

# November Newsletter



**Institute of  
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## **Members of the ITE CO/WY Section:**

The holiday season has arrived, but we're certainly not seeing a slowdown in transportation news! Congress just passed the long-awaited infrastructure bill which will have ripple effects across our industry for years to come.

Here in the Colorado/Wyoming ITE Section we have an exciting lineup of events coming up soon. This Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a **Virtual Luncheon** where we will hear from representatives of the Colorado State University Drone Center. Then, on November 17<sup>th</sup> we're looking forward to cheering on CO/WY ITE Vice President, Lisa Nguyen, as she makes her reality TV debut on Frogger! Please join us from 6-8 PM for a **Frogger Hoppy Hour** to enjoy the show and spend time with our transportation colleagues. Coming up in December we're looking forward to an in-person holiday luncheon, and in the new year we're excited for the return of our Annual CO/WY ITE Vendor Show. More details on those events will be coming soon.

Finally, if you're interested in volunteering with our Section, please go to our **web page** to learn more about our team and connect with our section's leadership. Thank you all for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you this Friday!

Sincerely,  
Brian Staley  
President  
ITE CO/WY Section

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- Nov 17 - Frogger Happy Hour
- Jan 28 - Vendor Show
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# November Luncheon



**Topic:** CSU Drone Center

**Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021

**Time:** 12 pm – 1 pm

**Cost:** FREE; option to donate to ITE Scholarship Fund

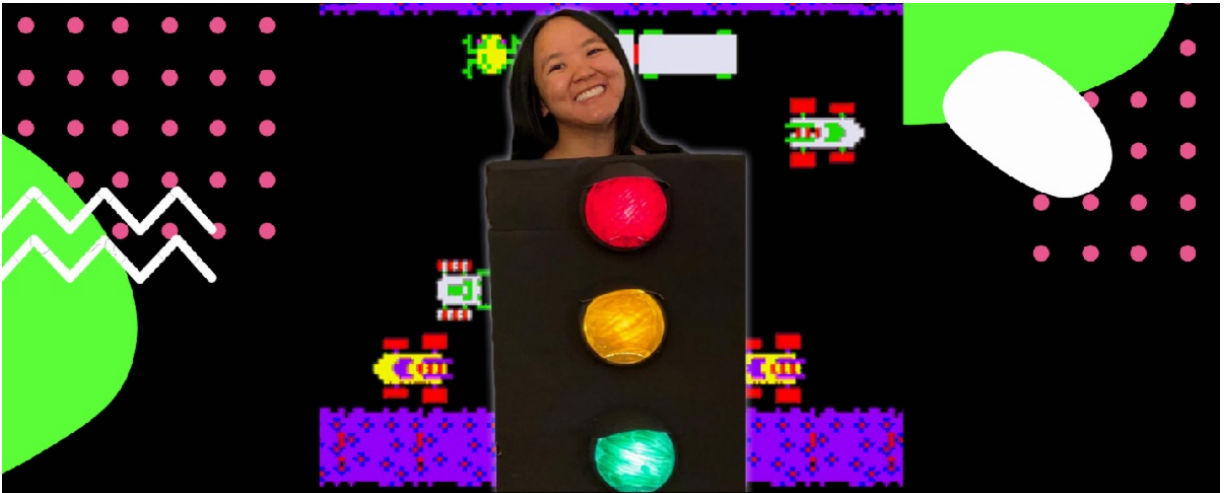
The mission of the CSU Drone Center is to remove barriers to drone-enabled research at CSU and thereby allow these applications to grow and flourish, by providing access to equipment, technical expertise, and a community of collaborating researchers internal and external to the University.

We offer consultation on drone systems, UAS project guidance, UAS piloting, assistance with UAS pilot training, liaison and navigation of FAA regulations, and as point of contact for UAS inquiries from outside the University. Further, the Center assists in authorizing flight requests at CSU and managing the Christman Airfield use for drone flights.

Link for this virtual event will be sent after registering.

[Register for this event by clicking here.](#)

# *Frogger Happy Hour*



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## **FROGGER HOPPY HOUR: A FROGGER WATCH PARTY**

The greatest game of the 80's is now a real-life obstacle course on TV!  
Watch CO/WY ITE Vice President, Lisa Nguyen, try to navigate traffic,  
dodge cars, and leap her way through Frogger!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021  
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

**KNOTT LABORATORY  
7185 S. TUCSON WAY  
CENTENNIAL, CO 80112**

Food, drinks, and fun provided! FREE to attend!  
RSVP at [COWYTE.org](http://COWYTE.org)

# **FROGGER**

*Vendor Show*



# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2022 CO/WY ITE Vendor Show

Friday, January 28, 2022



Refer to [www.cowyite.org](http://www.cowyite.org) for more information as it becomes available.

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### *Legislative Update*

The House of Representatives passed the federal infrastructure bill (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. After months of negotiations, the bill outlines \$1.2 trillion in infrastructure funding (down from the originally proposed \$2.3 billion). The details of the bill will continue to emerge in the coming weeks; however, a few key takeaways are highlighted below:

- \$39 billion for transit system modernization to prioritize updating current transit systems over new construction.
- \$66 billion for Amtrak maintenance and development
- 40 billion for bridge repair, replacement and rehabilitation
- \$55 billion into water systems and clean drinking water
- \$65 billion for broadband infrastructure to improve internet connectivity and accessibility
- \$65 billion for clean energy transmission and power infrastructure upgrades
- The bill reauthorizes FY 2023 – FY 2026 surface transportation programs (e.g., federal-aid highway program, transit programs, highway safety, motor carrier safety and rail programs)
- Revises Buy America procurement requirements for highways, mass transit and rail
- Implements new safety requirements
- Directs the USDOT to establish a pilot program to explore a national motor vehicle per mile user fee to maintain the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund

Source, [Ballotpedia](#)

What does the federal infrastructure bill mean for Colorado?

- An estimated \$700-800 million in new funding to Colorado over the next 5 years to make significant progress forwards completing projects on the CDOT Project Pipeline ([https://www.codot.gov/programs/your-transportation-priorities/your-transportation-plan/090321\\_cdot\\_ytp\\_10yearvision\\_project-tables-1.pdf](https://www.codot.gov/programs/your-transportation-priorities/your-transportation-plan/090321_cdot_ytp_10yearvision_project-tables-1.pdf))
- \$215 million for public transportation across the state
- Opportunity to align state funding from the new Colorado infrastructure bill for matching funds for the Federal competitive grant programs
- Amtrak's \$66 billion could support the advancement of the Front Range passenger rail project

Source: [CPR News](#)

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