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Hello Everyone!

Welcome November, how is everything going so far? I hope you are doing well. During the COVID-19 pandemic and post-election, I am trying to stay positive and calm, and one thing that relaxes me is, of course, reading. This way I can take my mind off reality.

I am not going to say much but wanted to share a quote: "Stop looking for reasons to be unhappy. Focus on the things you do have, count your blessings, and the reasons you should be happy".

We had a fantastic business meeting last Friday (11/6). Devin Joslin, our Section Scribe chair wrote an article about the meeting. Thank you, Devin.

Please save the date, we will have a December Virtual Meeting on the 11th. This will be our last meeting for the year of 2020.

Happy Veterans and Thanksgiving Days!

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December 11th

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ITE Portland - Call for Abstracts



You are invited to submit an abstract in support of the upcoming Joint ITE International and Mountain and Western Districts Annual Meeting and Exhibition (#ITEPortland2021) to be held in Portland, July 18-21, 2021. **The deadline to submit is December 1, 2020.**

Although not an exhaustive list, the following are relevant topics:

- Improving Safety at Railroad Grade Crossings
- Innovative Intersection Designs - Roundabouts and More
- Managing Curbsides: Too Many Uses, Not Enough Space
- Managing Transportation Impacts of Planned and Unplanned Events
- Managing Speeds on Urban and Suburban Streets
- Managing Urban Freight Movement

- Mobility as a Service / Mobility on Demand - Services, Tools and Strategies
- Signs and Markings: Innovations that Work
- Sustainable, Equitable and Transparent Transportation Planning
- Traffic Signal Operations: Balancing Safety and Mobility
- Trip Generation and Traffic Impact Analysis: What's New?
- What Does the Future Hold for Transit Services

[Click here to submit your abstract!](#)

From the Technical Committee

The FCC recently made an announcement concerning Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC). DSRC is a band of frequencies saved for automated vehicles. This band has been unused by our industry for over 20 years. The FCC is making changes that will affect the future of AV communication. If you are working in this space, check out this very brief video for more info:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRO2ELrxGGI&feature=youtu.be>

November Meeting Recap

By Devin Joslin, Section Scribe

The CO/WY Section held a virtual meeting on November 6. Around 90 members logged into Zoom to hear the news that **Cara O'Donnell has been elected our next Secretary/Treasurer**. Cara will be vacating her position on the Executive Committee as Website Committee Chair. She and the other officers moving up into their new roles for the 2021 Section Year will be sworn in at the next virtual meeting on December 11.

John LaSala, Awards Committee Chair, introduced the **Transportation Professional of the Year Award**. Lou Davenport then honored this year's recipient **Kari McDowell**. Kari has been a very engaged and active member for over 20 years. She chaired the Transportation Symposium Committee for 10 years, and she has for

many years organized an annual Section lunch meeting on the Western Slope. Kari has served in many roles in our Section, including co-editor of the newsletter and Section Scribe, as well as on the Western District Local Arrangements Committee. Kari graciously accepted the award and said she hoped that the Section and District will continue outreach to the Western Slope via virtual platforms.

Alvin Stamp, **Scholarship Committee** Chair, presented student scholarships. Alvin said the committee received 13 applications and chose to award seven scholarships for a total of \$9,500. All students, whether present at the meeting or sharing thanks via email, were extremely appreciative of the scholarships. The students honored are:

- Peyton Gibson, University of Colorado Boulder, \$1,000 leadership award
- Irfan Ahmed, University of Wyoming, \$1,000 leadership award
- Zorica Cvijovic, University of Wyoming, \$1,500 graduate award
- Nicholas Coppola, University of Colorado Denver, \$1,500 graduate award
- Christopher DeRosia, Regis University Denver, \$1,500 graduate award
- Kayvonne Brewer, Metropolitan State University of Denver, \$1,500 undergraduate award
- Seth Schripsema, Colorado State University, \$1,500 undergraduate award

John LaSala then turned it over to Alicia Zimmerman and Carlos Hernandez to honor **Bill Fox with the Lifetime Achievement Award**. John said there were 12 nominations received for Bill. Alicia spoke about Bill's traits as a boss and mentor and how he is always willing to help out with field observations and data collection. Carlos spoke about Bill's huge heart, active listening skills, and noted how Bill cares deeply about people. Carlos challenged all participants to reach out to a person who has made an impact in your life or career and let them know how much they matter to you. Bill was moved to accept the award and noted that he had the honor throughout his career of working with 20 of the prior 23 recipients of the award. He challenged younger members to: 1. Like your job; 2. Challenge yourself to be the best you can be; and 3. Don't hesitate to reach out

for help from your peers. Bill's charge to the more experienced attendees was to figure out how to be a mentor to people starting out in the industry.

For the technical presentation, **Rick Smith of Trihydro Corporation spoke about the Wyoming Connected Vehicle Pilot along I-80**. The project focuses on pushing Traveler Information Messages (TIM) that can be geofenced to specific locations and direction of travel via either roadside units (RSU) or satellite. TIM convey real-time alerts about hazardous road conditions, such as low visibility or lanes closed due to construction. Rick provided detailed information about the technical and functional requirements of the project and how TIM messages are integrated with the Traffic Management Center. The project currently has 75 RSUs deployed and operational and 80 vehicles equipped with onboard units (OBUs) to display the TIM. Installation of OBUs on 200 fleet partner vehicles is scheduled to begin this month. The primary challenges the project has encountered are related to equipment, infrastructure and the regulatory environment related to the FCC DSRC spectrum re-allocation. The presentation included a video ride along demonstration of programming a TIM and driving the corridor to see the various messages displayed. WYDOT is looking to expand this type of technology so that TIM can be delivered anywhere on the highway system within Wyoming. Thank you, Rick, for a very informative and engaging presentation!

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