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Outstanding academic record earns Metro planner membership in prestigious business college honor society: Beta Gamma Sigma



Sharad Mulchand, Gateway Cities Area team planning manager, will pick up his master's degree in Transportation Management from San Jose State University in December, and the honors are pouring in. By virtue of an outstanding academic record, Mulchand has been nominated for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, an honor society serving accredited business programs. For the last two years, Mulchand has been attending the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University, which offers a fully accredited multi-disciplinary program via video conferencing in virtual classrooms at Caltrans facilities. "I just attended the first course titled 'Fundamentals of Transportation Management' to see if I would like to continue with the program, and I got hooked!" said Mulchand. The program teaches critical elements of business and public management, as well as engineering, planning, environmental science, law, labor relations and even journalism for a career in the transportation field. "My background was mostly technical and highly specialized-- now I feel much more confident to tackle other challenging assignments in my work," said Mulchand. The virtual classrooms may soon become a reality at Metro, where plans to host academic programs via video conferencing are under consideration. -- from Gayle Anderson