



Letter from the President

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season and has had a productive start to the new year. Let me begin by thanking everyone who schedules time into their busy lives to volunteer for the ITE Washington State Section.



Carter Danne, WA Section President

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Without you, we would not be as successful of an organization and the ITE Board is grateful for you and our success. What we do as an organization and profession makes an impact in the lives of many. The more people that join our efforts in making our communities and our world a better place, the better off we all are.

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2015 ITE/IMSA Joint Conference and Vendor Exhibition

ITE WA and the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) Northwest Section will together host the 2015 ITE/IMSA Joint Conference and Vendor Exhibition. Come and check out what's new in the traffic control and intelligent transportation systems industries, and meet with manufacturer representatives from more than 40 vendors. The event will also feature technical sessions.





Your Partner in PUBLIC SAFETY

Monday, February 9, 2015 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

- Vendor display: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. See the list of vendors on page 13.
- Technical programs: 8:30 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 2:00 p.m.
 See the program on page <u>12</u>.
- Luncheon and prize raffle: 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
- Vendor seminars: 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. See the program on page <u>12</u>.

WHERE DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport 18740 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA, 98188 Get directions

> Vendor displays, programs, and seminars are all free. Lunch tickets are \$40 for ITE members and IMSA members and \$45 for non-members.

- **PARKING** Parking is free one validated parking ticket per vehicle.
- MENU Chicken Diable with apple-cinnamon bread pudding. Vegetarian option available upon request.

Registration was due by noon on Tuesday, February 3 to <u>itewaregister@gmail.com</u>. The lunch reservation is non-cancellable and payment is non-refundable. If you have a lunch reservation but cannot attend, you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

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One of our efforts that furthers this cause is how we encourage students and those starting out in our profession to apply themselves to transportation engineering and planning and participate in our organization. With that, I would like to share with you one impact we are making on students, as noted on the card (right) we received from Matt Dunlap, University of Washington ITE Student Chapter vice president, for our involvement in the 2014 Region X PacTrans Student Transportation Conference on October 18, 2014. Please take a moment to read it.

This conference is usually held every year in October at the University of Washington's Seattle campus. This is a free event for students to learn about careers and current events and trends in transportation engineering and planning. I encourage future ITE boards to consider making our October monthly meeting part of this conference in order to draw transportation professionals there to help students. After our usual September kick-off meeting, it would make for a great school year kick-off to meet with our student members. I saw some very impressive presentations and research topics – the future of our profession is in good hands with the inquisitive minds joining our ranks!

This month on Monday, February 9, we have our joint meeting and vendor display with the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA). Some of you may be asking, especially those new or beginning in any profession of the second statement of t

Dear ITE Washington, Thank you very much for your generous support for the 2014 Region X Pactrans student success Conference. We could not have done it with All in all, nearly fifty statents attended, All in all, nearly fifty statents attended, making this year's conference quite a success. Students had the apportunity of hearing Mr. Wayne Kittelson discuss what it means to be successful and how one can get there. Following a busy afternoon of success worksheps, a Chipothe lunch, & a student Reasearch poster competition, students were whisked off for a memorable tour of the Alaskan Way Viaduct Tunnel construction site - On behalf of myself, and all those who attended this event, would give you our gratitude & thanks - Marrier Durland

beginning in our profession, who is part of IMSA? The IMSA website defines their membership:

Membership is made up of persons employed by a governmental organization (city, state, federal, provincial, etc.) and private corporations who are interested in promoting public safety. The Association's objective through education and certification is to improve the efficiency, installation, construction, and maintenance of public safety equipment and systems by providing information to its membership on traffic signals, fire alarm systems, radio communications, signs and markings, roadway lighting, public safety dispatching and other related systems.

IMSA's <u>Northwest Section</u> is currently led by section president Mark Rodgers from Clark County Public Works. He summarized the make-up of the local section in his president's letter and you can read it <u>here</u> to deepen your

knowledge of the organization. I encourage all of you to attend this joint meeting, especially if you have not done so in the past. It is a great opportunity to engage with IMSA and vendors and see firsthand new products that are available to make our transportation systems better!

Sincerely,

Carter Danne, ITE WA President, City of Seattle, <u>carter.danne@seattle.gov</u>



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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Too busy to attend the entire conference? Then pop-in for one of the Pre-Conference Workshops on Tuesday, March 31. At \$75 per session, these all day (8:30am - 4pm) workshops are a steal.

- Agency/Contractor/Consultant Summit Eligible for both CEUs and CASC certificate hours (5)
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- ICS Meets PDS
- Creating an Employee Emergency Accountability System
- Goal Setting and Achievement
- Consensus Building for Road Diet Projects
- Five Ways to Lose Your FHWA Funding
- Festival Streets: Designing for a Street Party!
- 2015 Construction Law Update





ITE WA Event Schedule for 2015

These dates for ITE WA meetings and events are subject to change depending upon the availability of venues. Also, events may be added. More details about future events will be provided in future newsletters.

- Monday, February 9 ITE WA/International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) meeting in SeaTac. See page 1.
- Friday, February 13 Monday, February 16. Western District <u>ITE Student Summit Leadership Summit</u> at California State University in Sacramento.
- Tuesday, March 10 Lunch meeting at the Nile Shrine Golf Center in Mountlake Terrace.
- Tuesday, April 14 Lunch meeting. Location to be determined.
- Friday, May I and Saturday, May 2 Quad Meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada. See this page for details.
- Tuesday, May 12 Student Night at Ivar's Salmon House on Seattle's Lake Union.
- Monday, June 8 ITE WA Annual Business Meeting. Location to be determined.
- Tuesday, June 9 ITE WA Terry Gibson Golf Classic #27. Location to be determined.
- Sunday, July 19 Wednesday, July 22 <u>Western District Annual Meeting</u> in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Sunday, August 2 Wednesday, August 5 <u>ITE International Annual Meeting and Exhibit</u> in Hollywood, Florida.
- September, date pending September meeting to kick off the 2015-2016 year, at Salty's on Alki Beach in Seattle.
- October 28-31 ITE International Technical Conference in Tucson, Arizona.
- October Pac Trans Region Transportation Conference at the University of Washington's Seattle campus.
- October Pac Trans Student Transportation Conference at the University of Washington's Seattle campus.



Save the Date



- HOST: Greater Vancouver Section of ITE
- DATES: Friday, May 1, 2015 and Saturday, May 2, 2015 Tours and courses happen on Thursday, April 30, 2015
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Scribe Report

November Meeting with the Washington Transportation Professionals Forum

By Brent Powell, Perteet



Photo by Brent Powell

A free joint Urban Traffic Engineers Council (now known as the Washington Transportation Professionals Forum) and ITE meeting was held on November 12, 2014 at Federal Way City Hall. Seven presentations were delivered to 35 in-person and 49 webinar attendees. This included local agencies, consultants, vendors, and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The Washington Transportation Professionals Forum is a group of transportation professionals who meet to share information about transportation issues to improve communities across the state. It was founded in the 1970s and has grown to incorporate all of the counties, all cities with population above 12,000, and many other partners in the state. The group is led by WSDOT Local Programs with a planning committee comprised of local agencies and their partners.

Local Programs' Susan Bowe started the meeting with introductions. She then introduced WSDOT's Nancy Boyd and Andrew Beagle, who detailed the upcoming changes to the WSDOT design manual to incorporate "practical solutions". Andrew explained that this approach would allow for more engineering when it comes to local roadway design, as opposed to applying standards that might not apply well to a particular context. Roadway classifications will soon incorporate surrounding land use, so an arterial in a downtown core may have different design considerations than an arterial on the outskirts of town. More information on practical solutions is available at WSDOT's <u>website</u>.



Next, Dina Swires from WSDOT presented on a relatively new use for flashing beacons: indicating that upstream traffic has stopped and is waiting for a turning gap. These have been installed around the state at locations with reduced sight distance. So far, data has shown a noticeable decrease in travel speed where the beacons have been installed. The picture on the left shows a wireless sensor that is installed in the pavement and communicates with the beacon.

A pair of speakers, Jennifer Swanson and Given Kutz from Skagit County, presented a case study on the Pioneer Highway/Fir Island roundabout. The

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Photo by Dina Swires

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Photo by Susan Bowe

locationpresented a number of challenges for intersection operations, including a small amount of available right of way and peak backups that extended up to four miles long during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. The design team developed an oval-about with five legs that could maximize the available space and provide the safety and efficiency benefits of a standard roundabout. The signing at the roundabout can be easily dismounted, if necessary, to allow large logging trucks to traverse the roadway.

Next, Yinhai Wang from the University of Washington and Pac Trans made a pitch local agencies in Washington State to share their transportation data.

He outlined the possible uses for big data - everything from spacing electronic vehicle charging stations to counting pedestrian movements - that could be achieved if the region worked together to study it. Applications like DRIVE Net, have been developed, but Mr. Wang stressed that it would take agency coordination to reach the maximum potential.

Multiple presentations by Kiersten Grove (City of Seattle), Kristina Walker (Downtown on the Go), and Josh Diekmann (City of Tacoma) provided a look at shared transportation in Seattle and Tacoma. In Seattle, policymakers are working to identify the regulations that should be imposed on companies like Lyft and Uber, while maintaining and improving the usage of those companies and eliminating SOV trips on the network. They also implemented a bike share program last fall. Tacoma, where similar car sharing services are available, learned that in order to really facilitate a movement toward shared rides, local businesses need to bring support and early adopters can help spread the word.

A WSDOT team rounded out the meeting. Sreenath Gangula provided an overview of the <u>2014 Corridor Capacity</u> <u>Report</u>, WSDOT's latest iteration of their performance metrics document. The report details what positives WSDOT has seen as of late - 95.6 percent on-time ferry runs! - as well where improvements can be made. This year, the methodology behind the report is available as an appendix to help draw back the curtain on how the data is compiled and analyzed. Daniela Bremmer finished by discussing the importance of telling your own story with your data so that others do not tell it for you.



Scribe Report

December Breakfast Meeting

By Mike Hendrix, ITE WA Secretary, Perteet

The annual December ITE WA breakfast meeting was held in Des Moines at the Beach Park Event Center and attracted agency and consultant professionals from across the Puget Sound. Dave Rodgers and Nathan Polanski from SVR started the morning with a presentation about the redevelopment of Winslow Way, a community center within the City of Bainbridge Island. They highlighted the steps the city/SVR team took to transform the space from one



that favored vehicles to one that welcomed pedestrians and bicyclists as well. Polanski said it took roughly six months for the drivers in the area to become familiar with the changes, but once they did it was a superior space for all users. The pair also discussed Bell Street in Seattle, recently transformed from a hardscape to a more park-like layout using crosswalk grids, colored sidewalk, landscaping, and street furniture.

Next, Dongho Chang, City of Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) traffic engineer, discussed the recent addition of a two-way protected bike lane on 2nd Avenue in downtown Seattle. SDOT originally planned to install the bike lane well in the future, but political factors in 2014 triggered them to install it earlier. Mr. Chang described particular design features such as the use of flexible posts in the barrier between the bike and vehicle lanes. He noted that these posts not only inform drivers of their limits, but can also be pushed over as necessary to allow maintenance vehicles access to the lane. Also, intended to be an interim solution for the next few years, bicycle signals were mounted on existing traffic signal poles.



Photo by Brent Powell

Mike Hendrix, ITE WA's secretary from Perteet, then spoke about the evolution and current uses of the HAWK signal, a type of pedestrian hybrid beacon. This system, born and raised in Hendrix's hometown of Tucson, Arizona uses traffic signal indications to stop traffic when activated by a pedestrian. The system can be installed at both midblock locations and unsignalized intersections, though the latter use is controversial. Hendrix described the differences between the HAWK and flashing beacon systems such as rectangular rapid flash beacons, while also noting that the two function in a similar way. Some members of the audience had either designed or operated a HAWK signal locally and they said many more are being planned.

Finally, Paul Cho, ITE WA's vice president/treasurer from City of Redmond overviewed the city's closed circuit television program. These cameras can detect crashes, verify signal timing, and identify places where timing can be improved, all from the comfort of the city's traffic management center. Cho provided some tips for how agencies can make the most of their systems: identify the software needs of the system (it varies based on function and scale), budget for a 10-year lifespan per camera, ensure cameras are located in spots ideal to observe the most important traffic, and explore options like custom mounting products to reduce costs.



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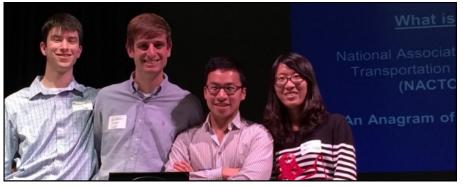


Campus Corner

News, Activities, and Opportunities for the 2014-2015 School Year

By Richard Hutchison, ITE WA Student Activities Committee Chair, DKS, 206-382-9800, rjh@dksassociates.com

We have a new leadership team and great news from the ITE University of Washington Student Chapter. This year's officers are: Luka Ukrainczyk, President; Matthew (Matt) Dunlap, Vice President; Cecil Rhodes, Secretary; Jackson Tyler, Treasurer; and Wenbo Zhu, Social Event Officer. Also, the UW team faired well in this year's Oregon ITE Traffic Bowl on November 20, 2014 at Portland State University. They walked away with second place, a prize of \$400. This Jeopardy-style contest pits



Traffic Bowl team members for UW (left to right): Michael Corwin, Jackson Lester, Darwin Li, Xianzhe Chen, and Yanbo Ge (not pictured). Photo courtesy of UW.

Oregon and Washington's brightest transportation engineering students against each other. Oregon Institute of Technology took first place while the two-time defending champs and host, Portland State University finished third.

The UW Student Chapter was also one of five chapters to be awarded the Western ITE Data Collection Fund for 2015, out of nine applicants. The students submitted their proposal by a November 3, 2014 deadline to collect trip generation and parking utilization data for one of Seattle's many Starbucks with a drive-thru.

Jumping back to October, 2014, Seattle Pacific University and the Puget Sound Engineering Council hosted Engineering Mentor Night. See page 11 for details.

Upcoming activities and opportunities include:

- The second annual Western District ITE Student Leadership Summit is February 13-15, 2015 at Sacramento State University. This conference gives students a chance to learn about leadership skills they will need during their career. We hope to sponsor a group of students to attend like we did last year.
- \$1,500 Undergraduate and \$2,000 Graduate Scholarships for students in transportation engineering or transportation planning are due in April 2015. <u>Criteria and applications</u> will be posted on the ITE-WA website soon. If you know a student that would be a good candidate, encourage them to apply.
- Student Night Competition is May 12, 2015 at Ivar's Salmon House on Seattle's Lake Union. We look forward to students presenting a demonstration project that they compete on. We are looking for ideas from cities and counties for this year's project so please contact me if you have an interesting project.



Campus Corner

Engineering Mentor Night

By Paul Cho, ITE WA Vice President, City of Redmond

What made you decide to become an engineer? What were some opportunities along the way that helped you make that decision? What are ways to find information on a career in engineering? Do you enjoy what you do? These were some of the questions asked by 118 students to 30 mentors at Puget Sound Engineering Council's (PSEC) Mentor Night at Seattle Pacific University (SPU) campus held October 21, 2014.

The room was set up with round tables with labels of the various engineering disciplines at each of the tables. Armed with two mentors per table, the students were allowed to choose the table of interest as they gathered at the start of the meeting. Joe Souther from PSEC along with Dr. Melani Plett and Dr. J. Smith, SPU Professors welcomed the students and introduced the panelist consisting of electrical, mechanical, and civil engineers. Each of the panelist described what aspect of engineering they currently work in as well as events along the way that brought them there.



Photo by Paul Cho

After a quick pasta and salad food break, the students volleyed questions toward the mentors regarding their education and experiences that led them to where they are today. Much like speed-dating, the Q and A session lasted 20 minutes before the students were instructed to change to another table. There were three sessions of this.

I was a mentor paired with an electrical engineer who used to work for the telecommunications industry and now works for Boeing. I shared with the students that I solved hydraulic pump problems on my Professional Engineering exam yet I currently work on fiber optic communications. So the skills we possess as engineers go way beyond what classes we attended in school and work is more about processing information and interacting with others to solve a problem.

This was an amazing evening to connect with future engineers and rekindle the joys of why each mentor ventured into this field in the first place. It was a great opportunity to encourage and support the next generation of workers who will continue to improve the quality of life for our children and our children's children. Many of the students, born after I graduated from college, are current and future problem solvers faced with physical and social challenges that have evolved over the years. It might have been a hint of my competitive nature peaking out, but my hope was, in some small way, I helped nudge a student to select the field of transportation engineering over the other disciplines.





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Vendor Exhibition

This one day vendor exhibition has grown to become the premier trade show in the Northwest and is a favorite of the vendors to showcase traffic and transportation related products. This is an excellent opportunity for traffic and transportation professionals and signal and sign technicians to come and see what's new in the industry, to meet with the manufacturer's representatives, and to share ideas with others in this vast and ever changing field. We anticipate a large attendance with more than 200 professionals and more than 30 vendors this year.

Vendors that will be represented this year include:

- Advanced Traffic Products
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- Coral Sales Company
- Daktronics
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