

# July Newsletter



**Institute of  
Transportation Engineers**



## Members of the ITE CO/WY Section:

One of the more robust signs that life is returning to normal following the pandemic may be seen in traffic patterns. As more businesses and organizations re-open their doors for in-person work, we're all seeing a return of more traditional rush hours and higher traffic volumes. In the Denver metro area that shift may be most apparent on the Central 70 project corridor. May saw the opening of the northern half of the covered highway section on that project, and southern half is expected to open later this summer.

Next on our Summer Agenda for ITE is the Joint Mountain, Western, and **International ITE meeting** in just a couple weeks! This year's virtual event will feature technical content July 20-29 and council and committee meetings August 3-5. Also, don't miss the Mountain District Trivia Night on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30 – 5:00 PM. To learn more and register please visit <https://www.iteannualmeeting.org/>. Then, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, we're partnering with **ITS Rocky Mountain for a joint meeting** with presentations, vendor displays, and networking opportunities at the Lamar Street Center.

If you're interested in volunteering with our Section, please visit our [web page](#) to learn more about opportunities and connect with our section's leadership team. We are currently seeking nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Thank you all for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,  
Brian Staley, PE, PTOE, RSP<sub>1</sub>  
President  
ITE CO/WY Section

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## *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](#).

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

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## *Hike 'n Happy Hour*

UNPLUG & RECHARGE

# Rescheduled *Go on a hike!* to July 29th

ITE invites you to go on a hike

White Ranch Park, Golden, CO  
East Trailhead

<http://bit.ly/COWYITEHikeMap>

~~Thursday, July 1st, 2021 at 6 PM~~

Easy and Moderate Trails  
3.5 Miles planned  
(more, or less, if you want)

Happy Hour to follow

Sign up on the COWY ITE Events Website  
<http://bit.ly/COWYITEHike>

Unfortunately the Hike and Happy Hour scheduled for July 1st was canceled due to flash flooding warnings. The event will **now be held on July 29th**, same time and location. All are welcome to attend!

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 29th**.

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!

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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]




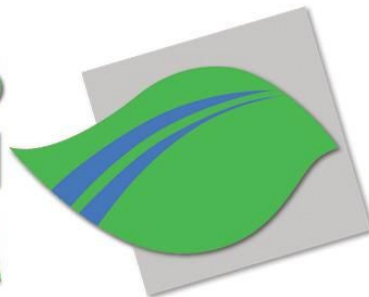
We are excited to be meeting in person again on **Sept 21**, as long as it is safe (of course). Join colleagues from CO/WY ITE and [Rocky Mountain ITS](#)! We will be back at the Lamar Street Center. Enjoy presentations, conversations and networking while learning about several current transportation topics and about new products from our sponsors and vendors.

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

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## Colorado Transportation Symposium

17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 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!](#)

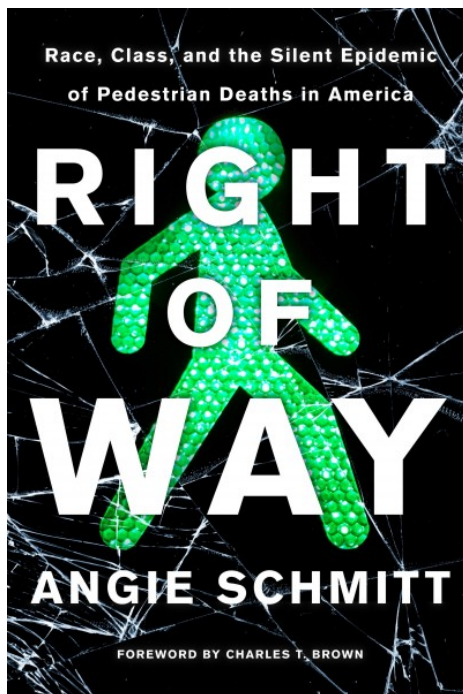
**Call for Presentations is now open!!!** To learn more and to submit an abstract, please [visit the website](#). Deadline is the end of July.

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!

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## *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](mailto: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.

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## *Golf Tournament Recap*

The 2021 Colorado/Wyoming ITE Section golf tournament was held June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Arrowhead Golf Course in Littleton, CO. It



was a great showing this year with sell-out crowd of 144 players who were treated to a great round of golf with friends and colleagues!

We also had great support from our tournament sponsors this year. Thanks to their generous donations we raised over **\$5,000** for the CO/WY Section ITE Scholarship Fund! Thank you to all our sponsors:

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Arrowhead proved a tough challenge to most teams, but the team of **Eric Boivin, Jon Larson, Lyle Devries, and Todd Frisbie** rose to the challenge and took home first place! Congratulations to the winners who are taking home the coveted CO/WY ITE tournament trophy!

As always, a special thank you to the golf committee members for all their help making this year's tournament great. This year's Golf Committee members include:

- Chris Hopkins
- Bob Kochevar
- Eric Boivin
- Scott Burger
- Nick Westphal

For this year's tournament we again included a Best Photo prize (see below). Many great photos were submitted, but this year's winner by David Pulsipher captured the beauty of the Arrowhead and the fantastic weather we had for the tournament. It also serves as a reminder that this unique course must be shared with the locals (see the rattle snake in the picture).

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making the 2021 golf tournament a great success. If you have suggestions for next year's tournament, please feel free to contact Matt Ciarkowski at [Matt.Ciarkowski@Kimley-Horn.com](mailto:Matt.Ciarkowski@Kimley-Horn.com). See you next year!



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## *Seeking Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer*

Our nominations committee is currently seeking candidates for the 2022 Secretary/Treasurer. If you are interested in putting yourself or a colleague forward for consideration and/or have any questions, please contact Susi Marlina at [Susi.marlina@outlook.com](mailto:Susi.marlina@outlook.com) no later than **July 30th**. All perspective candidates must work in a private company and accept the nomination prior to appearing on the ballot, so if you put forward a colleague, the nominations committee will contact them. The Secretary/Treasurer will serve for one year (2022), then progress to be the Section Vice President in 2023 and President in 2024. Thank you!

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## *DPS Mentoring Program*



DPS CAREER DEVELOPMENT

# COACH MENTORING PROGRAM

DPS is looking for volunteers for their Coach Mentoring Program for the coming school year. This program at pairs industry professionals with high school students to encourage them to envision potential educational and professional paths.

Sign up at:



FOR MORE DETAILS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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DPS MENTORING COORDINATOR

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## *Legislative Update*

The following highlights key events in the evolution of a **federal infrastructure bill**:

- March 2021: The Biden Administration introduces the \$2.2 trillion **American Jobs Plan** – including \$621 billion for transportation infrastructure, including roads and bridges (\$115 billion), transit (\$85 billion), safety (\$20 billion), ports and waterways (\$17 billion), rail (\$80 billion), airports (\$25 billion) and electric vehicle development (\$174 billion).
- April 22, 2021: Senate Republicans propose a separate \$568 billion **counteroffer infrastructure plan**, including funding for roads and bridges (\$299 billion), transit (\$61 billion), safety (\$13 billion), ports and waterways (\$17 billion), rail (\$20 billion), airports (\$44 billion) and electric vehicle development (\$0 billion).
- May 19, 2021: House Republicans propose **STARTER Act 2.0**, the third proposal for infrastructure funding—a 5-year, \$400

billion proposal for highways, bridges, and transit.

- May 23, 2021: The **Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 (SRTA)** is introduced in the Senate with \$303.5 billion in baseline funding for the Department of Transportation programs for highways, roads, and bridges.
- May 25, 2021: The **American Jobs Plan** is amended to approximately \$1.6 trillion—funding for roads and bridges is reduced.
- May 27, 2021: Republicans revise the **counteroffer infrastructure plan** to include \$928 billion.
- June 9, 2021: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee advances a 5-year \$547 billion surface transportation bill known as Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (**INVEST in America Act**) with \$343 billion for roads, bridges, and safety; \$12 billion annually for the Accelerated Implementation and Deployment Pavement Technologies (AID-PT) program, and an expansion of Buy America requirements.
- June 17, 2021: Senate Democrats begin to contemplate a \$6 trillion **infrastructure reconciliation package**.
- June 21, 2021: A **Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan** is circulated and includes \$579 billion in new spending for roads and bridges (\$110 billion), transit (\$48.5 billion), safety (\$11 billion), ports and waterways (\$16.3 billion), rail (\$66 billion), airports (\$25 billion) and electric vehicle infrastructure (\$15 billion).
- June 24, 2021: Biden reaches an \$1.2 trillion agreement with for the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan** that “invests two-thirds of the resources that the President proposed in his American Jobs Plan.” The agreement
- July 1, 2021: The House approves the **INVEST in America Act** which provides \$343 billion for roads, bridges and safety; \$109 billion for transit, \$95 billion for passenger and freight rail, \$117 billion for drinking water infrastructure and \$51 billion for wastewater infrastructure. The INVEST Act is necessary for the reauthorization of the surface transportation programs. The deadline for Senate action is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## *Employment Opportunities*

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