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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

By Monica Shei, PE, PTOE (Jacobs)

Fellow ITE Illinois Section Members and Supporters,

We hope you have all had a fulfilling summer! The Illinois ITE Section has been busy these past few months and we are excited to share with everyone what our Section has been up to. Keep reading to find out what to look forward to as the weather cools down!



Summer Recap

The Great Lakes ITE Annual Meeting took place on June 11-14th in Grand Rapids, MI and we hope those we attended had a great time! We had a great showing from our Section members, with many presenting in their respective areas of expertise in the transportation industry. ILITE was proud to raise the most District Endowment fund money during the meeting!

We then hosted our June luncheon, featuring Benet Haller, Transit Manager from CCDOTH. It was great to hear about the County's Bike and Transit Plans while networking with our industry peers.

In July, we had a great turnout at our summer happy hour after our July Board Meeting. Low-key socials are always a great opportunity to get to know the ILITE Section members and board members. We are excited to see Section members interested in becoming involved with ILITE Committees as a result of these socials!

The Joint International ITE / Western District Annual Meeting took place on August 13-16th in Portland, OR and it was wonderful to catch up with Illinois members who traveled all the way out to the west coast!

Our August Top Golf event with WTS Greater Chicago was once again a sold-out event! Despite the blistering heat, we are grateful for everyone who turned up to network, practice their swings, and catch up with colleagues.

Finally, we finished out the summer with our "Salty" Modal bike tour around the Salt Shed and Wicker Park area of Chicago followed by a happy hour at Hurley tap. Scroll down to see a more detailed recap of our summer events!

As you can see, we've had a busy summer and we can't wait for our fall events to kick off!

Upcoming Events

We are currently in the process of planning an October luncheon as well as our annual ILITE Student Day and will release more details as they are confirmed.

We hope these events provide numerous opportunities for our membership to network and make new connections in the industry. If you are taking part in our 2023 Mentorship Match Program, these events are a great way to meet your monthly mentor in person.

Public Agency Partnership Program

The Public Agency Partnership Program aims to address the unique needs of the public sector and we hope that the one-time financial contribution to ILITE on an annual basis for complimentary registrations to various ILITE events is beneficial to each agency. As always, if you are interested in taking part in this program, please contact Katie Biggs, Operations Committee Lead at illinoisite+operations@gmail.com for additional information.

Community of Transportation Professionals

We are already seeing an influx of new Planner registrations at our events! For those of you who have not yet, please don't forget to take advantage of your first free ILITE event. Please reach out to Katie Biggs at illinoisite+operations@gmail.com for more information.

As always, I am incredibly grateful to our powerhouse ILITE board and committee leads who make these events possible. Their hard work, organization, and enthusiasm does not go unnoticed and we hope our membership has been able to reap the benefits of these events. If you are interested in becoming more involved with any of the committees, please do not hesitate to contact me at illinoisite+president@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Monica Shei, PE, PTOE
Illinois Section President
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Illinois Section News and Announcements

2023 Mentorship Match Program

By Illinois Section Secretary Anmol Shrivastava

The Mentorship Match Program has completed 5 monthly rotations. We hope that the monthly rotations as well as the themes have provided the opportunity to form deeper relationships within the ILITE community. We encourage you to try to meet your match in-person as we approach the end of summer. We also hope that all the participants are finding this program valuable thus far and are open to suggestions to improve this program.

Please send screenshots or photos of your virtual or in-person meetup to ILITE Secretary, Anmol Shrivastava, at illinoisite+secretary@gmail.com



Activities Group News and Announcements

By Activities Chairs Jakob Boxberger & Jim Kane

October Luncheon

Please join us for our next Luncheon on Thursday, **October 12, 2023** at [Cooper's Hawk](#) in Downers Grove, IL. The luncheon will feature a presentation from Adam Danczyk from Iteris, Inc., who will be discussing big data applications for traffic operation with some examples of large, big budget projects as well as smaller budget projects on the county or municipality level. Lunch will be preceded with an opportunity to network and catch-up with colleagues. Here is the link to register: [Registration Link](#)

Student Affairs Group News and Announcements

By Student Affairs Chair Andrew Hein

Student Day

We have begun planning the ILITE Student Day event. The event will be hosted in early November at IIT. The event will be open to all local ITE student chapter members, as well as some additional student organizations from IIT, UIC & Northwestern.

Student Activities

We are currently organizing the annual ILITE Student Practitioner event in Champaign to coincide with the Illinois Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference (TES) on **Wednesday, October 18th**. This event provides an opportunity for student chapter members to ask questions to a panel of professionals (and

get free pizza). We are looking for professionals who are willing to participate. Anybody who is interested can reach out to me via email.

Discounted Dues: ITE Younger Member 30-to-30 Reminder

This is a reminder for all graduating seniors that they should consider professional ITE membership upon graduation. ITE membership helps build your network by creating connections and growing your career. ITE provides a great platform for opportunities to meet transportation professionals and network with them. For younger members, ITE offers a reduced dues fee structure for members 29 and under.

More information is provided in the link below:

<https://www.ite.org/membership/become-a-member/young-member/>

Other benefits of being an ITE member can also be found here:

<https://www.ite.org/membership/become-a-member/benefits-of-membership/>

Public Affairs Group News and Announcements

By Public Affairs Chair Tyler Krage

Legislative Corner

- CDOT Commissioner Gia Biagi resigns and returns to Studio Gang
https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdot/provdrs/future_projects_andconcepts/news/2023/july/commissioner-gia-biagi-announces-departure-from-cdot-.html
<https://studiogang.com/now/gia-biagi-former-head-of-chicagos-department-of-transportation-returns-to-studio-as-principal-of-urbanism>
- Jane Byrne and Weber interchanges earn top industry awards
<https://idot.illinois.gov/news/press-release.26896.html>
- Illinois transit bill explores expanding reduced-fare service, advance zero-emission busses, and provide free transit to victims of domestic violence
<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/illinois-transit-bill-includes-reduced-fares-requires-zero-emission-buses/3201790/?amp=1>

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Twitter - https://twitter.com/Illinois_ITE

Operations News and Announcements

By Operations Chair Katie Biggs

If you'd like to stay up to date on all things Illinois Section ITE, please sign up for our complete mailing list via this link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/wFK5f75/maillinglist>.

New ITE Members

The Illinois Section of ITE would like to welcome our new professional and student members:

Professional Members

James Yuratovac - Thomas Engineering

Christina Nour - Stanley Consultants

Isabel Canete-Medina - Canete Medina Consulting

Adeyemi Adefarasin - Peralte-Clark

Alondra Gonzalez - Eriksson Engineering

Mary Young - Civiltech Engineering

Ali Issa - HBM Engineering

Mateo Downey - HNTB

Student Members

Anshita Kandhari

Sid Ahuja - UIUC

We encourage all new members to reach out our Operations Chair, Katie Biggs at illinoisite+operations@gmail.com if they have any questions.

IL ITE Recent Events

LeadershipITE Spotlight: Kristel Shu Bassett

IL ITE's **Kristel Shu Bassett**, P.E., PTOE recently finished the Leadership ITE program. We asked her to provide an update:

I'm tremendously fortunate to be a graduate of LeadershipITE (LITE), thanks to the support of Iteris, Inc. and to the Illinois Section and Great Lakes District of ITE.

My graduating class consisted of 23 transportation professionals from all over the US and Canada—with varying years of experience and expertise. The program began in January with in-person sessions in Washington, DC that coincided with the Transportation Research Board (TRB) annual meeting. We learned early on about our individual values, work style, and communication style, that serve as foundation for becoming effective communicators and empathic leaders.

For the next six months, we met virtually to hone our communication and presentation skills, managing change, handling difficult people and conversations, delegation, and more. During this time, we also worked in small groups for our capstone project with the guidance of an ITE staff liaison, an alumni mentor, and an ITE International Board of Direction (IBOD) mentor. The program concluded with in-person sessions on combating confirmation bias in the decision-making chain and finding a healthy work/life balance before officially graduating at the ITE International Annual Meeting.

While the program might be extensive and challenging, your time and effort will result in substantial rewards. The last eight months have been a period of personal and professional growth that will positively direct my career. My class and I continue to support each other after graduation—celebrating small wins and uplifting each other. On a similar note, I've noticed more introductions begin with "You were in Leadership? I was class of...!". ITE welcomed me into its community and equipped me with essential skills and a holistic toolkit to lead with competence, empathy, and integrity. I am privileged to be a part of this network, and I am excited to see where the future takes us.



LeadershipITE Class of 2023



June 2023 Luncheon

On June 28th, 2023 IL-ITE hosted the June Luncheon in the Streeterville neighborhood of Chicago. We were delighted to have Benet Haller present on the recommendations of the County Bike and Transit Plan for Cook County Government Department of Transportation and Highways. What a great way to spend the afternoon! Thanks to Jakob Boxberger, P.E., PTOE, Jim Kane, PE, PTOE, and Sanjay Joshi, P.E. for planning the event, and to Francesca's on Chestnut for hosting.

Since graduating from UIC Masters in Urban Planning and Policy Program in the spring of 1994, **Benet Haller** has spent the past 30 years working in the Chicago area in a variety of planning endeavors. In the 1990s he worked at the Oak Park Housing Center and Teska Associates prior to joining the Chicago Planning Department in 1998. Over nearly 20 years with the City, Benet worked on the redevelopment of Cabrini-Green in the near north side, led planned development review and managed the development of neighborhood and city-wide plans. In late 2017, Benet started working for the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways as Transit Manager and works extensively on both bike and transit projects and was the manager for both the recently published County Bike Plan and the County Transit Plan, scheduled to be published this year. He has a degree in history from the University of Chicago and has masters degrees in planning, architecture, and geography.





July Happy Hour

The Illinois ITE Section was able to cool down with some drinks and a good time at the July 2023 Happy Hour Social on July 19th. We had a great time enjoying some cold beverages, hanging out with industry folks, and just generally cooling down from the heat. Thanks to all who showed up and thanks to New Line Tavern for hosting us!



August 2023 Technical Webinar *Parking Solutions for Livable Communities*

On July 18th, the Illinois Section of ITE was pleased to host a Technical Webinar on Parking Solutions for Livable Communities. The webinar was put on by Lindsay Bayley from CMAP and Jane Wilberding from HNTB.

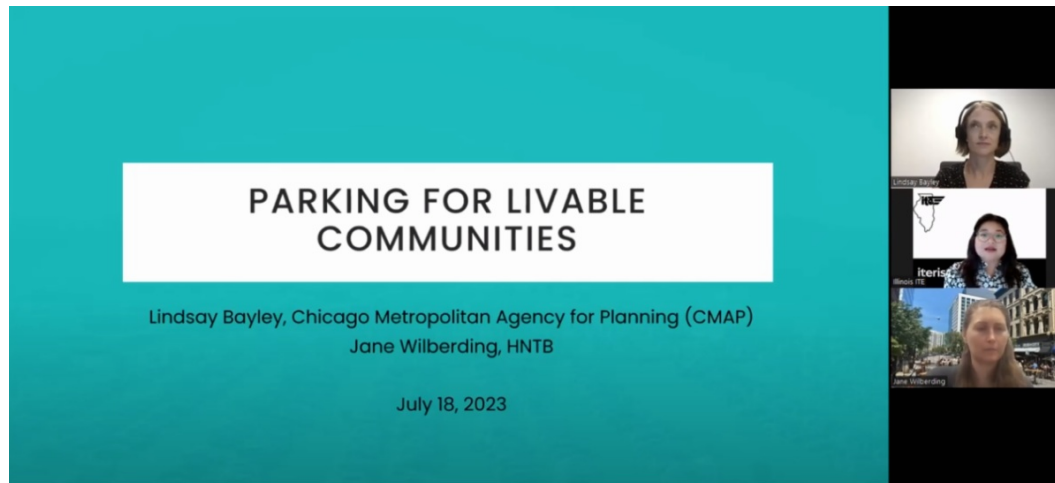
As one of the largest single land uses in any community's "footprint", parking deserves more attention than is typically bestowed upon it. Besides encouraging the use of automobiles, having such a large supply of parking influences the character, form, function, and flow of our communities. At the same time, parking is necessary to support a community's local businesses; finding the right balance between supply

and demand—as an economics would—is the next step.

Lindsay and Jane informed the audience of just how to strike this balance while creating a more livable and vibrant community. They provided a brief history of the issues associated with how parking policies have been implemented in the past, explained the adverse effects they have on cities, celebrate the substantial momentum for reforming them, and discussed opportunities for our City and region.

The webinar can be viewed [HERE](#).

Registrants received 1.0 PDH for participating in the webinar.



ITE/ITS/WTS Topgolf at Schaumburg

In partnership with WTS Greater Chicago Chapter and ITS Midwest, the Illinois Section of ITE hosted its 12th Annual Golf Outing at Topgolf in Schaumburg. Approximately 100 attendees braved the record heat to enjoy food, cold beverages, and conversation with other transportation professionals. Some even stepped outside the air conditioning to hit a few golf balls! Thank you to the bay sponsors, Kimley-Horn, Iteris, JWJ, Peralte-Clark, and Civiltech, and thank you to the drink sponsors, Singh + Associates, TranSmart, and ITS Midwest. We look forward to seeing you next year!





Fall 2023 Spring "Salty" Modal Tour

On September 7th, IL-ITE had its fourth Malty Modal Tour (this one was nicknamed the Salty Modal Tour due to the location of the tour). The bike ride showcased the different levels of bike infrastructure that exist around the Salt Shed and Wicker Park area in the City of Chicago, and included the 606 Trail, Elston Bikeway, Lincoln Yards Site, a unique Salt Shed Traffic Signal, and Augusta Bikeway to name a few, all ending at The Hurley Tap for cold beverages. The bike ride had great attendance, with 35+ riders and included a diverse mix of engineers, CMAP attendees, and non-members from Our Front Door Bike group. We even had a non-industry person show up from twitter, just interested in biking and hearing about what's coming in the area. All in all, it was a great time, and we're looking forward to having two more next year. If you have an idea for an area you'd like to see IL-ITE conduct a Malty Modal bike tour at next summer, let Public Affairs Chair Tyler Krage know. Special thanks to Kurt Facknitz and Tyler Krage from CDOT and CDOT Complete Streets consultants Calvin Graham and Gina Showers for planning and leading the tour.



Professional Development Seminars

Hey Section Member!

Get involved! There are open

TRB Webinars

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) hosts several conference recording and webinars on their website. The recordings and webinars cover a wide range of topics in the transportation field. Select, live webinars are available for Professional Development Hours (PDHs). Check out the TRB Webinar and Conference Recording Program [HERE](#).

ITE Web Seminars

Several ITE webinars are available through the [ITE Learning Hub](#). Log in today to check out upcoming events.

T3 Webinars

Talking Technology and Transportation (T3) Webinars are designed to help agencies feel confident about deploying ITS technologies as a means to address challenges in their transportation systems. These free, 90-minute, interactive online meetings offer knowledge sharing on topics related to ITS planning, design, procurement, deployment, and operations. T3 current and archived webinars are available [HERE](#).

Upcoming ITE Events

Check out the following calendars and events pages to stay updated on future Illinois Section, Great Lakes District, and International ITE Events:

[Illinois Section ITE Event Calendar](#)

[International ITE Event Calendar](#)

Upcoming IDOT Planning Conference

Join us in Springfield for the Illinois Department of Transportation Fall Planning Conference: *Transportation Planning for a Livable Community!*

The conference will be held **October 2-4, 2023**, at the [Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center](#). The three-day event will attract transportation professionals from around the state. Please join us for this once-a-year opportunity to learn and network with program administrators, transportation engineers, and planning professionals. Registration is free!

The conference will include breakout session presentations and

positions in the Student Affairs Group, the Activities Group, the Technical Group, the Public Affairs Group, and the Operations Group. To volunteer on an ILITE committee, contact the group's director.

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panels by your peers on the following topics: transit, rail, freight, aviation, marine and active transportation throughout Illinois with a focus on addressing underinvestment in disadvantaged communities. This conference provides an outstanding platform to meet people face-to-face in your field, exchange details and have discussions on future collaborations. For some after-hours activities, join you peers to explore Lincoln's Home Town.

Click on the link below to register:

<https://2023IDOTFallPlanningConference.eventbrite.com>

Traffic Engineering and Safety (TES) Conference

The 72nd Annual Illinois Transportation Engineering and Safety Conference will be held **October 18 and 19, 2023** at the UIUC [Hotel & Conference Center](#).

The TES Conference is the premier meeting in the Midwest region for transportation and safety professionals to network with colleagues and clients, discuss ideas and issues with experts, gain job-related knowledge and know-how, and renew sense of professional purpose. A diverse group of your peers from local, state, and federal agencies, consulting and contracting firms, and university faculty and students attend this conference. Attendees can receive up to 15 Professional Development Hours.

The registration is open and here is the link to register:

<https://www.trafficconf.com/register/>

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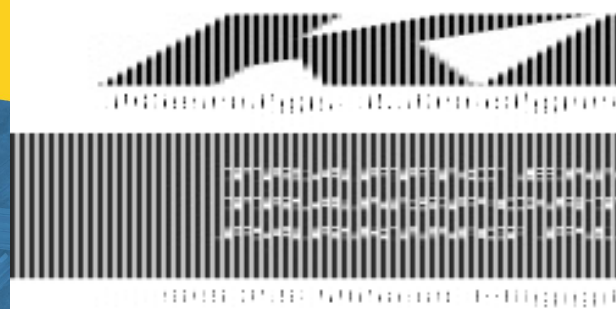
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