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Dear NEITE Members:

I hope everyone has a chance to step away from their work, whether that continues to be from home or the office, and enjoy the great weather we continue to have here in New England.

As with most business, the ITE Annual Meeting was virtual this year. I hope many of you had a chance to join the over 1400 attendees over the past couple weeks of August for a unique opportunity to participate in this meeting remotely. I encourage you to all to take advantage of the recorded library of presentations that are available now through October 31st.

On August 12th, the Northeastern District held a social hour and awards announcement that would have been typically announced at the May District Annual Meeting. New this year were several momentum awards, highlighting the Chapter and Section that have shown increased activity and potential.

I am delighted to announce the Section was awarded the District level 2020 Section/Chapter Momentum Award. We also congratulate Alyssa Ryan from the UMass Amherst Student Chapter for winning this year’s Northeastern District Student Paper Award. Lastly, we extend our cheers to the NYU Poly Student Chapter for taking home the both the ITE International Student Chapter Award and Student Chapter Momentum Award this year – well done.

With fall approaching, our schedule of meetings and technical programs will begin to ramp up. The Section is well underway planning a virtual Annual Meeting. Given the tribulations with snowstorms last December, RIITE and NEITE have agreed to swap meeting months in hopes of allowing all of our colleagues the comfort of travelling to future ITE meetings without worrying about weather. The meeting will remain on the first Monday of the month and I hope to see you all on November 2nd. More information and registration will be available shortly.

On behalf of the Section Board, we look forward to connecting you all at our upcoming meetings. Continuing to wish you, your family and teams the best of health,

Ian A McKinnon, P.E., PTOE, RSP ITE
New England Section President

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Hello New England Chapter:

I hope you have all been able to enjoy the long days of summer and escape to the great outdoors even as we socially distance ourselves.

As we look ahead into the fall, section and chapter events will continue to be held virtually. We begin to look forward to our annual meeting with a solicitation for nominations for the NEITE 2020 awards. If you would like to nominate a colleague, please do so by contacting Jennifer Conley at jconley@vhb.com by September 4, 2020.

ITE International has reimagined the Leadership ITE program which will now be offered online. I encourage anyone who is interested to take advantage of this learning opportunity.

ITE also recently published guidance on conducting traffic studies and counts under pandemic conditions. More information on the downloadable document is provided on Page 6.

By next year at this time we will hopefully be looking back on brighter days spent in Oregon at the 2021 ITE Joint International and Western & Mountain Districts Annual Meeting. Check out the save the date on page 9 and don’t forget to mark your calendars!

I would like to thank our Section and Chapter leadership for their tireless work in adapting to the changing environment during COVID-19. They quickly transitioned to virtual meetings and continue to offer value and support to our members.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support of the New England Chronicle. If you are interested in sponsorship or need to renew your sponsorship, please contact Lisa Ruthertford of Ocean State Signal or myself.

Enjoy the summer issue!

Theresa Schwartz, PE, PTOE
New England Chronicle Editor
SECTION CALENDAR

NEITE/MA Chapter Meeting  
September 29, 2020 through  
October 1, 2020  
Virtual

CT-ITE Annual Golf Outing  
October 9, 2020  
Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT

NEITE Annual Meeting  
November 2, 2020  
Virtual

CT-ITE and WTS-CT Joint Virtual  
Happy Hour with Trivia  
November 2020  
Date, Time, and Platform TBD

NEITE/RI Chapter Meeting  
December 3, 2020  
Providence, RI

ITE Northeastern District  
Meeting  
May 14, 2021  
Wading River, Long Island

Please send all calendar announcements, including the name of event, the contact person, event location, and date to New England Section webmaster Colin T. White, PE and Chronicle Editor Theresa M. Schwartz, PE, PTOE at ctwhite@hntb.com and tschwartz@tesseraengineering.com.

LeadershipITE Reimagined

We are bringing LeadershipITE to you! For 2021, LeadershipITE will be a 100-percent virtual experience, providing participants not only the same content that this program is built on, but also enhancements to provide additional ways to engage with classmates, alumni, and the greater ITE community. LeadershipITE has always been built on the diversity of our profession, with our team looking to build classes each year that highlight this. We are excited to be able to provide a program that can even be more inclusive by stripping away the time and cost constraints of travel.

With the 2021 program, you will be able to get the same powerful LeadershipITE experience in a format that helps to better support and balance your professional and personal lifestyle.

Don't look at this virtual experience as a series of webinars—it couldn't be more opposite. The curriculum is built around engagement and each virtual workshop will include interactive and experiential elements. You will have even more opportunities to meet new people and grow your networks, with engaging social events, sessions, and assignments with various LeadershipITE alumni and ITE leadership.

If you've been interested in LeadershipITE, and the travel schedule and costs have held you back, 2021 is your opportunity to experience this one-of-a-kind interactive and engaging program without having to sacrifice time away from your family and work responsibilities.

For more information and to apply to LeadershipITE, visit https://www.ite.org/professional-and-career-development/leadershipite/

Application deadline for the class of 2021 is September 16, 2020.
ITE Guidance for Pandemic Traffic Counts and Studies

Available for free to all ITE members

To provide ITE members and practitioners guidance on the types of questions, issues, and decisions they will have to make regarding traffic counting in the fluid and dynamic circumstances of the current pandemic (or other future unusual circumstances), ITE has released What a Transportation Professional Needs to Know about Counts and Studies during a Pandemic.

Over the past four months, typical transportation activities have changed significantly with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have already witnessed altered home and work environments, travel patterns, and unprecedented reductions in congestion. As the pandemic transitions from outbreak to management, some of these changes are returning to normal while others are establishing a “new” normal.

In May 2020, an ITE Task Force was formed to address various questions the transportation profession is facing regarding the management of collecting traffic data during the pandemic and into the future. These are the findings and guidance from the Task Force. Much information is hyperlinked to various sources of information that our members may find of value.

The content presented here is dynamic. Many of the websites referenced in this guide are updated daily. We hope ITE members will contribute to the discussion about these revelations in real time (such as ITE e-Community or ITE Drop-Ins) as we engage together in greater understanding of the pandemic and its impacts to the transportation profession.
Solicitation for NEITE 2020 Awards
Nominations

The NEITE Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the following awards:

**Transportation Engineer of the Year**

The Transportation Engineer of the Year Award is intended to recognize outstanding technical proficiency by a member of NEITE. The Awards Committee shall consider only members who have displayed exceptional technical accomplishments in the form of written articles or reports, or development of a new concept and/or theory related to transportation engineering or major transportation projects.

**William P. McNamara Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award is intended to recognize outstanding service and contributions by a Section member to the activities and welfare of NEITE. The Awards Committee shall consider only members of entities of NEITE who have demonstrated an outstanding record of service to the Section. Former members of NEITE may also be recognized for his/her service while a Section member.

**Transportation Leadership Award**

The Transportation Leadership Award is intended to recognize an individual who is not a member of ITE who has made a major contribution to the transportation field. The Committee shall only consider potential candidates that have demonstrated a dedicated effort to major transportation projects in an effort to improve the movement of people and goods.

**Emerging Professional Award**

The Emerging Professionals Group Award is given to a deserving individual who has been a member of the Section / profession for five years or less.

Please send suggestions to jconley@vhb.com by September 4 2020. Winners will be announced at the NEITE Annual Meeting on November 2nd.
Welcome to our Newest Members!
Total Current Membership 600

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Robert Brisson
Maximilian Pavlov
Courtney Worhunsky
Matthew McCarthy
Jared Woolston
Emma Enteado
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Jennifer Babowicz
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Connecticut

The Connecticut Chapter hosted its Annual meeting via Zoom virtual meeting platform in accordance with guidance from Governor Ned Lamont regarding COVID-19.

The first portion of the event was student presentations, followed by insights into starting a student chapter of ITE from Gina DePasquale, President and founder of the University of Hartford ITE Student Chapter and winner of a 2020 scholarship award.

Scholarship and Election results were announced along with other business reports during the Chapter meeting. Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Officers and award recipients!

The technical portion of the meeting was a panel discussion of the transportation industry’s response to COVID-19. The discussion was moderated by Jason DeGray, PE, PTOE, ITE International Advocacy Committee Chair. Panelists included Jeff Paniati, ITE Executive Director, Robert Arnold, FHWA, and Mayuresh Khare, AECOM. The meeting had approximately 100 attendees, nearly double the typical annual meeting attendance.

Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Chapter is planning a virtual annual meeting to be held from September 29, 2020 to October 1, 2020. Announcements and elections will be held on October 1, 2020.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your Calendars for July 18-21, 2021 for the 2021 ITE Joint International and Western & Mountain Districts Annual Meeting! The 2021 Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Portland and the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon.
Professional Services Directory

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CITY OF HARTFORD
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES MANAGER
SALARY: $79,657.76 - $107,258.06 Annually
DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works
OPENING DATE: 08/12/20
CLOSING DATE: 09/18/20 05:00 PM

DESCRIPTION:
Vacancy in the Traffic Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works. Under administrative direction provides technical, administrative and managerial traffic engineering services for the City.

Plans, directs, supervises and reviews the work of the units in the Traffic Engineering Services Division of the Department of Public Works. Provides professional engineering planning, evaluation, design, advice, and assistance to City Departments and outside agencies regarding a variety of projects involving traffic.

Acts as the City’s Traffic Engineer. Schedules, assigns, coordinates and supervises the work of all units in the Traffic Engineering Services Division in the evaluation, design, specification preparation and cost estimating of the construction of all public works projects involving traffic, including but not limited to, streetscapes, traffic calming measures, traffic signalization, street signs and line striping.

Confers with City officials, agencies, commissioners and the public to provide advice on traffic engineering matters. Reviews and comments on Traffic Management Plans submitted by Developers and other departments. Provides support and assistance to colleagues with Public Works permit, involving traffic-related issues. Supervises all traffic data collection, studies or research relating to traffic, including but not limited to traffic counts, traffic patterns and speed studies. Directs the compilation and analysis of data and findings from traffic studies, field studies, traffic plans, drawings, etc to generate reports relating to traffic-related issues. Analyzes data, reports, and recommends changes or adjustments in signage, signalization and road markings to the Local Traffic Authority of the City. Prepares proposed traffic regulations for submittal to the Local Traffic Authority of the City. Responds to inquiries from residents, and attends NRZ and other traffic-related meetings as needed. May be required to perform additional related duties. This is a HMEA union position. The hours of work for this position are 40 hours per week. The above salary includes 5% in lieu of overtime.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:
The examination will consist of rating your training and experience as contained on your application and may also include a written test, an oral test or both. All parts of the examination, including tests and ratings, will be related to the requirements of the position. The examination is designated to measure knowledge of modern principles and practices of traffic engineering. Knowledge of all local, state and national standards as written in the Manual on Uniform Traffic control Devices (MUTCD).

Knowledge of engineering methods and techniques of traffic design, construction and maintenance of various traffic projects. Knowledge of municipal and regional planning and of the methods employed in conducting traffic engineering research. Knowledge of specialized Traffic Engineering Software customarily used in the profession. Ability to schedule, assign and supervise the work of a traffic engineering staff engaged in the design and construction of major...
traffic engineering projects. Ability to administer and coordinate the various functions of the Traffic Engineering Division. Ability to perform a wide variety of traffic research and prepare written technical reports and estimates. Ability to analyze complex traffic issues and conditions and to present clear and concise engineering recommendations. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, City officials, department heads, outside agencies and the public. Ability to interact with a diverse population. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS:

Work is performed primarily in an office environment and in various community settings with some travel to different sites. Incumbent may be required to work outdoors in all weather conditions, and to work in and around traffic and equipment. Incumbent also may be required to work a flexible schedule including evenings and weekends.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Open to all applicants who meet the following qualifications:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in an engineering field and five (5) years of increasingly responsible experience involving design, construction and contract administration for major municipal public works projects related to traffic engineering. Two (2) of the five (5) years of experience must have been in a supervisory capacity.

A Master's Degree in an engineering field may be substituted for a year of experience at the supervisory level.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Completion of the Local Traffic Authority Program offered through Connecticut Technology Transfer Center or similar organization preferred. Possession of a license as a Professional Engineer as issued by the State of Connecticut preferred.

Membership in Professional Organizations representing Transportation and Traffic Engineering. (ITE, ITS, and similar organizations) preferred.

HARTFORD RESIDENCY PREFERRED:

Preferably be a bona-fide resident of the City of Hartford at the time of application. A completed CITY OF HARTFORD RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT including proof of residency as indicated on the RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT may be submitted.

VETERAN’S PREFERENCE:

Preferential Points may be given to Eligible Veterans. Must submit a Veteran’s Preference Form, located on the hartford.gov/human resources page along with a DD-214 and Disability letter (if applicable) from the Office of Veteran’s Affairs.

The Human Resources Department provides reasonable accommodation to persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need an accommodation in the application or testing process, please contact the Human Resources Department.

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Typically short articles would consist of 1,000 to 2,500 words and feature articles would consist of 2,000 to 4,000 words. Each article should include a head shot and bio of all participating authors. Further details for each article submission can be given upon request.

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