

# January Newsletter



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

Welcome to a brand new year! In 2020 we faced many challenges, but none so great as that of COVID-19 and the resulting public safety measures. My sincerest condolences go out to our members who may have lost loved ones to this pandemic. I am optimistic that 2021 will bring a global return to more of a sense of normalcy.

In the CO/WY Section, we are resolved to continue offering opportunities for continuing education, career development, networking, and regular section meetings to report on the latest projects and innovations in transportation occurring around Colorado and Wyoming! Through the Fall we were able to mostly work out the kinks in offering online meetings, but please do bear with us moving forward - you never know when the technology gremlins may strike!

Coming up this year we're planning to deliver a robust line-up of online Section meetings and events. We'll keep an eye on recommendations from local health departments to offer guidance on when and how we will transition back to in-person meetings and events. The safety of our membership and compliance with public health directives will always be our top priority in our future event planning efforts.

With the new year also comes a new line-up on the CO/WY Section's Leadership Team. Congratulations to Susi Marlina for stepping into her new role as Past President, to Lisa Nguyen, our new Section Vice President, and to Cara O'Donnell, our newly elected Secretary/Treasurer! I'd also like to wish a warm welcome to our New Webmaster, AJ Fisher. At the Mountain District level from our section, congratulations to Ben Waldman in his new role as Mountain District President, and to Susi Marlina for representing us as our CO/WY Section Representative to the Mountain District.

Finally, I like to send a special thank you out to Duane Cleere who has served the CO/WY Section over the past four and a half years as a member of the Executive Committee. Most recently he represented the Section as both Past President and

Mountain District Representative. He was a key participant in the development of the new Mountain District, and a guiding light and mentor to so many of us on the Section's Leadership Team. Thank you for your service Duane!

Thank you to all of our Section Members for supporting us, and we hope you will join us at virtual events in the coming months!

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

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## *January Luncheon*



**WHEN:** Friday, January 22, 2021, 12 PM to 1PM,  
**COST:** Free, Zoom link to be sent once registered

**TOPIC:** Santa Fe Streetscape Project (Denver)

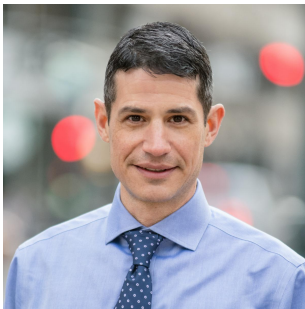
**SPEAKERS:** Lisa Edington & Gaby Serrado of City & County of Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

For the past two and a half years, the CCD Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) has worked with stakeholders to develop a pilot streetscape project that addresses the safety and comfort of pedestrians. The Santa Fe Streetscape Project has removed one out of the three travel lanes, centered the remaining two lanes, maintained on-street parking on both sides of the street, and delineated the remaining space as a new public space for pedestrians and placemaking. As a pilot project, the roadway improvements were achieved through paint, flexible delineators, and curb stops. The streetscape improvements included parklets, planters, benches, bicycle parking, and on-street artwork. This is a luncheon you won't want to miss!

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

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## *Hello from the Mountain District!*



Happy 2021 friends and colleagues! I am honored and very excited to be your ITE Mountain District President this year.

We have many accomplishments to be proud of over the past two years including establishing our charter and bylaws and launching a [new District website](#) to name just a few. Our Board and each of our Committee's include representatives from all or our sections. We have strived for an inclusive culture that empowers leaders and encourages input from everyone. I look forward to working with the Mountain District Board and Committees over the next year to build upon our initial successes and I welcome input from all of our members.

In 2020 we were forced to cancel some meetings and shift others to virtual platforms. I am proud of how well our District, Sections, and Chapters adapted and learned from this. There is still a lot of uncertainty with how we will engage with our members in 2021 and I anticipate that we will have a mix of virtual and in-person meetings.

Thank you for being a part of the Mountain District!  
Ben Waldman, PE, PTOE

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## *ITE District/International Events*

**February 19 to 20** - [Student Leadership Summit](#) (Virtual)  
**March 23 to 24** - [ITE Technical Conference](#)  
**May 13 to 15** - [ITE Intermountain Section Meeting](#) (Jackson, WY)  
**July 18 to 21** - ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit (Portland, OR)

**Stay tuned for more info!**

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## *ITE International Competitions*

ITE International is offering two exciting competitions! See below for more info:

**Video Competition:** Information is now available about the video competition to create a video under two-minutes that celebrates the transportation industry, educates the public about the many exciting facets of transportation, emphasizes safety, inclusion, equity, and other values that positively impact our communities. Videos may be **submitted between February 1 and May 1**. Information can be found at: <https://www.ite.org/membership/transportation-transforms-communities-video-competition/>

**Vision Zero Sandbox Competition:** The information regarding the Vision Zero Sandbox competition is now live on the ITE web site. The data for the competition will be released on the site by Friday of this week with the challenge to demonstrate how automated conflict data being collected through innovative technologies can be used to gain new insights into safety problems and the selection of low-cost countermeasures at intersections. Two professional teams as well as a student team will be selected to present at the ITE Annual Meeting in Portland. For more information: <https://www.ite.org/membership/sandboxcompetition/>

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## *MUTCD is Undergoing Changes*

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is currently finalizing the 11th edition. One of the major changes to the Manual is the addition of Chapter 5, regarding ITS/AV technology. A summary of these changes is below:

"This Chapter provides an overview of foundational AV

technology terminology, key principles, considerations for traffic control device selection, and topics for agencies to consider. The MUTCD does not address standardizing several areas that might be important to AV technologies such as digital infrastructure, geometric road design, setting maintenance levels for all traffic control devices, and setting minimum condition levels for paving materials.

It is important for early implementers of automated vehicles to understand the ramifications of traffic control devices in a mixed fleet environment and to consider the needs of both human and machine led road users. Partial automation technologies are already commercially available in the vehicle fleet and are operating under current infrastructure conditions. The overall effectiveness of the automation is impacted by the uniformity and consistent application of the highway infrastructure, including traffic control devices."

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

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

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## *Employment Opportunities*

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