

FLPRITE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023, VOL 64, ISSUE 2



Officers

President - Kari Pucker, P.E., PTOE

Gresham Smith, Inc.

225 Water Street Suite 2200 • Jacksonville, FL 32202 Phone: (904) 328-2105 • Email: kari.pucker@greshamsmith.com

Vice President - Kris Milster, P.E., PTOE

NoTraffic, US, Inc. 2345 N Yale St • Palo Alto, CA 94306

Phone: (202) 800-1890 • Email: kris@notraffic.tech

Secretary & FLITE Editor - Bob Agrusa, P.E., PTOE

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 1400 • Tampa, FL 33602

Phone: (813) 365-7204 • Email: bob.agrusa@kimley-horn.com

Treasurer & Membership Chair - Eric Gordin, P.E.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Mile Post 263

Building #5317 • Ocoee, FL 34761

Phone: (407) 264-3316 • Email: eric.gordin@dot.state.fl.us

Past President - Catalina Echeverri, PMP

Gannett Fleming, Inc.

800 NW 62nd Avenue, Suite 490 • Miami, FL 33126

Phone: (786) 845-9540 • Email: cecheverri@gfnet.com

FLPR District International Director - Thuha Nguyen, P.E., PTOE via planning, Inc.

2101 West Commercial Boulevard, Suite 3200 • Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309

Phone: (954) 560-5251 • Email: thuha.nguyen@viaplanning.com

Transportation Planning & Mobility Council (TPMC) Chair - Emmeth Duran, P.E., RSP-21

Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

11201 McKinley Drive • Tampa, FL 33612 Phone: (813) 975-6214 • Email: emmeth.duran@dot.state.fl.us

Traffic Engineering & Safety Council Chair - Vishal Kakkad, P.E., PTOE, RSP-2I

Manatee County Public Works

2101 47th Terrace East • Bradenton, FL 34203-3785

Phone: (941) 749-3500 • Email: vishal.kakkad@mymanatee.org

District Administrator - Pete Yauch, P.E., PTOE, RSP-21

1907 N US Hwy 301, Suite 120 • Tampa, FL 33619

Phone: (813) 319-3790 • Email: pyauch@iteris.com

Student Relations Chair - Christopher S. Russo, P.E., PTOE, RSP

482 South Keller Road • Orlando, FL 32810

Phone: (407) 806-4233 • Email: Christopher.Russo@atkinsglobal.com

Communications Chair - Wendy Krehbiel, P.E., RSP-21

12740 Gran Bay Parkway West, Suite 2350 • Jacksonville, FL 32258 Phone: (904) 828-3939 • Email: wendy.krehbiel@kimley-horn.com

Social Media Chair - Sophia Williams, P.E.

Peggy Malone & Associates

3653 Regent Boulevard, Suite 409 • Jacksonville, FL 32224

Phone: (904) 992-8072 • Email: swlliams@peggymalone.com

Traffic Bowl Chair - Usha Nadella, P.E.

Arcadis

1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 700 • Jacksonville, FL 32207

Phone: (904) 861-2821 • Email: ushasree.nadella@arcadis.com

Associated Business Division Representative - Ian Cardozo

Temple Inc

P.O. Box 937 • Lithia, FL 33547

Phone: (813) 661-2030 • Email: ian.cardozo@temple-inc.com

Panhandle Section Rep - Omar Faruk, P.E., PTOE, CVP

Phone: (850) 878-9777 • Email: mfaruk@HNTB.com

Central-Northeast Florida Section Rep - Francisco Cardona, P.E.

Phone: (407) 547-3050 • Email: fcardona@HNTB.com

Greater Tampa Section Rep - Jodi Godfrey

Phone: (813) 974-9771 • Email: jodis@cutr.usf.edu

South Florida Section Rep - Omar Al-Sahili, P.E.

Phone: (305) 222-1400 • Email: oalsahili@HNTB.com

Puerto Rico Section Rep - Bryan Ruiz-Cruz, P.E.

Metric Engineering

Phone: (787) 366-6349 • Email: bryan.cruz@metricpr.com

Sections/Chapters

Panhandle Section - Omar Faruk, P.E., PTOE, CVP - President HNTR

1276 Metropolitan Boulevard, Suite 304 • Tallahassee FL 32312

Phone: (850) 410-5456 • Email: mfaruk@HNTB.com

Central-Northeast Florida Section - Megan Ferguson, P.E., AICP -President

HDR

315 E Robinson Street, Suite 400 • Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: (407) 420-424246 • Email: megan.mcginley@hdrinc.com

Greater Tampa Section - Alex Bourne, P.E., RSP-21 - President RS&H

1715 N. Westshore Boulevard, Suite 600 • Tampa, FL 33607 Phone: (813) 636-2622 • Email: alex.bourne@rsandh.com

South Florida Section - Alexandra Lopez, P.E., PTOE - President

Florida Department of Transportation District 4

3400 W. Commercial Boulevard • Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 33309 Phone: (954) 777-4376 • alexandra.lopez@dot.state.fl.us

Puerto Rico Section - Bryan Ruiz-Cruz, P.E. - President Metric Engineering

1250 Ponce De Leon Ave, Suite 809, San Jose Building • San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00907

Phone: (939) 545-1515 • Email: bryan.cruz@metricpr.com

First Coast Chapter (Part of CNEFL Section) - Tate Madden, P.E. -President

ETM, Inc.

14775 Old St. Augustine Road • Jacksonville, FL 32258 Phone: (904) 642-8990 • Email: maddent@etminc.com

Student Chapters

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University- Scott Parr, Ph.D. 600 S Clyde Morris Boulevard, LB 321 • Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Florida A&M/ Florida State University - Eren Erman Ozguven, Ph.D. Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering 2525 Pottsdamer Street, Room B-313 • Tallahassee, FL 32310-6046

Florida International University - Priyanka Alluri, PhD, P.E., RSP1 Civil and Environmental Engineering Department

University of Florida - Fabio Garofalo Sasahara, PhD., PMP

Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering

365 Weil Hall, PO Box 116580 • Gainesville, FL 32611

University Park Campus, EAS 3865 • Miami, FL 33199

University of North Florida - Ramin Shabanpour Anbarani, Ph.D. School of Engineering

1 UNF Drive, Skinner-Jones Hall

Jacksonville, FL 32224

Florida Atlantic University - David Kan, Ph.D.

Dept. of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering 777 Glades Road Bldg. #36, Rm. 203 • Boca Raton, FL 33431

University of Central Florida - Samiul Hasan, Ph.D.

Civil and Environmental Engineering Department P.O. Box 162450 • Orlando, FL 32816-2450

University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Campus - Ivette Cruzado, Ph.D.

Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying PO Box 9000 • Mayagüez PR 00681-9000

University of South Florida - Jodi Godfrey

Center for Urban Transportation Research

4202 East Fowler Avenue, MS ENG 030 • Tampa, FL 33620-5375

2023 FLPRITE BOARD



Executive Board Members (L-R): Eric Gordin-Treasurer; Bob Agrusa-Secretary;
Catalina Echeverri-Past President; Kari Pucker-President;
Thuha Nguyen-District International Director; and Kris Milster-Vice-President.
Board Members Not Shown Include: Pete Yauch-District Administrator;
Francisco Cardona-CNEFL Section Rep., Jodi Godfrey-GT Section Rep;
Omar Faruk-Panhandle Section Rep; Omar Al-Sahili-SF Section Rep;
and Bryan Cruz-PR Section Rep.



FLPRITE District President's Message Never A Dull Moment!

By: Kari Pucker, P.E., PTOE

Dear Florida Puerto Rico District ITE (FLPRITE) members,

I am thrilled to be writing to you with all that is happening in our District! This year, 2023, has proved to be productive for our board. We have learned valuable lessons, adapted to better position our District for future years, and grown as a board and membership.

Behind us, we have experienced several traditional events for the FLPRITE District. The Winter Workshop was held at the Florida Turnpike Headquarters in February where we hosted our annual Traffic Bowl. From this competition, University of Florida (UF) students prevailed which enabled them to compete at the International ITE Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. This meeting just wrapped up in August and I am overjoyed to report that our District brought back three awards and FIU students won the Transportation Technology Tournament as well as Sandbox competition! Our very own Rosana Correa made us all proud as the ITE International President!

Between the Winter Workshop and the International Annual Meeting, FLPRITE co-hosted the I3 conference in Orlando, Florida in sunny July with ITSFL and IMSA FL. Our Vice President and Conference Chair, Kris Milster, spearheaded the FLPRITE operation and successfully put together a program with 70 speakers, 6 IMSA classes, 2 workshops, an exhibitor hall, and yes, there was even a lazy river and Margaritaville night! With a focus on workforce development, there truly was a takeaway for everyone who attended the conference at every level. Taking the lessons learned from this major conference. Kris is actively leading the pursuit of our FLPRITE District Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida from October 22 to 24. Sponsorship opportunities and registration are open. I highly encourage you to review the information on our website and attend. There will be a local flare at the conference with highly sought after technical tours, exhibitors, and informative speakers. We will also have our new officers' installation and celebrate District award winners.

Additionally, as part of ITE's push for membership diversity, ITE announced a special focus to bring more planners to our membership. I am here to report that our District increased our membership with AICP designation by over 125 percent from 2022 to 2023!

The future of the FLPRITE District is in the hands of the membership as voting has kicked off once again to find our newest board member: the FLPRITE Treasurer. We have two esteemed and highly qualified candidates running and please check out their candidate statements (Alexandra Lopez, P.E., PTOE and Fabio Sasahara, PhD, PMP) later in this newsletter. And please take a few moments to cast your vote!

Continuing to look forward, we will be partnering with UF's Student ITE chapter to host the Student Leadership Summit in February 2024, with FDOT to host the Transportation Planning Exchange (TransPlex) in May 2024, and finally, with ITSFL for TRANSPO in Fall 2024. We will continue to support LeadershipITE candidates with tuition assistance and announce ITE International 2024 award nominations very soon!

On a personal note, this is the first and last time I shall address the membership in our newsletter as your President of FLPRITE and I am humbled to be able to support you all through this role. I like to tell people who I work with that every opportunity is only what you make of it and it is your job to make yourself as valuable as you see fit. Being on the FLPRITE Executive Board has been a privilege. This position has granted me the opportunity to work alongside some of the most prestigious transportation professionals our industry has to offer. I have learned technically and grown immensely as a professional and as a leader. I have learned to actively listen, to make decisions based on the good of the many, and quite frankly, how to speak up! During my four years on the Board, I have learned to juggle being a woman in engineering, a mom in the workforce, and a leader in our community. In a previous life, I was a Girl Scout and have always prized myself in "leaving a place better than you found it." I am excited to be able to have worked alongside the people that I did and created the lifelong friendships. I am even more excited for the future of FLPRITE knowing the people that are leading our group care for our members. Thank you for supporting and placing your faith in me!

See you in St. Pete!

Kari A Pucker



Want to share your project or technical paper with the Florida and Puerto Rico Transportation Communities?

Then submit your paper for the Summer 2024 Edition of the FLPRITE Newsletter!

Original content at 300 +words with pictures that can be distributed

Submissions are due March 15th, 2024

Please submit to bob.agrusaekimley-horn.com
ATTENTION MEMBERS: FIRST PERSON TO NAME THE CORRECT ARTIST AND SONG LIKENESS ON
COVER TO DISTRICT SECRETARY WILL WIN A PRIZE AT ANNUAL MEETING IN ST. PETE.

OUR ANNUAL SPONSORS



ATKINS HNTB



Expect More. Experience Better.



National Data & Surveying Services Nation's Largest Traffic Data Collection Firm



Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP

Engineers · Architects · Environmental Planners







When It Counts



BECOME A FLPRITE SPONSOR

FLPRITE is looking for sponsors interested in helping to support the Section. Sponsorship of the Florida District includes your advertisement in the virtual newsletter (distributed to the membership twice annually) as well as your logo (with hyperlink) on our site (www.flprite.org).

The cost for 12-month sponsorship is \$500. You can purchase your Sponsorship securely via PayPal. Sponsorship also allows companies to place their job listings on our Positions web page for all members and visitors to view. For more information, contact bob.agrusa@kimley-horn.com



MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT TREASURER

Alexandra Lopez

www.linkedin.com/in/alope064/ alexandra.lopez@dot.state.fl.us

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

FLORIDA PUERTO RICO DISTRICT OF ITE

Mission

To expand ITE's reach by growing and diversifying its membership within Florida and Puerto Rico, while enhancing membership experience through engaging events and activities.

About Me

I was born in Colombia. Then migrated to the United States when I was 13 years old and have lived in South Florida since then. I graduated from FIU and began my professional career with FDOT in 2012. I also worked in the private sector for 3 years before joining FDOT District 4 in 2020. My passion is to improve safety and mobility of the transportation system through unconventional and innovative technology applications. I like to think outside the box and do the best with the resources at hand.

Professional Experience

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

District 4 TSM&O Program Engineer (2020-Present)

District 6 TSM&O Special Projects (2012-2017)

Gannett Fleming

Traffic/ITS Engineer (2017-2020)

Florida International University (FIU)

Adjunct Professor (2013-2017) - Highway Capacity Analisys, Traffic Engineering.

Certifications

Professional Engineer - 2016

Professional Traffic Operations Engineer - 2019

Certified Public Manager - 2020

Operations Academy Graduate - 2022

Awards

FDOT Exceptional Contribution Award - 2016

FDOT Role Model of the Year Award - 2021

FLPRITE District Transportation Engineer of the Year - 2021

ITE Council Impact Award /TSMO Organization Award - 2023

WTS Member of the Year Award - 2023

ITE Involvement

South Florida Section of ITE (SFITE)

Board Member - Currently Serving as President (2019-Present)

Led the transition from the Gold Coast Chapter to the South Florida Section of ITE

Florida Puerto Rico District of ITE (FLPRITE)

Volunteer (2019-Present)

Served as Local Arrangement Committee (LACs) Chair for the District Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale (2021). Served as speaker and moderator at several conferences. Participated in the District Visioning effort led by ITE International.

ITE International

Conference Speaker and Moderator (2018, 2019)

TSMO Council Volunteer (2021-Present)

Served as the Smart Communities Standing Committee Vice-Chair

LeadershipITE Graduate (2021)





Platform

I would like to be elected to the District Board to:

- Support sections and chapters by implementing District-level programs that can be used by all.
- Foster a professional environment approachable by anyone involved in the transportation industry.
- Use technology to innovate and enhance membership experience.
- Create exciting networking opportunities for young professionals.
- · Create opportunities for public agency involvement.
- Engage student and young professionals through local sections and chapters to attract them to the transportation industry.
- Enable professional development opportunities through knowledge sharing.
- Increase ITE International recognition of the FLPRITE District.
- Conduct treasurer duties and create new District procedures for easy transitions.

My involvement with ITE since graduate school and as President for the SFITE Section makes me a great candidate for Treasurer. My role as Membership Chair of the South Florida WTS Chapter since 2017 until recently also enables me to have a greater reach in the industry to better serve in the FLPRITE District Board. I would truly appreciate your vote and would be happy to answer any questions you may have – so do not hesitate to contact me



MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT TREASURER



PROFILE

Associate Director at McTrans Center – University of Florida (Since 2020)

CONTACT



fsasahara@ufl.edu



(352) 614-8886



https://www.linkedin.com/in/fabiogsasahara/

ITE INVOLVEMENT

- FLPRITE Student Leadership Summit Co-Chair (Since 2023)
- LeadershipITE Class of 2022
- Education Council Executive Board Member (Since 2022)
- Professional Development Committee
- Member (Since 2021)
- Planning Council Executive Board Member (Since 2020)
- **UF Student Chapter Faculty Advisor** (Since 2020)
- CNFLITE Section Technical Event Coordinator (Since 2020)
- UF Student Leadership Summit Co-Chair (2018)
- UF Student Chapter President, Treasurer, Event Coordinator (2017-2020)

AWARDS

- •International Certificate of Excellence
- UF International Center 2019
- Jack E. Leisch Award (Runner-up) ASCE – 2019
- Best Student Chapter (serving as President) Florida Section ITE 2019
- William McGrath Scholarship Award -Florida Section ITE – 2018

FABIO SASAHARA, PhD, PMP

Candidate for FLPRITE Treasurer 2023



MISSION AND VISION

- To inspire students to develop their passion for transportation and provide them with resources needed to kickstart their careers;
- To contribute to the success of the FLPRITE District and provide our diverse members of all backgrounds with the resources needed in their careers:
- To work diligently to ensure all Sections, Chapters, and Student Chapter within FLPRITE can enjoy the same great member experience

ABOUT ME

- I am passionate about traffic engineering and its applications to deliver efficient, safe, and sustainable transportation solutions;
- ITE has been my organization of choice since I
 was a student at the University of Florida. I am
 very thankful for all opportunities I was given and
 want to ensure our members can enjoy a similar
 experience;
- In my free time, I love spending time outdoors with my family, traveling, and playing guitar.

WHY ME?

- I have a proven record of contributions to ITE at all levels through diligent volunteering – student chapter, section, district, and international;
- I have a profound knowledge of the ITE organizational structure and practices and have a wide professional network across all Districts, thanks to the LeadershipITE program and to my daily job, which allows me to travel to multiple conferences and clients across the country. This allows me to bring the best ideas and practices to FLPRITE:
- My daily job gives me the privilege to work with academia, public and private sectors. It allows me to have a unique perspective on the needs of all sectors of the transportation industry.

New Kid on the (Mid)Block: The Midblock Pedestrian Signal

By: Wendy Krebiel P.E., RSP2I - Senior Traffic Engineer - Kimley-Horn

Say hello to the newest pedestrian crossing treatment, the Midblock Pedestrian Signal! Joining the ranks of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB), the newest treatment is affectionately dubbed the "MPS" and provides an alternative type of traffic control for marked crosswalks. The MPS is a hybrid between a traffic signal and a PHB that utilizes a flashing red vehicular indication during the pedestrian clearance.



SR 212 (Beach Blvd) at Camden Ave MPS in District 2

In October 2020, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office submitted an FHWA Request to Experiment (RTE) for the installation of Midblock Pedestrian Signals to compare their performance to other existing pedestrian crossing treatments. The experimental period was intended to run concurrently with NCHRP research being conducted to develop language and criteria related to the MPS for inclusion in the MUTCD. Since that time, the findings have been published under NCHRP Research Report 1030: Safety at Midblock Pedestrian Signals and FDOT has identified 21 experimental sites for MPS installation, including both new construction of MPS and conversions of existing RRFBs and PHBs to MPSs.

Why Do We Need Another Type of Pedestrian Crosswalk Control?

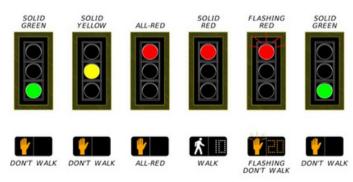
Traffic-related pedestrian fatalities are an epidemic, and Florida consistently ranks near the top of the highest fatality rates nationally. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety has been an emphasis area in the FDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan since 2016, yet the number of ped/bike crashes statewide exceeded 1,000 in 2021 and remained at that level in 2022.

It is critical to continue to prioritize, innovate, and evaluate infrastructure treatments that protect the most vulnerable road users. However, it is also important to understand the impact that traffic operations have on driver behavior, and that minimizing unnecessary delay leads to higher willingness to obey traffic control devices. The MPS addresses both needs.

How is the MPS Different from Other Treatments?

The MPS operates very similarly to the PHB with the appearance of a standard traffic signal. There are three key differences that make the MPS unique: 1) the MPS uses a traditional 3-section signal head instead of the T-shaped signal head used for a PHB; 2) the MPS rests in solid green until actuated rather than resting in dark like a PHB; and 3) the MPS has a flashing red signal indication unlike a traffic signal. The differences between the MPS and PHB are intended to be more intuitive and familiar to drivers and, therefore, garner higher understanding and compliance. The advantage of the MPS over a traffic signal is to reduce delay by allowing vehicles to proceed early if the pedestrian has completed their crossing.

As the driver approaches, the MPS looks like an ordinary traffic signal. It rests in solid green until a pedestrian actuates the signal. The vehicular indications will proceed through solid yellow and solid red. The MPS then enters a flashing red vehicular phase during the pedestrian clearance interval, which indicates to the driver to STOP then proceed with caution if there are no conflicts. A pedestrian utilizing the MPS would also have the same interaction and visual displays as either a PHB or traffic signal: pushbutton activation or passive detection coupled with Don't Walk, Walk, and countdown Flashing Don't Walk signal indications as shown below.



Depiction of MPS Vehicular and Pedestrian Signal Indications

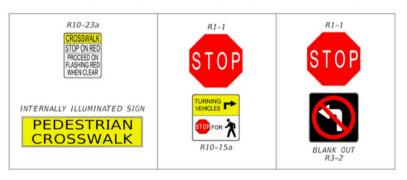
New Kid on the (Mid)Block: The Midblock Pedestrian Signal (Cont.)

By: Wendy Krebiel P.E., RSP2I - Senior Traffic Engineer - Kimley-Horn

What are Design Considerations for an MPS?

The same warranting criteria contained in the MUTCD and the FDOT Traffic Engineering Manual used for a PHB are applicable to the MPS. The vehicular volumes, pedestrian demand, posted speed limit, crossing distance, and context classification should factor into the proposed crossing treatment selection. The MPS will require an overhead installation with a mast arm or strain poles and lighting should be included to meet vertical illuminance criteria for pedestrian visibility under dark conditions.

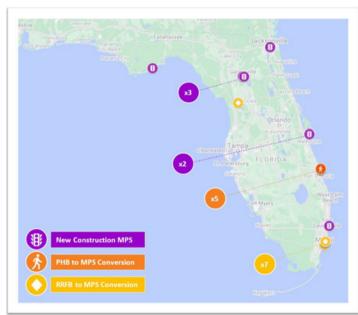
It's important to communicate the functionality and intended use to drivers. MPS installations will typically include the use of overhead signing. The R10-23a regulatory sign used with PHB installations is also applicable to the MPS and an internally illuminated warning sign can serve in place of a street name sign for the midblock application. If there are side streets or driveways near the crossing, that could create a turning movement conflict. In that case, either static R10-15a sign panels or pushbutton-activated R3-1/R3-2 blank-out signs can be used to notify turning drivers during the pedestrian crossing.



Typical Signing Enhancements for MPS

Where are the Experimental MPS Sites?

As previously stated, FDOT currently has 21 locations targeted for MPS installation in varying stages of design and construction. There are 8 new MPS crosswalk installations, 5 existing PHBs being converted to MPSs, and 8 existing RRFBs being converted to MPSs. All of the PHB conversions are along SR A1A in Fort Pierce and most of the RRFB conversions are along U.S. 1 in Miami. There are also 6 control sites identified with existing treatments to remain to serve as a basis of comparison against RRFB and PHB performance.



Map of Statewide Experimental MPS Installations

For more information on the Midblock Pedestrian Signal, check out these links below!

Link to Google Map of all FDOT MPS Test Site Locations https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=142q0FROQ2iHjTtl7NW9kRE4Yo-f1zpg&usp=sharing

Checkout this video from District 6 on SR 968 (SW 1st St) at SW 19th Ave https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY2cYBbMadg

Read the final NCHRP Research Report 1030: Safety at Midblock Pedestrian Signals https://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/182920.aspx

UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING



2023 FLPRITE ANNUAL MEETING

SMART AND SAFE TRANSPORTATION: FUTURE-PROOFING FOR ALL COMMUNITIES

OCTOBER 22ND - 24TH

@ THE HILTON ST. PETERSBURG BAYFRONT

https://www.flprite.org/2023-annual-meeting.html

MEETING REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

FLORIDA PUERTO RICO

Florida Puerto Rico District of ITE 2023 Annual Meeting Preliminary Program

2023 09 29

Smart and Safe Transportation: Future Proofing for All Communities

DISTRICT	Saturday, October 21. 2023		
7:30AM - 9:00AM	Bolt Run (offsite)		
7:50AM - Y:00AM	Hosted by GTSITE Bayshore Boulevard		
0.00414 30.00014	Sunday, October 22, 2023 Exhibitor's Set up Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer		
8:00AM - 12:00PM 12:00PM - 1:00PM	Exhibitor's Set up	FLPRITE Board Meeting (by Invitation only)	
1:00PM - 3:00PM	Highway Safety Manual/Software Course by McTrans	Harborview Room	
3:00PM - 5:00PM	Skyway/Pier Room	Walking Technical Tour - Downtown St. Pete (meet in Lobby)	
5:30PM - 7:00PM	Exhibitor Welcome Reception and McGrath Corn	nhole Scholarship Tournament Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer	
	Monday, October 23	3, 2023	
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer		
8:30AM - 10:00AM	Introductory Remarks: Kari Puck	ne and Opening Plenary ter (Gresham Smith, FLPRITE President)	
	FDOT Secretary - Jared Perdue Smart and Safe Transportation Panel:		
	PSTA CEO - Brad Miller Pinellas MPO Executive Director - Whit Blanton City of Tampa Director of Mobility - Vik Bhide Moderated by Justin Hall (FDOT District 7 Director of Transportation Development) Grand Bay Ballroom		
10:00AM - 10:30AM		d Bay Ballroom Foyer	
	Technical Session 2A - Traveling in Style: Corridor Improvement Mike Sewell and Amanda Sapala Ladzinski (Gresham Smith): MPATH - Innovative Safety Practices: Tackling Stress to Enhance Facility Design Ehsan Doustmohammadi (CHA Consulting): Expected Value Analysis for Various State Roadway Intersection Types Praveen Pasumarthy (Cambridge Systematics): Local Road AADT and VMT Estimation: A Horida DOT Project		
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Martha Moore (Benesch): Addressing the Future by Reaching Back into History: An Overview of the Myrtle Avenue Complete Streets Study Caroline Fraser (Kimley-Horn): Hillsborough County Unsignalized Intersection Systemic Safety Projects Moderated by Amanda Chornoby (Renaissance Planning, Conference Off-site Event Chair). Grand Bay North Room		
	Technical Session 28 - The Art of Al Emmanuel Posadas, (City of Gainesville, P.): Moving All Road Users in Gainesville Safely and Efficiently Tyler Houston (NoTraffic): Fusion of Sensors and Connected Vehicle Data for Advanced Safety, Analytics, and Operational Efficiencies Tom Hoene (Currux Vision): How Artificial Intelligence is Changling 17S: Examining Practical Use Cases of Al Implementation in Traffic Mgmt Reggie Chandra (Rhythm Engineering): Navigating the Future: Al-Powered Traffic Management and Lessons Pei-Sung Lin and Achilleas Kourtellis (CUIR): Evaluation of Automated Pedestrian Detection Technologies to Improve Pedestrian Safety Moderated by Patrick O'Connor (American Structurepoint, Conference Sponsor, Co-Chair).] Canad Bay South Room		
	Technical Session 2C - Student and Young Professional Session: Soft Skills Hosted by Chris Russo (Atkins, FLPRITE Student Chair) Habor View Room		
12:00PM - 2:00PM	FLPRITE & GTSITE - Lunch, Officer Installation, and Awards (included in registration) St. Pete Ballroom		
2:00PM - 3:15PM	Technical Session 3A - Prioritizing the Pedestrian Fanny Kristiansson (Kittelson): Advanced Field Data Collection and Evaluation Leading Pedestrian Interval in the State of Florida Ed Hutchinsson (FDOT Central Office): FDOT's Non-Motorized Traffic Counting Program Claudio Figueroa (Burgess & Niple): Transforming Corridors Through Roundabouts Bo be Sueuer (Teledymp): Safer Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossings Moderated by Emmeth Duran (FDOT DZ, GTSITE Past President, ELPRITE Transportation Planning & Mobility Council Chair) Grand Bay North Room		
	Technical Session 3B - Mobility Magic Jill Capelli (Kimley-Horn); FDDT 04 GIS Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Tool Alexandra Lopez (FDOT 04); 1-95 Express Phase 3 and Ramp Signaling Deployment in District 4 Anna Guinones (THEA); Tampa Hillsborough Expressway - Planning and Operations in a Small Agency Eric Gordin (FTE): A Javier Rodciquez (FDOT 06); Emergency Bridge Repair in Miami-Dad County; A Successful Joint Effort by FDOT and FTE Moderated by Catalina Echeverri (Gannett Fleming, FLPRITE Immediate Past President, ITE TSMO Council Chair), I Grand Bay South Room		
	Technical Session 3C - ITE HQ Young Professional Session (by invitation only) Hosted by Rosana Correa (Jacobs, ITE International President) Bayboro Room		
	Technical Session 3D - Student Poster Session		
3:15PM - 3:45PM	Hosted by Chris Russo (Atkins, FLPRITE Student Chair) Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer Break Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer		
3:45PM - 5:00PM	Technical Session 4A - Equitable Designs for All Jodi Godfrey (CUTR): Recognizing and Responding to Suspected Human Trafficking: A Policy Template for Transit Agencies Adam Groves (PTV): Equity-Informed Decisions with Activity-Based Models Kelly Farabee (Patel Green & Associates): Getting from A to B: Designing Transportation Infrastructure for People Eric Hill (Metroplan Orlando): Equity-based Decisions for Transportation Professionals Moderated by Sarah Templeman (Cardinal Engineering Collective, GTSITE Treasurer, Conference Sponsor Co-Chair), Grand Bay North Room		
(5:00PM Exhibits close	Technical Session 4B - Safe Changes: Safe Results Theresa Schwartz (City of Lakeland, FL): Lakeland All-Way Stop Conversion		
for the day)	Sage Kamiya (City of Holmes Beach, FL): City of Holmes Beach City Center Improvement Project Brandon Campbell (City of Tampa, FL): Tampa MOVES Lama Alfaseeh and Sarah Caper (Hillsborough County, FL): Hillsborough County and the Safe Systems Approach		
	Moderated by Anjana Avr. (HNTB, Florida Panhandle Section of ITE Vice-President), Grand Bay South Room Technical Session 4C - Students and Young Professionals Mixer		
4.00DM 0.00DM	PSTA SunRunner Tour and Offsite Event -	GTSITE President) Harbor View Room 3 Daughters Brewing (Included in registration)	
6:00PM - 9:00PM	Start meeting in lobby at 5:30PM Buses leave every 15 min		
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Tuesday, October 24		
8:30AM - 10:00AM Locals-only Exhibit Hall	Breakfast Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer Session 5A - Helping Floridians Achieve Safe Mobility and an FDOT Central Office Update Chris Lewis (FDOT) and Benazir Portal (Kittelson): How the Florida Department of Transportation Can Help Residents Achieve Safe Mobility for Life Chris Lewis and Mariano Amicarelli (FDOT): License Plate Readers & School Zone Speed Limit Enforcement: Automated Speed Detection System Implementation Chris Lewis (FDOT) and Jack Freeman (Kittelson): Update on New PROWAG Guidance and MUTCD 11th Edition Moderated by Jack Freeman (Kittelson): Deat I'll International President): I Grand Bay Ballroom		
Opens	Session 5B - Student Shark Tank Hosted by Chris Russo (Alkins, FLPRITE Student Chair) Harbor View Room		
10:00AM - 10:30AM	Break Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer		
10:30AM - 11:45AM	Session 6 - Innovative Interchanges Roundtable with FDOT DIRC Chairs for D5, D7 and Turnpike FDOT D5 - Steven Buck FDOT D7 - Waddah Farah Florida's Turnpike Enterprise - Carol Scott Moderated by Andrew Velasquez (AECOM, Past FLPRITE International Director), Grand Bay Baltroom		
11:45AM - 12:00PM Exhibit Hall Closes	McGrath Scholarship Raffle, Stud	ent Shark Tank, Student Poster Results	

Leveraging Big Data to Enhance Non-Motorized User Data Collection

By: Sarah Caper, AICP - Executive Planner - Hillsborough County

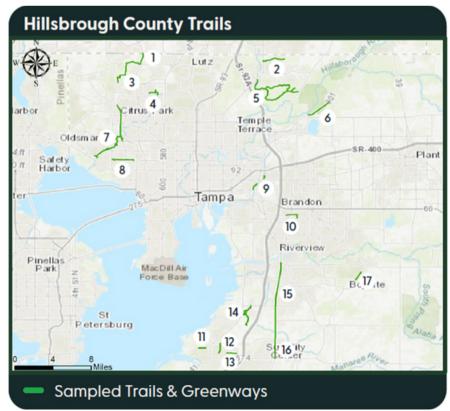
Gaining insight into our transportation system usage is a critical aspect of planning. This knowledge clarifies where to effectively invest resources, identifies opportunities, and provides valuable details to pursue grant funding. Hillsborough County wanted to better understand the comprehensive nature of its trail systems, including how people utilize paved trails and sidepaths, their origination and destination, the purpose of their trip, and the fluctuation of travel patterns over time.

Hillsborough's trail system is wide-ranging, serving diverse communities, and traversing multiple land uses. Collecting non-motorized user activity data for a system this size can be challenging, requiring significant time and funding. Rather than focusing on one trail, County planners harnessed the power of location-based service anonymized data, or "big data", which collects information from users via mobile device applications. This allowed planners to analyze bicyclist and pedestrian travel behavior throughout the County.

Over the course of a year, data was recently collected across 17 paved trail facilities as identified below. The result was an extensive dataset with over 200,000 data points, including trip lengths, time of day, and travel patterns. It helped identify which trails coincided with commuter or school routes, those that were popular on weekends, and paths associated with longer or shorter trips.

Collecting big data posed some unique challenges. Most significantly, the proprietary data provider used algorithms and lacked raw data. Despite this, the patterns uncovered provided a strong foundation for future efforts. They identified trail segments and user times with intriguing or unexpected patterns that would not have otherwise been known, and provided a cost-effective way to guide ongoing and future initiatives.

At this time, County planners are reviewing through the data and are expected to complete their analysis and recommend subsequent steps by the middle of 2024.



2023 Section Update: Central-Northeast Florida



By Megan Ferguson, P.E., AICP – Section President and Francisco J. Cardona P.E., PTOE – Section Representative to FLPRITE

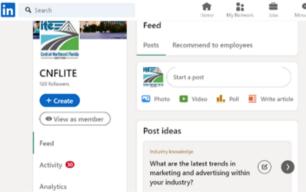
The Central-Northeast Florida Section of ITE (CNFLITE) serves as a networking and knowledge transfer hub for 330+ members. CNFLITE is home to four (4) student chapters (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Central Florida, University of Florida, and the University of North Florida, and one local Chapter serving the northeast Florida region (First Coast ITE-CFITE)). Also, CNFLITE is home to five (5) key committees dedicated to support the Section's initiatives and activities: 1) Younger Members Committee; 2) Technical Content Committee; 3) Member Enhancement Committee; 4) Social Media Committee; and 5) Sponsorship Committee.

2023 has been progressing very well for the Section and we are proud to share the following updates with the rest of our FLPRITE community:

- Hosted Happy Hour event at this year's Winter Workshop
- The Section and Chapter have been hosting regular technical luncheons. The Section introduced "Let's Say Hello" activity (a.k.a. icebreaker) to kickoff monthly luncheons, sharing more laughs and commonalities with each other
- A new luncheon style was introduced called "Presentation Medley". With this platform, multiple speakers have an opportunity to give 5-to-10-minute rapid fire tech talks
- The Section's LinkedIn page was formally launched
- · The Sponsorship Committee was established
- For the second year in a row, the Section collaborated with WTS (plus ASHE this year) and hosted a very well attended evening networking event
- The Section toured the Brightline Trains station at the Orlando International Airport. Nearly 60 members attended the tour (including students from UF)
- Provided LAC support for the I3 Conference
- · Ongoing support and collaboration with FCITE
- Preparations are underway for the 2023 Annual Meeting and end-of-the-year board elections

We are excited about where we have been, how we are growing, and where we are headed. None of this is possible without the participation and engagement from our incredible CNFLITE members. We look forward to the rest of the year!









2023 Section Update: Greater Tampa



By Alex Bourne P.E., RSP2I - Section President

2023 has been busy for the Greater Tampa Section of ITE (GTSITE)! So far this year, we have hosted seven lunch meetings, three social events, three volunteering events, a technical tour, a student outreach event, and more. Also, this year, we launched the Women of GTSITE Committee, a brand-new group formed to create GTSITE events specifically tailored for women in the industry. By providing a wide variety of opportunities for involvement, we have been able to engage a greater number of local professionals. We have seen record attendance at several of our most recent events (including many new faces!)

That is not to say we are sitting back and relaxing; in fact, we are not even close to done yet! We still have many events scheduled before the end of the year, including some of the largest. For example, GTSITE is this year's host of the largest annual industry event in the area, the Tampa Bay Transportation Supersession. We have led a committee comprised of volunteers from GTSITE, ASCE, ASHE, FES Pinellas, FES Tampa, and WTS to plan and execute an evening reception scheduled for October 4th that will host over 550 professionals.

We are also excited to be the host section for the FLPRITE District Annual Meeting in downtown St. Petersburg (10/22-10/24). Our Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) has been working tirelessly to support the District Board in planning what is sure to be a spectacular conference on the beautiful downtown St. Pete Bayfront. We hope to see you there!

We are also planning additional events to engage GTSITE members and the local community before the end of the year, including:

- Women of GTSITE Bolt Run 5k October 21st
- Port Tampa Bay Tour (by boat!) November 2nd
- Women of GTSITE "Friendsgiving" Potluck November 15th
- GTSITE Holiday Party/Ugly Sweater Social at Shuffle early December (date TBD)
- 2nd Annual High School Student Speech Competition date TBD

We appreciate all of our members and sponsors who make our events and activities possible. Thank you!









October 2023 - 14

Interview conducted by David Muntean, Jr., P.E., Past President 1996, Senior Project Manager (Halff, Tallahassee)



In the 1990's and early 2000's, many of us had the pleasure of serving with John Davis on the District 10/Florida Section Board. Then, he moved up north, took his Wisconsin Cheesehead gift (presented to him at his last Florida meeting) with him, and continued his hard work and dedication to ITE. He admits to missing Florida's winter months and the great fellowships/friendships when attending Florida Section Meetings, so much that he's presently eyeballing a return to Florida as his retirement destination.

Among John's most significant career accomplishments are (1) Being elected twice to the International ITE Board – District 10 and Midwestern District, and (2) Chairing the ITE International Collegiate Traffic Bowl Program since 2009. Thinking back on his career, John greatly appreciated the mentorship of people, including Ken Voigt, George L. Crawford, and Jim Cox.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A PROFILE ON FLORIDA PUERTO DISTRICT OF ITE ALUMS

JOHN A. DAVIS, P.E., RSP1 CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

FLORIDA SECTION ITE PRESIDENT (1999)
ITE BURTON W. MARSH DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD (2015)
SHERWOOD H. "WOODY" HILLER DISTRICT
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (2004)
ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT DISTINGUISHED
MEMBER

While most cannot be printed, there is one funny story John says sticks out, something ITE old timers may understand best. Malcom Smith, former Volusia County traffic engineer, once suggested that Jerry Dabkowski, an engineering consultant, use an Etch A Sketch drawing toy (a magnetic mechanical drawing board) instead of card stock for his business cards, which may have been more practical at the time.

Spoiler Alert! John will be serving as the 2024 ITE International President and looks forward to attending the Florida Puerto Rico District Meeting in 2024 as well as the 2025 International Annual Meeting in Orlando.

"Be curious and seek an employer that will develop your skills."

October 2023 - 15

So, where is John now?

John is employed with the City of Des Moines as the City Traffic Engineer, Traffic and Transportation Division, and oversees 33 employees (with 7 direct reports) in transportation planning, traffic engineering and parking functions for the City. He achieves the greatest satisfaction from making a difference to improve safety and mobility in Des Moines.



John and his Transportation Gang!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A PROFILE ON FLORIDA PUERTO DISTRICT
OF ITE ALUMS

In his personal life, John's hobbies include scouting, music, camping, hiking, and visiting Major League Baseball parks. By his count, he has only 12 current ballparks to go! He is also quick to mention that Florida is his favorite vacation spot.

John's very successful career has spanned over 36 years. So, what is John's advice for the younger transportation professionals just getting started in their careers?

"Be curious and seek an employer that will develop your skills."

On behalf of our Florida contingent, we are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing you at our meeting next year!







John with his wife and two sons!.

Would you like to hear from a specific alum or Has Been?

Email Dave at dmuntean@halff.com

2023 Section Update: Panhandle



By Omar Faruk, P.E., PTOE, CVP – Section President and Section Representative to FLPRITE

The Panhandle Section formed an active board with great representation from the pool of transportation professionals in the region.

The Section started off the year with a Happy Hour on February 9th at the World of Beer. The event was well attended by the members and friends.



Also, on February 23rd, the Panhandle Section ITE held a joint Banquet with ASCE and FES. Several awards were given by the Section, including Transportation Professional of the Year (Edith Wong of FDOT), Transportation Project of the year Award (Safe Strides 2 Zero by FDOT, which also won the Best Safety Project at the 2023 ITE International Meeting), and Past President's Service Award (Dave Muntean of Halff Associates). The event helped to promote ITE to a wide range of professionals.



On March 22nd, the Section organized a lunch and learn session with the FDOT D3 Safety Engineer Mike Lewis on FDOT District 3 safety projects. This informative session covered a range of topics, including ongoing efforts and initiatives aimed at achieving the Target Zero mission. Attendees gained valuable insights into the latest strategies and best practices for improving safety on state roads and highways.



The Section organized another Happy Hour on June 1st. The event took place at the World of Beer and was well attended.

One of the most popular events of the year, the Section's 9th Annual Bowling Tournament was held on July 20th. The event saw a huge turn-out of over 100 people and was well attended by professionals from other organizations.



As the year turns to Fall, the Section is now working towards another potential lunch and learn and happy hour. The Section is also planning on organizing the annual award ceremony towards the end of the year.

2023 Section Update: South Florida



By Omar Al-Sahili, P.E. – Section Representative to FLPRITE

We kicked off this year's Lunch and Learn Series with a successful session on February 10th at Palm Beach County. Our honored speakers include Traffic Division Director Motasem AlTurk, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant Director Melissa Ackert, P.E., and former Traffic Engineering Operations Manager Rasem Awwad, P.E., PTOE. They shared the current and upcoming County project updates and recent County initiatives in using drones for work zone management.



On March 31st, we co-hosted another lunch and learn event at Florida's Turnpike (FTE) with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Broward County Branch. John Easterling, FTE District Traffic Operations Engineer, and Ryan Brown, Traffic Engineering and ITS Program Manager, presented on the connected vehicle and safety initiatives at FTE. We were excited to learn the achievements accomplished at the SunTrax.



To connect with university students, and to develop future young members, we were invited by Florida International University (FIU) and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) students to a lunch event on May 5th where our board members Omar Al-Sahili, Alexandra Lopez, and Andrew Velasquez shared their passion for transportation industry. This was one of the young members events the Section was able to sponsor and participate in.



For fun events, we co-hosted the Joint Networking Event on May 2nd at a local brewery in Miami with T&DI and WTS. It was an exciting time to connect with transportation professionals, share stories, and look forward to future partnership.

On May 31st, we joined forces with ASCE again and hosted a bike ride through downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Most recently, we hosted a Topgolf Social Event on August 24th in Miami Gardens as a grand finale to close the summer. We were thrilled to have the freshly retired FDOT District 4 Secretary, Gerry O'Reilly, and FTE Director Maria Connolly join us for the event. Overall, the event was a "hole in one" success with lots of great food, golf, friends, and networking opportunities. Board members in attendance received great feedback and interest from members to become more involved in the Section.

For more info on upcoming Section events, follow us on the web at https://www.flprite.org/south-florida-section.html.



2023 Chapter Update: First Coast



By Miguel Lugo, PhD., P.E., AICP – Chapter Vice-President and Vivian Sy, EI – Chapter Treasurer

The First Coast Chapter of ITE (FCITE) extends a warm welcome to Mr. Jeff Arey, who has assumed the role of Chapter Administrator. As a Retired Fellow Member of the ITE, Mr. Arey brings a wealth of experience and his presence ensures that the expertise and insights of our past leaders will continue to benefit the chapter.

In the coming months, you can look forward to exciting initiatives and events spearheaded by our board members as we work alongside Mr. Arey to shape the future of our chapter. We encourage all members to reach out to us with any ideas, suggestions, or questions you may have.



First Coast Board of Directors and Chapter Administrator, from left to right, Miguel Lugo -Vice President, Vivian Sy -Treasurer, Elaine Brown – Secretary, Tate Madden – President, Jeff Arey – Chapter Administrator, Luciano Lalika – Social Media Coordinator. Not pictured, Immediate Past President Mario Dipola.

Members and guests are encouraged to attend our Monthly technical meetings and luncheons, typically held the second Tuesday of every month. Our 2023 Speaker Series has been nothing short of inspiring, covering a diverse range of topics that impact our industry and our community. Here's a quick glimpse of what we've explored so far: Regional Planning, Recreational Trails, Complete Streets, Data Collection, Transportation Resilience and CAVs.



Dr. Pruthvi Manjunatha from the University of Florida spoke on research innovation.



Angelo Belluccia from Burgess & Niple presented on the complete streets manual.



Monty Salim from Groundworks Jacksonville presented on community-based partnerships and trails infrastructure

FCITE has initiated two new awards for the year 2023: Project Innovation Award and Student Award. These awards showcase the dedication and innovation that thrive within our community, and we are proud to shine a spotlight on the remarkable individuals and projects that have made a significant impact. FCITE Project Innovation Award: This award celebrates outstanding local initiatives that have taken a unique and innovative approach to challenges in planning, traffic, or multimodal transportation. FCITE Student Award: Our chapter's future leaders are making incredible strides, and we want to honor their contributions. This award is open to University of North Florida and University of Florida student chapter members who have gone above and beyond to advance ITE's mission within their chapter or community. Awards will be presented at our end of year meeting.

Stay updated on our upcoming events by visiting our website at https://firstcoastite.weebly.com/ where you will find details about our the date, time, location, and speaker for each event as well as award deadlines.

2023 Student Chapter Update: GatorITE - University of Florida



By Renan Favero – Student Chapter President

The GatorITE Student Chapter at the University of Florida has been hard at work over the past year, dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of our transportation engineering students. We are excited to share our achievements and aspirations with you:

Workshops and Speaker Sessions: We have organized workshops and invited esteemed professors and industry professionals to provide hands-on learning experiences, enriching our members' knowledge and skills.

Industry Collaboration: Thanks to funding from the University of Florida's Student Government, we have actively participated in conferences and brought industry leaders to our campus, bridging the gap between students and the private sector.

Conference Presence: Our active involvement in conferences like FAV, TRB, and the Florida and Puerto Rico ITE Annual Meeting has expanded our knowledge and allowed our members to network with professionals.

Partnerships: Collaborations with other transportation organizations, particularly focused on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), have strengthened our network and connected students with shared interests.

Traffic Bowl Success: We have maintained our winning tradition in the Traffic Bowl competition; the University of Florida has a very successful history in Traffic Bowl, winning the FLPRITE competition in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and in 2023, the University of Florida maintained its legacy of success, clinching the District victory once again. In addition to our District winnings, our chapter won the International Grand Championship in 2013, showcasing our dedication and expertise.

Student Leadership Summit: The Student Leadership Summit started in Gainesville and is returning to Gainesville in 2024, promising impactful sessions with renowned speakers and industry support.

As we look forward, we invite all passionate transportation engineering students to join us. Together, we will continue to learn, innovate, and contribute to our field. Stay tuned for updates and upcoming events. The unwavering support from the transportation community is deeply appreciated.



I3 CONFERENCE RECAP JULY 31-AUGUST 3 HILTON ORLANDO ORLANDO, FL



FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION SHOWCASE

TO OUR FLPRITE MEMBERS,

For those who attended the I3 Conference, we hope you enjoyed the time meeting up with old friends and making new ones!

This conference was our first time hosting since 2019. FLPRITE joined forces with ITSFL, IMSAFL, and WTS to create a program full of learning and networking opportunities. We had over 600 attendees and had a packed house with an incredible exhibitor floor, training sessions, and 3 technical tracks throughout the 4-day event, including workshops. Our Tuesday evening event took us to Margaritaville over at Universal CityWalk where we experienced good food, drinks, and fellowship, along with the occasional eruption of a volcano!! Good time was had by all! If you missed this conference, please join us at our Annual Meeting in St. Pete for more fun!



2023 JOINT ITE INTERNATIONAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 13-16

OREGON CONVENTION CENTER PORTLAND, OR

This year, the ITE International Annual Meeting was held in Portland, Oregon, in conjunction with the Western District's Annual Meeting. Over 1,500 participants attended this meeting from all over the world.

From the opening session with Mr. Shailen Bhatt, FHWA administrator, to the different Council meetings and activities, the LeadershipITE alumni social, multiple technical sessions, and sightseeing events around the greater Portland area, it was a time no one will forget.

On a special note for the Florida Puerto Rico District of ITE, our FIU and FAU students brought home some "hardware" in winning the Transportation Technology Tournament competition, as well as FIU students winning the Sandbox Design competition, and our UF Traffic Bowl Team represented our District extremely well in the International Traffic Bowl Tournament. Additionally, FDOT won three different awards at the awards ceremony. Definitely, a proud time for our students and members at this event.

Next year, the Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia so it is not too early to make your plans to visit that historic city.





Florida Puerto Rico District Administrator's Commentary

By: Pete Yauch, P.E., PTOE, RSP2I

The summer has passed and what a summer it was!

From ITE International, our Executive Director and CEO, Jeff Paniati, announced his retirement to occur at the end of October. Jeff has been at several of our District meetings, the last being in St. Augustine last year. Jeff will leave a lasting influence on ITE and is turning over the organization to his successor, Steve Kuciemba. Steve has served as ITE's Chief Technical Officer for a year, so is ready to hit the job running.

ITE has also recently introduced a few new benefits to its members. The Traffic Wiki was developed as a replacement to ITE's Traffic Engineering Handbook, recognizing the expense of updating and publishing a hard copy document on a regular basis. The Traffic Wiki will be a living document, with users able to revise or update content subject to a peer review. ITE's Photo Exchange has been established to be a repository for transportation-related photographs by ITE members and made available for use as examples in reports and presentations. And, most recently, a Speaker Directory has been established, providing a searchable database of subject matter experts and industry speakers as a resource for District, Section, and Chapter professional development events. The Traffic Wiki and Photo Exchange are available on the ITE.org website; the Speaker Directory is part of the ITE Community (www.community.ite.org).

We had a great I3 Conference in Orlando, with over 650 attendees from ITE, IMSA, and ITS Florida. A large vendor area, excellent facilities, fun off-site activities, including a visit to Margaritaville, and a very strong technical program made this conference special. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped to make this event a success!

Our District also had a strong contingent go to ITE's Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, including our Traffic Bowl District winners, the University of Florida. They did not bring back top honors, but they represented us well non the less.

I am looking forward to our District Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg. As a native of St. Petersburg, I remember when the sidewalks of downtown would roll up at 5:00 PM. It has changed...and our conference site will be right in the middle of it. Come see what St. Petersburg has done! And, don't forget to vote for our new Treasurer!

As always, thanks to all of you for your support of ITE and FLPRITE!

See you in St. Pete!

Pete.



October 2023 - 23



Florida Puerto Rico District International Board Director's Report

By: Thuha Nguyen, P.E., PTOE

Hello friends.

The 2023 Joint ITE International Annual Meeting and Exhibition, held in Portland, Oregon, was an incredible experience for FLPRITE members. This annual gathering brought together transportation professionals from around the world and provided an outstanding platform for networking, knowledge-sharing, and inspiration. Congratulations again to the award winners, especially FDOT and students from FIU and FAU!

Connecting with Colleagues, Old and New - One of the most memorable aspects of this year's ITE Annual Meeting was the opportunity to reconnect with former colleagues and forge new friendships. In an ever-evolving field like transportation engineering, maintaining professional connections is crucial. The event provided an invaluable space for these connections to thrive, fostering collaboration, and the exchange of ideas. Meeting old friends and colleagues often brings fresh perspectives and insights. It rekindles the enthusiasm for the work we do and reminds us why we are passionate about our chosen field. Many attendees shared stories of how they had worked together on innovative projects or navigated complex challenges, highlighting the strength of the transportation community.

Empowering Young Professionals - A particularly exciting initiative was the emphasis on engaging young professional members. As the future of the transportation industry, young professionals bring innovative ideas and energy that are vital for its continued growth. As a testament to ITE's commitment to enhancing its engagement with its members, there will be an important meeting with our very own ITE International President Rosana Correa at the upcoming FLPRITE Annual Meeting in St. Pete. This meeting promises to be a significant opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the transportation industry and how ITE can contribute to shaping its future.

Borrowing Steve Job's "there is one more thing" phrase, I wanted to share with you <u>ITE Photo Exchange</u>. It's a platform where ITE members can upload, share, and access categorized images to enhance projects and presentations. By participating, members grant royalty-free access to their images, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

Hope you all had a great summer. See you in St. Pete!

Thuha





FLPRITE EVENTS

Check Out Our List of Events for 2024

February 9 thru 11 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Where:

University of Florida - Gainesville, FL

May 7 thru 9 FDOT TRANSPLEX
CONFERENCE

Where:

Hilton Bayfront St. Petersburg - St. Petersburg, FL

Fall

TRANSPO

Where: Orlando

For detailed information: https://www.flprite.org/
Keep up-to-date with the FLPRITE Calendar



GET INVOLVED!

DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS. ADVANCE YOUR CAREER. INFLUENCE CHANGE.



COUNCILS & COMMITTEES ARE ITE'S TECHNICAL ENGINE



Advance

the transportation profession



Focal point

for discussions on common interest



Develop

new technical products



Contribute

to ITE's body of knowledge



TECHNICAL COUNCILS

- Complete Streets
- Education
- Planning

- *
- Safety
- TSMO
- Traffic Engineering

(Plus 13 technical standing committees)

ACTIVITIES

- Develop best practice webinars on a range of transportation-related topics
- Create new technical publications (informational reports, recommended practices, case studies, white papers, etc.)
- Identify developing trends and emerging practices in the industry
- Develop sessions for the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit
- Convene on-line discussion through ITE's e-Community



EMPLOYER-BASED COUNCILS

- Consultants
 Council
- Industry Council
- Public Agency Council



RECENT PUBLICATIONS



Curbside Management Practitioners Guide (Complete Streets Council)



Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety in Parking Facilities Informational Report (ITE Planning Council/Parking Standing Committee)



Transit & Traffic Impact Studies Informational Report (Transit Standing Committee)



Vision Zero Core Elements (Safety Council)

ITE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES HAVE MORE THAN 7,400 MEMBERS, 350 LIBRARY ITEMS, AND 3,500 DISCUSSION POSTS.

IT IS FREE FOR ITE MEMBERS TO JOIN AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES.

For more information on ITE, visit www.ite.org or email ite_staff@ite.org.

Associated Business Division (ABD) Listing

Full Name	Company Name	Contact Number
Allan, Murray	Marr Traffic	407-542-6156
Archibald, Melissa	Skyline Products	719-884-6019
Ashley, Peter	Applied Information, Inc.	404-307-4906
Baskin, David	Peggy Malone & Associates	904-992-8072
Berens, Mike	IMSA Florida Section	239-478-9357
Bird, Bonnie	CostarHD - Video Systems	858-391-1800
Bowles, Steve	360 Network Solutions	770-718-7437
Braithwaite, Connie	Econolite	904-448-5619
Cardozo, Ian	Temple inc	941-650-6824
Carnes, Craig	Metric Engineering, Inc.	904-260-1567
Davis, Glenn	BES Inc.	239-821-8723
Day, Mike	Control Technologies, Inc	407-330-2800
Fagan, Tamara	CUBIC Trafficware GRIDSMART	772-285-6289
Fugere, Catherine	Orange Traffic	407-836-7896
Gallagher, Mary	CHA Consulting, Inc.	518-453-8264
Holler, LeAnn	Daktronics	704-796-0343
Holloway, Chris	Polara	404-307-4906
Huffman, Jeremy	Southern Manufacturing	407-894-8851
Jones, Rodrikas	Quality Counts	571-585-9225
Kasal, Wayne	K&K Systems	662-372-0164
Kline, Michael	Valerann	407-813-4353
Knecht, Erik	Clary Corporation	682-502-4572
LaBatt, James	Blackhawk Enterprises	850-766-1388
Letts, Gregg	Ultra Engineering	954-914-9349
Morris, Colin	Sonshine Communications for FDOT / FL511	305-948-8063
Read, Ron	DuraLine	614-519-4871
Sasahara, Fabio	McTrans Center	352-614-8886
Schilling, Lauren	Wireless Technology, Inc	805-290-0502
Schulting, Mark	Express Supply, Inc.	407-497-8614
Shearer, Dr. John	EDI	480-968-6407
Stone, Sean	Universal Signs & Accessories	772-461-0665
Tursky, Jonathan	TransCore	813-620-3983
Wallace, Stokes	Iteris	407-383-1845
Waltzer, Craig	GovComm Inc.	305-937-2000 x 7101
Wilson, Barry	one.network	678-314-7587
Wilson, Jeff	Boschung America	518-847-9901

Should you have any updates or wish to be included, please send your information to FLPRITE ABD Chair, Ian Cardozo: ian.cardozo@temple-inc.com