Greetings!

President's Message

Hello WDCSITE members,

Hope you all are doing well.

One of the biggest initiatives this year has been to encourage involvement and participation among the student community of ITE. WDCSITE recognizes that today's students are tomorrow's leaders. Over the past several years, we have organized events such as resume reviews, career counseling, and student-led technical presentation events at Morgan State University and University of Maryland (College Park) to increase WDCSITE's outreach while presenting opportunities for students to interact with professionals in the transportation industry. Keeping up with these efforts, WDCSITE announces the WDCSITE Student Scholarship Program. As part of this program, two student scholarships of $500 each will be awarded each year towards fostering growth and career development of students enrolled in universities in WDCSITE geographical area. Additional information on these scholarships can be found below in this newsletter and also on our website. Please help spread the word about these scholarships and encourage all students/interns of this opportunity. A special shout out to Neelima Ghanta (HNTB) for all her hard work and coordination with ITE for initiating and getting the scholarship program off the ground.

In the upcoming months, WDCSITE area directors have grand plans for several meetings and events. Based on the recent feedback from the membership, we will continue to organize lunch meetings at agency offices while funneling other events to the afternoon and evenings. We are glad to have such a responsive membership and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the ongoing WDCSITE Mid-Year Survey. Please click here to make your voice heard and guide WDCSITE on our future endeavors.

Lastly, a quick note about a transition in our webmaster leadership. Alvaro Calle (VHB) and Bo Du (HNTB) are our new webmasters. Please reach out to them directly should you have any comments or input.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions on how we can make WDCSITE a more resourceful professional organization, please don't hesitate to
WDCSITE Scholarship Program

Washington DC Section Institute of Transportation Engineers (WDCSITE) has been serving transportation engineers and planners in the DC metro region for many years. We have brought our profession together through a variety of events in order to facilitate the exchange ideas and create synergy within the field. In addition, we have shown our commitment to the student community by offering students free access to WDCSITE events and meetings. These opportunities are meant to provide the student community with face-to-face interaction with transportation professionals. WDCSITE has also organized events such as resume workshops and career counseling sessions at various university campuses to engage students and build their professional skills.

Starting this year, we are taking our commitment to our future professionals to the next level by presenting an annual student scholarship. This scholarship aims to recognize students for their hard work, while encouraging them to fulfill their remaining course work in Transportation Engineering/Planning and pursue a career in the field of transportation. This scholarship is designed to provide financial support to students who have demonstrated extraordinary interest in the transportation field. Two undergraduate or graduate students will be provided scholarships in the amount of $500 each.

Please reach out to Neelima Ghanta for additional information. Please find the supporting background information, application, and referral form at the links located below:

| Background Information |
| Application Form |
| Application Referral Form |

2020 LeadershipITE - Deadline Approaching!

Transportation leaders navigating the evolution of our industry must be able to communicate, collaborate and advocate with diverse professions, disciplines and communities to reach common goals for safer, livable, more vibrant communities. It is clear that engineers, planners, and technologists, the core of the ITE membership, must be a part of these conversations. Our community must have the skills to not only engage but to lead. Developing the next generation of leaders is one of our key objectives. To this end, ITE has established LeadershipITE. It is a program to
Volunteers
Are you interested in volunteering with events, meetings, & other activities with WDCSITE? We are looking for motivated enthusiastic individuals to further WDCSITE’s goal and make us the professional organization of choice. Please contact Jon Crisafi or Adam Greenstein to volunteer.

Topics and Speakers
We are always looking for fresh ideas, topics, and presentations. If you are interested presenting at a WDCSITE event, please reach out to Vivek Hariharan.

Presentations from all transportation and related disciplines are welcome.

Register Now for the Upcoming WDCSITE Events!

Pedestrian Safety and Bus Service Design Joint Technical Workshop:
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Baltimore Impact Hub
10 E North Ave, Baltimore, MD 21202

Tentative Agenda:
- Presentation by Tom Hewitt, Director of Service Development at MDOT MTA, on Bus Service Design and Pedestrian Safety
- Q&A and Networking
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. The Impact Hub is BYOB, so you are welcome to bring other beverages with you.

Joint WDCSITE/WTS Technical Meeting and Orioles Game:
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2019
Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Orioles Game to follow
Location: WSP, 1 E. Pratt St., Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21202

Tentative Agenda:
- Wrong-Way Crash Analysis and Countermeasures in Maryland
  - Cameron Abedi - Traffic Engineer, JMT
- MDTA ITS Strategic Plan / I-895 TMS
  - Sushmita Mitra - Deputy Director of Engineering, Maryland Transportation Authority
- Networking and Group Departure to Baseball Game
WDCSITE Mailing List Input Form

As we move to purge redundant and obsolete email addresses from our database, please use the input form below to provide your most current and up-to-date contact information. Anyone who hasn't filled out this form by July 31, 2019 will be removed from the WDCSITE mailing list. See the link to the survey below.

WDCSITE Mid-Year Survey

Our survey is still open! Please provide your feedback on WDCSITE's year so far. Your input will help steer WDCSITE on the right path for a successful rest of the year. Remember, one lucky WDCSITE will be randomly selected for a $25 Amazon Gift Card. See the link to the survey above.

Facebook Page

Please visit WDCSITE's Facebook page. Click the 'like' button to show support and the 'follow' button to get instant updates on your Facebook feed. This is also a great way to connect with your old friends and peers in your professional circuit. In addition to Twitter, WDCSITE will use Facebook to engage its membership. WDCSITE and its leadership looks forward to your continued support and feedback.

ITE Annual Meeting Attendance Survey

Are you attending the 2019 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit? This year's meeting will take place from July 21-24 in Austin, Texas. If you will be attending, please click on the link below and let us know. We will use this list to provide further information about our section and district activities/events at this annual meeting while you are in Austin.

Are you attending 2019 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit this year?

Sponsorship Social Recap

WDCSITE organized a social at Denizens Brewing Co. at Silver Spring to say "Thank You" to our sponsors for the Year 2019. The continued support from these sponsors has enabled WDCSITE to better serve its membership. The social brought together a diverse group with different working backgrounds. There were approximately 20 attendees from both the public and private sector, with the amount of experience ranging from industry veterans to professionals recently out of college. There was a positive response to the food that was ordered, in both taste and variety, which everyone enjoyed. In addition, a few sponsoring companies brought marketing material to pass around.
June 2019 Technical Meeting at Loudoun County Recap

The WDCSITE held its first technical meeting at Loudoun County, expanding its outreach to all of Northern Virginia. The event had over 60 attendees, including public sector members from neighboring counties, private consultants, retirees and students. Joe Kroboth (Director of Loudoun DTCI) presented an overview of the County’s Capital Improvement program's history, funding, projects, and transit system. James Zeller (Deputy Director of DTCI) provided a summary on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) current transportation projects and respective funding sources. Lastly, Lou Mosurak (Loudoun DTCI's Senior Transportation Coordinator) presented the history of the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) and provided highlights of the 2010 CTP, as well as the vision for the Draft 2019 CTP. The presentation also summarized the County's travel demand modeling process.
Meet a Member: Phil Koloski

1. Please introduce yourself and tell us about your role in WDCSITE.

My name is Phil Koloski. I grew up in Bayonne, NJ and Chesapeake, VA. I received my Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech in 2014. I started my career in Richmond, VA and moved up to the DC metro area two years ago, now residing in Washington D.C. I currently serve on WDCSITE’s Newsletter Committee and also manage the WDCSITE Facebook account.

2. Please tell us about your family.

My parents currently live in Chesapeake, VA, while my twin brother lives in nearby Arlington, VA.

3. Please tell us something about your hobbies and activities outside work.

On my free time I enjoy traveling, exploring DC, running, and following my favorite sports teams (the New York Jets, Arsenal, and Virginia Tech - it’s a struggle!).

4. Tell us briefly about your work - firm/organization, your role. What does your typical workday look like?

I work for RS&H as a Transportation Associate. The majority of my work these days involves signal design and signal timing projects, but my background includes traffic operations analysis, roadway design, and drainage design.

5. What projects have you worked on that have had a big impact on your career or on a community?

I’ve really enjoyed the process and outcome of the signal timing projects that I’ve worked on - all located in North Carolina. These projects offer a relatively immediate and tangible positive difference to the members of those communities.

6. What is your favorite WDCSITE activity/event you have participated in and what activity/event/presentation would you like to see next?

Not to avoid picking a single event, but I’ve really enjoyed the WDCSITE joint technical meetings with the local counties, i.e. Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun. I enjoy the engagement with the public sector and learning about their long-term vision.
7. When and how did you get involved with ITE and how has your involvement in ITE, especially WDCSITE, helped your career?

I got involved with ITE through Vivek Hariharan, who I work with at RS&H and is currently the president of the WDCSITE chapter. Through ITE, I've developed a better understanding as to what issues are affecting the transportation industry. In addition, ITE has given me a great opportunity to meet other professionals that are willing to share their experiences in the industry.

8. What topic (besides connected and autonomous vehicles) are you most interested in seeing progress in the next 10-15 years in the transportation industry?

In an age where we are constrained by funding and right-of-way, among other parameters, what type of creative solutions can our generation of industry professionals come up with to relieve the heavy congestion of our transportation network? How do we address the challenges that we face as a result of rapid urbanization in regions that were afflicted by decades of suburban sprawl? These are issues that are very relevant to the region that we live in.

9. What advice would you give to a young transportation engineer?

Embrace every new challenge - even those well outside your comfort zone. Don't be afraid to work on projects outside of your realm of expertise or particular field of interest. Everything is a learning experience! For example, my experiences in roadway design have given me a unique perspective to the traffic-centric projects that I currently work on.
We would love to hear your thoughts / comments / suggestions on the newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to our newsletter committee!

Thank You,

Dana Slone, Krishna Patnam & Philip Koloski
Newsletter Committee