

March Newsletter



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Transportation Engineers**



Members of the ITE CO/WY Section:

Our year is off to a busy start here in the transportation world! With the release of the American Society of Civil Engineers 2021 Infrastructure Report card we are seeing a renewed commitment at the federal government level for infrastructure funding. The White House is floating a plan for \$2 trillion in spending package, with \$50 billion allocated for roads and bridges in 2021. That bodes well for investment in our industry as transportation professionals continue to advance innovative and essential public safety projects. Here in Colorado the legislature is expected to try again to tackle transportation funding through adjustments to the gas fee. Also, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) has released the draft version of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (MVRTP) for review.

Within the Colorado/Wyoming ITE Section, it seems like things are just as busy. We're looking forward to seeing everyone online at the **Joint ASCE/SAME/ITE Meeting on March 11th** where we will hear from Roger Graham with CDOT. He will present on CDOT's new ramp metering project on I-25 in Colorado Springs. We're also looking forward to our **golf tournament on June 4th** hosted at the Arrowhead Golf Course in Little, Colorado. Registration is now open! We will be working to ensure that this event is safe and fun for attendees, with special attention given to health and safety, social distancing protocols, and eliminating large group gathering on the day of the event.

Finally, if you are interested in joining any of our ITE CO/WY Section committees please visit https://mountainite.org/Colorado_Wyoming_Section_Announcements to learn more and get involved. Big things are happening in both ITE and the transportation world, and we want you to be a part of it! Thank you all for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you at our next virtual meeting.

Sincerely,
Brian Staley, PE, PTOE, RSP₁

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Joint ASCE/SAME March Luncheon



CDOT's New Ramp Metering on I-25 in Colorado Springs

When: **This Thursday March 11, 12PM to 1PM**

Where: Online - Link to be sent once you register

Cost: Free (but donations to our scholarship fund are always appreciated!)

Join us at this joint luncheon with ASCE and SAME, where we will learn about CDOT's new metering signal systems at 12 ramp locations along I-25 in Colorado Springs. Roger Graham, PE, CDOT Region 2 Traffic Operations Engineer will

present on the evolution of the project and how it's been working so far.

[Click here to register!](#)

Colorado Transportation Symposium

Get a taste of the Colorado Transportation Symposium before October! Join us Thursday, April 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., for a preview of the symposium featuring **Keynote Speaker, Phillip A. Washington**, CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. We will discuss the future of transportation, and the long-term impacts of 2020. After our keynote, we will have multiple breakout sessions to choose from!

Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021

Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Cost:

FREE with early bird registration to the October Symposium completed prior to March 31. (Promo code was sent out and will be sent to new registrants).

\$15 for those who want to attend the preview only.

[Click here to register for the April 1st Symposium Preview](#)

We will continue to post agenda updates on our website and social media channels. Stay tuned!

To learn more about the Spring Transportation Symposium, and to register, [please click here](#).

Golf Tournament

REGISTER NOW!

2021 Colorado/Wyoming Section Golf Tournament

Arrowhead Golf Course

June 4th, 2021

7:30 AM Shotgun Start



Legislative Update

Governor Polis has acknowledged the importance of addressing the multi-billion-dollar funding shortage for transportation in Colorado. State lawmakers are expected to develop a package of transportation fees to close the gap on the funding shortfall. There is a specific need to address the decrease in revenue from the gas tax associated with inflation, increased fuel efficiency and the adoption of electric vehicles. Governor Polis acknowledged the need to evolve the way we fund transportation, stating that "The way that we've set up to fund our roads certainly doesn't work with those trends," Polis said. "So, we've got to modernize that — we've got to figure out how to fund our roads in five years and 10 years. It's a big danger to the state if the state doesn't address this."

Key Statistics for Transportation in Colorado:

- Rural interstate pavement condition ranks 47th in the country
- 38th in overall performance and cost effectiveness
- Colorado relies on federal funding for 69 percent of its annual project spending (compared to the national average of 51 percent)
- Colorado's 22 cent gas tax is 8th lowest in the country
- 29th in overall fatality rate

CO/WY ITE Scholarships

Who: Undergraduate and graduate students in transportation-related majors (See application for full eligibility requirements)

What: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Colorado and Wyoming Section 2021 Scholarships

When: Submit Application by Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Why: Free money!

Scholarships available include:

Undergraduate Level Scholarship – (\$500 - \$1,000)

Graduate Level Scholarship – (\$500 - \$1,000)

Executive Committee Leadership Award – (Undergraduate or Graduate Students) – (\$500 - \$700)

Scholarship applications available at www.cowyite.org

Note: Scholarship awards will be distributed on an annual basis until funds are depleted, the scholarship award will be given in the student's name, and the student at their discretion will use the award amount.

Award recipients will be recognized at the ITE luncheon in May, 2021.

Questions? Contact the CO/WY ITE Scholarship Committee chair, Alvin Stamp at alvin.stamp@state.co.us or 303.875.9238

Student of the Year

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Colorado/Wyoming Section
STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Do you know an exceptional student in the transportation field? Consider nominating them for the **Student of the Year Award**! This award will be presented in May to recognize a notable student member of the Colorado/Wyoming Section, and is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. A broad range of activities and achievements may be recognized through this award, including:

- ★ *Dedication to the transportation profession*
- ★ *Leadership within a Colorado/Wyoming student chapter of ITE*
- ★ *Leadership in other student organizations and/or activities related to transportation*
- ★ *Commitment to growing student participation in the Colorado/Wyoming Section*
- ★ *Participation in research activities and/or publications and presentations*
- ★ *Dedication and professionalism in a transportation-related internship*

Nominees must be a student member of ITE and must be a current undergraduate or graduate student at a school within the states of Colorado and Wyoming. Students who have graduated within the current school year may also be considered. The nomination form can be found on the Section website and nominations will be accepted until **March 15, 2021**.

The winner of the award will receive a plaque and a \$500 monetary prize, and will be recognized at the May CO/WY Section Meeting. If the winner of the Colorado/Wyoming Section Student of the Year Award chooses to attend the Joint International/Western/Mountain District Annual Meeting in Portland, OR, in July 2021, additional monetary aid will be available for partial reimbursement of registration, travel, and/or lodging costs.

For more information, or to submit a nomination form, please contact:



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