

August Newsletter



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Transportation Engineers**



Members of the ITE CO/WY Section:

This summer has brought with it a host of interesting news and challenges for the transportation industry. Most recently the major mud slide incident on July 31st which resulted in the indefinite closure of I-70 through the Glenwood Canyon. The governor has requested \$119M in federal aid to help mitigate the damage and restore the roadway through the canyon. Also noteworthy is the record-breaking poor air quality across Colorado related to wildfires that have checkered the western United States. Through these challenges professionals across our industry are stepping up and showing their resilience and innovation in addressing these and many other challenges.

The joint International, Western District, and Mountain District Annual Meeting team presented a very successful online event last month through the fourth wave of this pandemic. They offered two weeks of outstanding content and meetings. A big thanks goes out to the event planners and attendees who supported our meeting this year! Also, congratulations to all of our membership for being recognized as the 2021 Mountain District's Outstanding Section Award. I'd like to recognize our officers, Lisa Nguyen, Cara O'Donnell, and Susi Marlina, as well as the entire Section leadership team for their hard work through trying times. This award is well deserved and a tribute to this outstanding team of dedicated professionals!

Our next major event is coming up on **August 26th**, where we will be hosting a panel discussion on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Engineering. Registration is now open, so please join us online to engage in this important topic. Registration is open online at https://mountainite.org/Colorado_Wyoming_Section_Events.

Then, save the date for **September 21st**. We're partnering with ITS Rocky Mountain for a joint meeting with presentations, vendor displays, and networking opportunities at the Lamar Street Center.

Next on the agenda is the **Transportation Symposium on October 11th**. Please

visit <https://www.coloradotransportationsymposium.org/> to learn more and register.

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. Thank you all for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
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August Luncheon



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION IN ENGINEERING PANEL

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER



Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021

Time: 12 pm – 1 pm

Cost: FREE; option to donate to ITE Scholarship Fund

We invite you to attend our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Engineering Panel moderated by Melissa Rosas, P.E. of Apex Design/Conсор. This open discussion of transportation professionals will share and highlight different perspectives, as well as advice on how we can work together towards being more diverse, equitable, and inclusive in engineering.

Panelists:

Long Nguyen, P.E. (Senior Transportation Engineer at Adams County Government)

Marvin Thomas (CEO at Triunity Inc.)

Jamie Archambeau, P.E., PTOE, PMP (Director, Transportation Planning West at Atkins)

[Click here to Register!!!](#)

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]

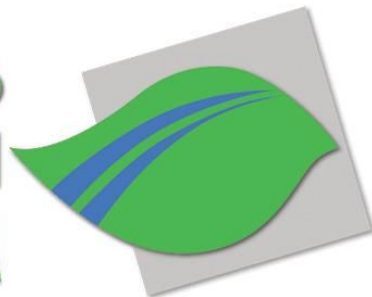


We are excited to be meeting in person again on **Sept 21**, as long as it is safe (of course). Join colleagues from CO/WY ITE and [Rocky Mountain ITS](#)! We will be back at the Lamar Street Center. Enjoy presentations, conversations and networking while learning about several current transportation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

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

Colorado Transportation Symposium

17TH ANNUAL COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION
SYMPOSIUM



Call for Presentations has been extended to Friday August 13th!!! To learn more and to submit an abstract, please [visit the website](#).

This year's conference is scheduled for Monday, October 11th in downtown Denver. 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. [Check out last year's agenda.](#)

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. Please visit the Book Club page for information on purchasing the book at a discounted price.

[Register for the Symposium today!](#)

We Received an Award!



The Mountain District selected the Colorado-Wyoming Section as the winner of the 2021 Outstanding Section Award. The award recognizes the Section's ability to provide high quality, well-attended activities and engaging content for its membership throughout the challenges of 2020. Thank you all for making our Section the best!

Legislative Update

Status of the Infrastructure Plan:

The bipartisan infrastructure plan (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) that is advancing through the Senate is currently less than a quarter of the original plan proposed in March by President Biden. The bipartisan plan eliminates three major areas included in the original bipartisan deal: building, in-home care, and innovation. In all, the plan includes \$550 billion in new spending over the next five years.

Transportation funding decreased by \$263 billion including a 90 percent reduction in funding for electric vehicle adoption and a 95 percent reduction in funding to reconnect communities separated or disconnected by major highways and bridges. Utilities funding eliminated \$363 billion in clean energy tax credits and water funding (including the plan to replace all lead pipes in the US) was cut by 50 percent.

Not all changes were reductions! Funding for pollution remediation

increased and funding for airports, ports and waterways, and to address climate resiliency (e.g., wildfires, hurricanes and flooding) and water storage largely remained unchanged.

The plan is accompanied by a \$3.5 trillion budget via budget reconciliation. The budget reconciliation includes elements of the Biden plan that have been removed from the infrastructure agreement – housing, education, childcare, research and development, manufacturing, and clean energy.

Traffic Inspired Mascot?!



When Cleveland's baseball team was recently looking for inspiration for their new mascot, they looked no further than the art-deco 'Guardians of Traffic' on a iconic bridge nearby. Welcome the Cleveland Guardians!

This mascot isn't the first transportation-themed baseball image. Did you know that the Dodgers were originally named the 'Trolley Dodgers'?!

This [article from Bloomberg](#) highlights these interesting stories.

Employment Opportunities

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