney *et al.* (2017) conducted an extensive user experience surveys on a typical off-road shared-use route in Bristol, UK with an aim to contribute to the enhancement of design and management of shared-use paths.

The final paper (Pollock-Fraser *et al.*, 2017) discusses the contents of an article previously published by Pollock-Fraser *et al.* (2016) regarding the possibility to construct a new tram network

in Bristol, UK. The authors agreed with the discussor's comments that their paper should have referred to the Advanced Transport for Avon (ATA) project in the 1980s but the paper was not intended to review all proposed transportation systems.

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