

June Newsletter



**Institute of
Transportation Engineers**



Members of the ITE CO/WY Section:

With the passing of Colorado's new transportation funding bill an estimated \$5.2B in new revenues are expected over the next ten years. The bill includes increases in gas taxes, electric vehicle registration fees, and new service fees for meal delivery services. It still doesn't shore up funding for all of the infrastructure needs in Colorado, but it is a milestone moment for our industry as we consider the projects and work that will come out of these investments.

I would like to say thank you for everyone who attended the ITE CO/WY Section 2021 Golf Tournament on June 4th! It marked our first in-person event since the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and we were thrilled that it was sold out. The golf tournament is a great opportunity to build relationships with professionals in our industry. In addition to a day of fun, this event is our largest fund-raiser of the year supporting the Section's scholarship program.

Coming up in the Section we would like to invite you to join us for a **Hike & Happy-Hour at the White Ranch Park on Thursday July 1st**. The team is planning a 3.5 mile hike over moderate and easy terrain. Later this summer we will also have the **Joint Mountain, Western, and International ITE meeting**. This year's virtual event will feature technical content July 20-29. To learn more and register please visit <https://www.iteannualmeeting.org/>.

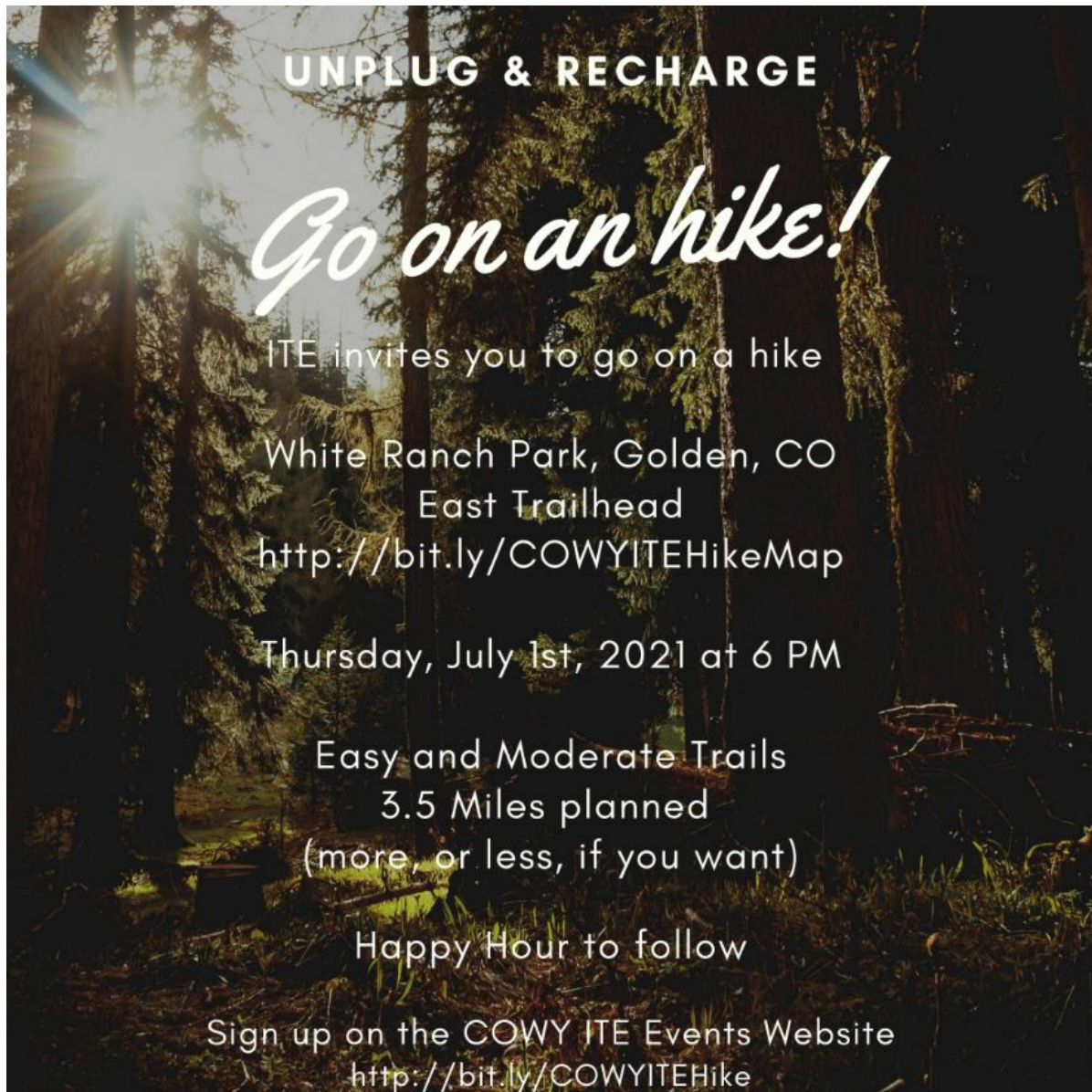
As always, if you are interested in volunteering with our Section, please visit our [web page](#) to learn more. Thank you all for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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

In This Newsletter:

- July 1 - Hike 'n Happy Hour
 - July 20 - ITE International Annual Meeting
 - Sept 21 - Joint ITE/ITS Meeting
 - Oct 11 - Colorado Transportation Symposium
 - Book Club featuring *RIGHT OF WAY*
 - Legislative Update
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Hike 'n Happy Hour



Please join us as we unplug and recharge with a hike and happy hour at White Ranch Park in Golden, Colorado. We'll begin the hike from the [East Trailhead parking lot](#) at **6PM on Thursday, July 1st.**

The difficulty of the hike will range between easy and

moderate with approximately 3.5 miles of hiking planned. The hike accommodates shorter or longer distances to make it comfortable for everyone's experience. Happy hour is expected to follow after the hike.

[Click here to register!](#)

Please reach out to [Ben Davis](#) and [Negar Karimi](#) for any questions!

ITE International Annual Meeting

Join nearly 2,000 transportation professionals this July and August for the 2021 ITE Virtual Annual Meeting. This meeting will take place at various times between **July 20th and 29th**.

The technical program features 40 technical sessions, more than 85 poster presentations, and 6 workshops focusing on the critical transportation themes.

To find out more and to register for this event, [visit the website](#).

Early bird registration closes June 15th.

The Mountain and Western Districts are well represented throughout the program and we appreciate their support for both the technical and social program.

Joint ITE/ITS Meeting



NOW
2021 Joint Meeting
CO/WY ITE & ITS Rocky Mountain

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

ITS ROCKY MOUNTAIN chapter
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We are excited to be meeting in person again on **Sept 21**,

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.

Call for presentations has closed. Stay tuned for more information!

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.

When: October 11, 2021, All Day!

Where: Sheraton Downtown Denver

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

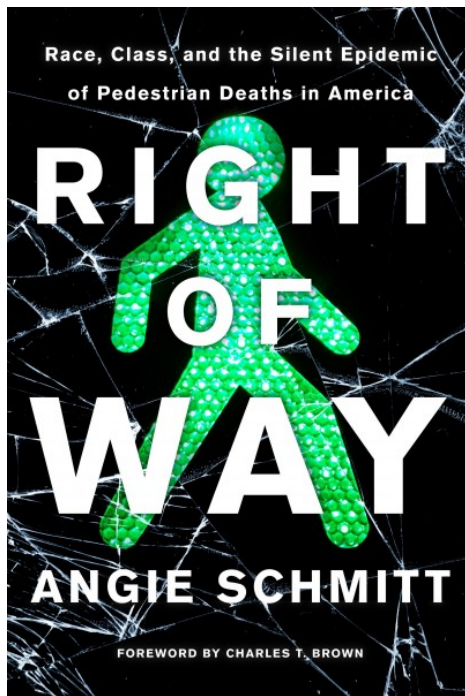
[Register Today!](#)

Call for Presentations is now open!!! To learn more and to submit an abstract, please [visit the website](#).

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. We are hosting a three-session **book club** to discuss the book, see below for more info!

Stay tuned for updates!

Book Club: RIGHT OF WAY



Angie Schmitt's recent book outlining the pedestrian safety crisis is eye-opening. In it, she shines a light on the injustices behind traffic violence and shows how these deaths can be avoided.

In anticipation of the Colorado Transportation Symposium hosting Angie Schmitt as the keynote speaker, we will be hosting a three session book club to discuss RIGHT OF WAY (dates to be determined).

Please email Evan Brigham at etbrigham@gmail.com if you are interested in registering for the

book club. The book club is FREE, and as a part of the Symposium, we are offering a discount for the purchase of the book. Visit the [Symposium website](#) for more info.

Legislative Update

SB21-260: Sustainability of The Transportation System - The bill passed the General Assembly and is awaiting a signature from Governor Polis.

The bill will provide nearly \$5 billion in new funding for transportation. Approximately \$3.8 billion will be generated by new enterprises and fees with an additional \$1.5 billion expected to come from the state general fund and stimulus funding. The breakdown of the fees is as follows:

- Fees on Gasoline and Diesel Fuel (to fund the Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise)
 - "Road Usage Fee" – a 2 cent per gallon charge that will go into effect in 2023 and will increase by 2 cents per year for 3 additional years (capped at 8 cents per gallon)
 - A driver driving an average of 13,500 miles per year with a fuel efficiency of 25 mpg could expect to pay approximately \$10 more in year one and approximate \$40 more when the fee reaches 8 cents per gallon
 - "Diesel/Truck Fee" – a 6 cent per gallon charge that will go into effect in 2023 and will increase by 1 cent every 2 years (capped at 8 cents per gallon)

- Retail Deliver Fees – fees on a per delivery basis for retail deliveries made by motor vehicles, the maximum allowable delivery fee would be 27 cents per delivery
- Passenger Ride Fees – per-ride fees for TNC rides, the maximum allowable ride fee would be 30 cents per ride
 - Discounted ride fees are permitted for shared rides and ZEV rides, the maximum allowable discounted ride fee is 15 cents per ride
- Electric Motor Vehicle Registration Fees
 - Indexes the existing \$50 registration fee to the national highway construction cost index (NHCCI) inflation
 - “Battery Electric Vehicle Fee” - \$4 annual fee beginning in 2022 and increasing to \$96 by 2031
 - “Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle Fee” - \$3 annual fee beginning in 2022 and increasing to \$27 by 2031
- Short Term Vehicle Rental Fee – indexes the existing \$2/day rental fee to the consumer price index (CPI)
- Road Safety Surcharge – vehicle registration surcharge fee of \$11.10 for 2022 registrations and \$5.55 for 2023 vehicle registrations (this is a decrease in the Road Safety Surcharge)

New Enterprises:

- Creates a Community Access Enterprise within CEO to support widespread adoption of EVs
 - The enterprise is authorized to impose a community access retail delivery fee to fund its operations
- Creates a Clean Fleet Enterprise within CDPHE to support the use of EVs in private and government fleets
 - The enterprise is authorized to impose a clean fleet fee on retail deliveries and rides provided by TNCs
 - The enterprise is also authorized to issue grants, loans, and rebates to incentivize the adoption of EVs in fleets
- Creates a Clean Transit Enterprise within CDOT to support public transit electrification
 - The enterprise is authorized to impose a clean fleet fee on retail deliveries and rides provided by TNCs
 - The enterprise is also authorized to issue grants, loans, and rebates to support electrification of public transit
- Creates a Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise within CDOT to mitigate transportation related emissions in ozone non-attainment areas
 - The enterprise is authorized to impose an air pollution mitigation fee on retail deliveries and rides provided by TNCs

*Note: Consistent with Proposition 117, voter approval is required for state enterprises with projected or actual revenue from fees or surcharges more than \$100 million in its first 5 fiscal years. The four enterprises will be in operation in FY 2021-2022 and are not projected to collect more than \$100 million in fees and/or surcharges.

Other changes include:

- Changes the name of the Multimodal Transportation Options Fund to the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options

- Fund and adds eligibility for greenhouse gas mitigation projects
 - Changes the name of the Statewide Bridge Enterprise to the Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise
 - FY 2020-2021 \$380 million transfer from the American Rescue Plan Act funds to the State Highway Fund, the Highway Users Tax Fund and the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund
 - Creates an Environmental Justice and Equity Branch within the CDOT Engineering, Design and Construction Division
 - Creates a Freight Mobility and Safety Branch within CDOT
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Employment Opportunities

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