

February Newsletter



**Institute of
Transportation Engineers**



Members of the ITE CO/WY Section:

Lower travel demand is just one of the myriad ways in which the COVID-19 Pandemic has effected the transportation industry. In December of 2019 the State of Colorado reported that 4.4M people per day left their homes, in December of 2020 that number was reported at 3.9M people per day (Bureau of Transportation Statistics). With public health restrictions on in-person gatherings, our Section has pivoted to hosting online section meetings. In January we hit a milestone, a new record high of 105 attendees joined us to hear about a great project on Santa Fe Drive in the City and County of Denver. I'd like to thank our January Meeting speakers from Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Gaby Serrado and Lisa Edington. Our next event is just around the corner on March 11th. Please join us online for our joint ASCE/ITE meeting where Roger Graham with CDOT will present on CDOT's new ramp metering system on I-25 in Colorado Springs!

The past year has also drawn a great deal of attention to the importance of social justice issues and racial equity. Our work in the transportation industry does not exist in isolation from these issues. Questions around how we equitably serve our communities through transportation projects and how we promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as an organization are topics at the top of my mind this year. To this end, I'm pleased to announce the formation of our new DEI Committee serving the ITE CO/WY Section. Caitlin Yong has agreed to be the chair of this committee and has identified some important initial goals: identifying and engaging diverse speakers for section events, offering DEI training opportunities to section members and leadership, and considering opportunities for incorporating DEI topics into the section's mentoring program. I think that it is important to note that we have launched this committee in an earnest desire to grow as an organization, and not to simply 'check a box' for inclusivity. I believe that by being intentional in our thinking about DEI issues, we will all grow and benefit! If you are interested in joining the DEI Committee please contact Caitlin at cyong@mullereng.com.

To learn more about the section, or if you are interested in joining any of our ITE CO/WY Section committees please visit https://mountainite.org/Colorado_Wyoming_Section_Announcements. Thank you all for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you at our next virtual meeting!

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

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March Luncheon



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

When: 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!)

CDOT installed metering signal systems at 12 ramp locations along I-25 in Colorado Springs, and several were live by the fall of 2020. 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!](#)

CO/WY Survey

The CO/WY Section of ITE needs your feedback!!

As we continue to rely on a virtual platform for events, the Leadership Team is striving to do all that we can to still provide the value that our members expect and deserve from this organization. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete this survey to help us continue to improve what we can offer! The survey can be found [HERE](#).

Spring Transportation Symposium



Monday, Oct. 11, 2021
SHERATON DENVER
DOWNTOWN HOTEL



Mark your calendars! Registration is now open!

Fight off the Monday blues by attending the transportation event that has been two years in the making! Join fellow transportation leaders at the 17th Annual Transportation Symposium, Monday, Oct. 11, 2021. Learn about innovative approaches to transportation in design, planning and technology, as well as the impact of current events on transportation and infrastructure, all while networking with industry leaders.

Sponsorships available – email us at Sponsors@ColoradoTransportationSymposium.org.

Visit ColoradoTransportationSymposium.org for more information!
AICP CM and PDH credits will be offered.

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Transportation Professional of the Year

We are seeking nominations for the Transportation Professional of the Year Award for contributions to the profession and/or ITE. The Awards Committee strongly requests that each member consider submitting a confidential nomination.

The Transportation Professional of the Year Award is presented in May and recognizes notable professionalism and achievement by a Section member during the previous calendar year. A broad range of activities and achievement may be recognized by this award, including:

- Leadership or technical activities on a specific project.
- Leadership (including administration and training) or technical activities within an organization.
- Research activities and/or publications and presentations.
- Notable service to the Institute and/or the Colorado/Wyoming Section.
- Volunteer service effort (such as to community groups) that promotes the professional practice of transportation engineering.

Please submit applications by March 5!!

Click here for the nomination form:

https://mountainite.starchapter.com/images/downloads/2020 ITE_CO-WY_Professional_of_the_Year_Award.pdf

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

Institute of Transportation Engineers
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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MUTCD is Undergoing Changes

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is currently finalizing the 11th edition.

FHWA has granted an extension to May 14, 2021 for responses to the NPA on the MUTCD here is a link for further information:

<https://ncutcd.org/blog/2021/02/02/npa-docket-extension/>

This would provide you with additional time to respond to any items published for review to the NDA.

To learn more about the updated MUTCD, or to provide comments, please visit:

<https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>

Save the Date - Golf Tournament



Save the Date! Friday, June 4th, 2021
2021 Colorado/Wyoming Section Golf Tournament
Arrowhead Golf Course
7:30 AM Shotgun Start



On the Move

Have you heard the news?!

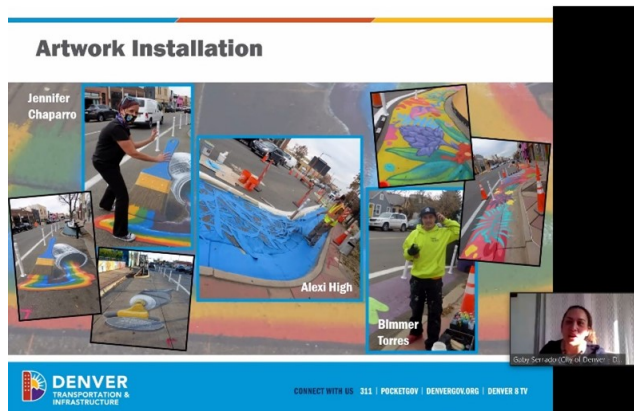
Devin Joslin, has recently started with the **City of Boulder**, as the Principal Traffic Engineer. Deputy Director Bill Cowern says: "We are so excited to get such a high quality candidate in such a critical role within our organization."

Also,

Lisa Nguyen has started with **DEN** as a Senior Airport Transportation Planner.

Congrats to these folks!!!

Summary of the January Meeting



During our virtual meeting on January 22, Lisa Edington and Gaby Serrado of the City and County of Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) presented on the Santa Fe Streetscape Design

Study. Planning efforts for the project, which runs along Santa Fe Drive between 6th Avenue and 13th Avenue, began in Fall 2018. Project goals were to: improve the pedestrian experience, improve safety, maintain mobility for all modes, enhance the identify and culture of the area, and strengthen the business community. The project modified the existing three-lane cross section along Santa Fe Drive to provide for two travel lanes, parking on both sides, and placemaking buffers on both sides. Key design elements include parklets, planters, lighting improvements, and additional seating at transit stops. In addition, three artists were commissioned to paint murals on the street.

The project required extensive community outreach in many forms, such as pop-up installations, and VISSIM traffic modeling to understand operational impacts. The planning and design cost approximately \$330,000 and the construction cost approximately \$655,000. The presentation was very well-received and there were many excellent questions. Thank you, Lisa and Gaby!

Employment Opportunities

[Please check out our website for the most recent job postings!](#)

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