

May Newsletter



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Transportation Engineers**



Members of the ITE CO/WY Section:

Exciting things brewing at the Colorado state capitol this month as the legislature considers a new transportation funding bill. This piece of legislation is introducing a series of fees associated with fuel, vehicle types, and transportation services. If passed, revenues for Colorado transportation are reportedly estimated at over \$5.2B. I'm sure we will all be keeping an eye on this initiative as it progresses.

Coming up in the Section we are looking forward to our May Meeting this **Thursday, May 13th at 12:00 PM**. We will be honoring this year's ITE CO/WY Section Transportation Professional of the Year. We'll also be celebrating our 2021 Student of the Year and announcing winners of our 2021 CO/WY Section Scholarship winners. Please join us as we celebrate the great work and achievements of our section members.

Our **annual golf tournament** is coming up on June 4th, so set your alarms early and join us at 7:30 AM for a shotgun start to a day at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton, CO. Also coming up is the **Joint Mountain, Western, and International ITE meeting**. This year's virtual event will feature technical content July 20-29 and council and committee meetings August 3-5. To learn more and register please visit <https://www.iteannualmeeting.org/>.

Finally, if you are interested in getting involved in our Section, please visit our [web page](#) to learn more and reach out to our dedicated team of transportation professionals. Thank you all for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you at our next virtual meeting.

Sincerely,
Brian Staley, PE, PTOE, RSP₁
President
ITE CO/WY Section

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Awards Luncheon

A poster for the 2021 ITE Awards Ceremony. The background is a dark, textured surface with a golden, shimmering effect. The text is centered and reads: "THE COLORADO/WYOMING ITE SECTION PRESENTS" in white, "2021 ITE AWARDS CEREMONY" in large yellow letters, "Thursday, May 13, 2021" and "12:00 pm - 1:00 pm" in white, "Zoom link to be sent to all registered attendees" in white, and "REGISTER AT COWYTE.ORG UNDER 'EVENTS'" in yellow at the bottom.

THE COLORADO/WYOMING ITE SECTION PRESENTS

2021 ITE AWARDS CEREMONY

Thursday, May 13, 2021
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Zoom link to be sent to all registered attendees

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Please join the Colorado/Wyoming ITE Section **This Thursday** as we honor our 2021 ITE Awards Recipients and Scholarship winners. Awards include the 2021 CO/WY Section Transportation Professional of the Year and the 2021 Student

of the Year. We will also be recognizing our 2021 CO/WY Section Scholarship winners.

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021

Time: 12 pm – 1 pm

Link: Zoom info to be sent to registered attendees

[Click here to register!](#)

Golf Tournament

The golf tournament is less than one month away! This year the 2021 CO/WY ITE Golf Tournament heads south for the first time to the beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course. Player registration is open until 5PM on May 28th. Sponsorship opportunities are open until 5PM on May 21st.

See the [tournament website](#) for additional details on the tournament, registration, and sponsorship opportunities.

REGISTER NOW!
2021 Colorado/Wyoming Section Golf Tournament
Arrowhead Golf Course
June 4th, 2021
7:30 AM Shotgun Start

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Joint ITE/ITS Meeting

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2021 Joint Meeting CO/WY ITE & ITS Rocky Mountain

NEW DATE: TUES., SEPT. 21, 2021
LAMAR STREET CENTER [ARVADA, CO]



We are excited to be meeting in person again, as long as it is safe (of course). Join colleagues from CO/WY ITE and [Rocky Mountain ITS!](#) We will be back at the Lamar Street Center. Enjoy presentations, conversations and networking while learning about several current transportation topics and about new products from our sponsors and vendors.

Would you like to be a part of the conference? **We are still accepting abstracts until Wednesday, May 12, 5PM.** Covering topics from Variable Speed Limits, Smart Work Zones, and Rural Conflict Warning Systems to TSMO and ATMS. Interested in speaking? [Click here to submit an abstract.](#)

Colorado Transportation Symposium



Join more than 500 of the region's transportation planners, engineers and decision makers from both the public and private sectors to share information and lessons learned from innovative and successful transportation projects throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

Announcing: Call for speakers will open June 1!!

When: October 11, 2021, All Day!

Where: Sheraton Downtown Denver

Cost: \$125 Early Bird (\$105 Public Sector or Non-Profit)

[Register Today!](#)

We are excited to welcome Angie Schmitt, author of *RIGHT OF WAY: Race, Class and the Silent Epidemic of Pedestrian Deaths in America*, as our keynote speaker. If you haven't read the book and want to before the Symposium, visit <https://islandpress.org/books/right-way> and use the code SCHMITT to get 20 percent off the book.

Some sponsorship opportunities are still available! For more information, please check out our sponsors page.

We will continue to post updates here and on social media channels. Stay tuned for updates!

[To learn more and to register, click here](#)

Student Scholarships

Thanks to support from our members and sponsors, we were able to offer multiple scholarship opportunities this year:



Graduate Award \$1,000

Name: Brenden Paradies

University: University of Colorado - Denver

Major: PhD Civil Engineering



Graduate Award \$1,000

Name: Zorica Cvijovic

University: University of Wyoming

Major: PhD Civil Engineering

Undergraduate Award \$1,000

Name: Kellisha Ostler

University: University of Colorado - Boulder

Major: BS Civil Engineering



Leadership Award \$700
Name: Anik Das
University: University of Wyoming
Major: PhD Civil Engineering

Student of the Year



Congratulations to Anas Alrejail, the recipient of the CO/WY ITE Student of the Year Award for 2021! Anas is currently a student at the University of Wyoming, working towards earning his PhD, and is expected to graduate in 2022.

Anas's research has focused on a variety of safety topics, covering everything from enhancements of crash

data reporting, to speed limit requirements in mountainous areas, to the effects of wind speed and direction on vehicle stability. Anas has published several papers through the Mountain-Plains Consortium and has participated at TRB multiple times with poster presentations.

Anas is an active member of the ITE University of Wyoming Student Chapter. He is also a member of the student government at the University of Wyoming, and serves as a senator for the engineering college. His role on an interdisciplinary team of faculty, staff, and students has helped him find ways for ITE members to collaborate with other student organizations, other colleges at the university, and outside companies, particularly focusing on research and job opportunities. Anas is also a panel member of the international

graduate assistant peer coaching panel, where he helps new graduate students learn the ropes at the University of Wyoming.

As the winner of the Student of the Year Award, Anas will receive a plaque, a monetary award for \$500, and free registration to attend the 2021 ITE Annual Meeting, which will be held virtually later this summer. Congrats Anas!!!

Legislative Update

Our state transportation bill is moving through legislature, with some hurdles along the way. See info regarding this in a recent Denver Post article:

Colorado transportation fees bill faces key tension between more highway lanes and addressing climate change

Senate Bill 260 proposes to raise \$3.8 billion from fees on gas, deliveries, electric vehicles



A couple quotes from the article outline the struggles:

"The key friction is between advocates for transit, multimodal and electric vehicle-centered projects — who hope to see the state tackle climate change in a big way — and those who think Colorado's many highway needs won't get enough money."

"The bill's bottom line is estimated at \$5.3 billion in the next 11 years, including nearly \$1.5 billion in budget transfers and stimulus dollars that mostly were planned. The Colorado Department of Transportation said its 10-year, \$5 billion [priority project plan](#) of highway and transit projects — now about one-third funded — would get about 75% of the way to the finish line."

Find out more about the bill on the [Colorado General Assembly website](#)

Employment Opportunities

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