Greetings!

President's Message

Hello WDCSITE,

Spring is here! and I can't believe it's already March of 2019!

We have already had three eventful months and the upcoming months on our calendar promises to be more engaging. The MCDITE / SDITE Annual Meeting is just around the corner with an array of interesting technical meetings, social gatherings, and workshops. One of the most appealing aspects of ITE, to me, has been the technical meetings fused with networking events. This annual meeting will showcase a flavor of both. With this annual meeting being a joint event between our Mid-Colonial District and the Southern District, I am sure it will showcase a good flavor of aspects. I hope you will enjoy the meeting and I look forward to seeing you there.

I also wanted to provide a brief update on a couple items on which we have made significant progress over the past few months. One of the primary goals of this year is to figure out ways to engage and increase public participation within WDCSITE. Towards that the public agency committee convened this past month for the first time to discuss ideas and set goals for WDCSITE to pursue over the next few months. Over the coming months, we will be taking steps based on this committee's recommendation to foster an open conversation amongst our membership.

One of the other goals for 2019 is to reach out to the membership at venues where WDCSITE has not organized events before. We are holding a meeting at Arlington County, VA, on March 28th. Following this meeting, William Capers (Fairfax County DOT) has put together an exciting program for a meeting at Fairfax County offices on April 22nd. In addition, for the first time, WDCSITE will be organizing a meeting at Prince William County office on May 6th. Additional information about these events is being advertised via this newsletter and regular email blasts. Hope to see you there!

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 reach out to me via email or phone (703-220-2203).

Sincerely,

[Name]
WDCSITE/ITSMD Event at Morgan State

WDCSITE and ITSMD jointly held their annual student workshop and technical meeting at Morgan State University on March 7, 2019. Students had the opportunity to meet with panels of transportation professionals in mock interviews, and they met with other transportation experts to improve and refine their resumes as they prepare to enter the professional industry. Networking opportunities were abound between students and professionals between the workshop and social settings with food. There were two featured technical presentations. Carole Delion from MDOT SHA presented on Maryland's updates on connected and automated vehicles, gearing the presentations towards students to engage them in the topic. Dr. Celeste Chavis of Morgan State University presented alongside several of her students on the topic of food deserts in Baltimore and the associated transportation challenges residents face when purchasing groceries.

Adam Greenstein with the Morgan State University meeting attendees
To view the current job postings via WDCSITE, please click on the image above.

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.

Meet a Member: Mitchell Holtzman

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

My passion for transportation started during a two-term co-op in the highway design section at the Iowa DOT. I graduated with a Masters in CE with a transportation emphasis from Iowa State University. I worked in Des Moines, Iowa for over 3 years at a transportation consulting firm and moved to Northern Virginia last October. I started my current role with WDCSITE as the webmaster in December. As the secretary for my student chapter of ITE at Iowa State, I performed a similar role.

2. Please tell us about your family.

I live in Reston with my wife, Lori. We also have two dogs, Val and Mac, and two cats, Arthur and Bean.
3. **Please tell us something about your hobbies and activities outside work.**

I have a passion for volleyball. I usually play twice a week, and I coach a 15 and under girls club team in Northern Virginia. I have also worked as a high school volleyball referee in the past. Outside of that, I enjoy working out and spending time outside with my dogs hiking or running.

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

Upon moving to Northern Virginia, I started working for Kimley-Horn in Reston. My typical day varies depending on the wide range of interesting local projects that I'm working on that week. Recently, I have regularly done work regarding road design, drainage, and pavement markings.

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

One of the major projects that I worked on in Iowa was a primary connector from downtown Des Moines to the southeastern suburbs. This project is making it possible for travelers to cut several minutes off their daily commute, and there is already a noticeable increase in businesses in a previously unused area of the city.

I also worked on a project in Hiawatha, Iowa, where I did a majority of the design for a diverging diamond interchange. I really enjoyed this project because it was a couple of miles from the house where I grew up. The project addressed the problem of a highly congested interchange that would regularly back up onto the interstate during the evening commute. I very much enjoyed the opportunity to renew a work relationship with a large client in Iowa.

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

My favorite event so far was my very first event, the Annual Conference and Business Meeting in November. I liked all the great presentations and roundtable discussions. I'm looking forward to the summer meeting that will include a baseball game.

7. **When and how did you get involved with ITE and how has your involvement in ITE, especially WDCSITE, helped your career?**

I first started getting involved with ITE at Iowa State University, where I held the position of secretary. I immediately continued my involvement with the local chapter after starting my professional career. WDCSITE has been great for me, because it has helped me build amazing relationships with other professionals.

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?**

I'm very interested in innovative intersections and interchanges. I think that we need...
Baltimore Area Director

Seth Young
District Representative & Immediate Past President

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

As a young transportation engineer myself, I would tell someone to work on as many projects as possible. I think that the best way to learn is through experience. Finding a wide range of jobs that present different challenges is the best way to gain that experience, in my opinion. I think it is also important to have a great mentor, that can turn mistakes into a great learning opportunity.

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WDCSITE Name Change Survey Results

The geographic limits of WDCSITE includes Washington DC, Maryland, and four counties in Northern Virginia - Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William. Over the past several years, WDCSITE has received requests to evaluate its section name "Washington DC" Section of ITE as it does not accurately represent the areas we encompass and serve. In the year 2018, WDCSITE conducted a survey and requested input from the membership in this regard.

We received an overwhelming response from the membership and we thank each and everyone who participated in this important survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable in guiding the board to make future decisions. We also received excellent suggestions on alternate names for the Washington DC section which will also be taken into consideration. The WDCSITE board will be discussing the results of this survey and investigating the next steps. If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact Seth Young, WDCSITE Past President. The graph below shows the results of the survey conducted last year.

The WDCSITE will analyze the results and reach out the membership with additional information in the coming months.

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Fairfax and Prince William County Meetings - Registration Open!

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**Fairfax County Meeting:**

**Date:** April 22, 2019  
**Time:** 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax VA)  
**Tentative Agenda:**
- Route 1 (Richmond Highway) BRT. Speaker: Vanessa Aguayo  
- Cut Through Traffic Policies in Fairfax County due to Mapping / Navigation Applications. Speaker: Vanessa Holt  
- Site Development in Tysons Corner. Speaker: Greg Fuller

[Register Now]

**Prince William County Meeting:**

**Date:** May 6, 2019  
**Time:** 11:00 am to 1:30 pm  
**Location:** McCoart Building - Powells Creek Conference Room, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA 22192  
**Tentative Agenda:**
- Overview of Prince William County Transportation Program. Speaker: Paolo Belita, Planning and Programming Manager  
- Ongoing Transportation Projects. Speaker: Rick Canizales, Director of Transportation

[Register Now]

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**ITE Election Results**

Randy McCourt, P.E., PTOE (F) was elected as the 2020 International President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and Alyssa A. Reynolds Rodriguez, P.E., PTOE (F) was elected as the 2020 International Vice President. Both will take office in January of 2020.

Randy McCourt is Principal with DKS Associates in Portland, Oregon, USA. Randy has been a passionate member of ITE since 1976, holding positions at the Section, District, and International levels, including a three-year term on the International Board of Direction. His goals for serving the membership include engagement, partnership, and action. Randy has witnessed tremendous technology changes in the industry. His primary goal is to facilitate a balance of listening to our members’ desires for the future and addressing the complexities of the 21st century transportation industry.
transportation work experience. For more information about Randy, you can read his candidate statement.

Alyssa A. Reynolds Rodriguez is the Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Henderson, Nevada, USA. She has held various positions at the Chapter, Section, District, and International level. Her member engagement philosophy is that ITE is poised for growth, having experienced significant change over the last four years. In order to capitalize on the strong base of ITE leaders and facilitate sustainable expansion, as an organization, ITE will need to foster its legacy, embrace diversity, create opportunity, and sponsor and encourage new leaders. For more information on Alyssa, you can review her candidate brochure.

"Randy has a long history of leadership and service to ITE at the Section, District, and International levels and will be an outstanding ITE President. We were fortunate to have two highly qualified Vice President candidates as evidenced by this being the closet election in at least the last 40 years. We welcome Alyssa to the ITE leadership team," said Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E. (F), ITE Executive Director and CEO.

ITE thanks Vice-President candidate Lynn A. LaMunyon, P.E., PTOE, IMSA II (F) for running a positive and professional campaign, and looks forward to her continued leadership of the Traffic Engineering Council and within the Northeastern District.

Local Transportation News: Queue Jumping in DC

At six DC intersections, bus customers now get a jump on traffic. Metrobuses now get the green light ahead of other traffic at six key intersections in the District of Columbia. New "bus only" traffic signals allow buses to proceed through the intersections before the standard traffic signals turn green, allowing the bus to proceed ahead of other vehicles. The technology, known as "queue jump," is part of a package of improvements designed to speed bus trips and keep service on time. The new signal system gives priority to transit vehicles by displaying a short "proceed" indication on the "bus only" signal before providing a green light to other vehicles. The system enhances safety allowing the bus to pull away from the bus stop without relying on other motorists to yield to the bus.

"This is a major step forward to provide faster, safer, and more reliable bus service for thousands of daily Metrobus riders," said Metro General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Paul J. Wiedefeld. "I want to thank our partners at the District Department of Transportation for their support of the program, and we look
Department of Transportation for their support of the program, and we look forward to expanding this technology to other intersections in the future."

"DDOT is committed to improving the transportation network across the District and under Mayor Bowser’s leadership we’ll continue to support more reliable bus service for residents by embracing technology as a way to reduce congestion and improve bus times," said District Department of Transportation Director Jeff Marootian.

The six locations where the new signals are active are:

- 16th & U Street NW - Northbound
- Georgia Avenue & Columbia Road NW - Southbound
- Georgia Avenue & Irving Street NW - Southbound
- Georgia Avenue & Piney Branch Road NW - Southbound
- New York Avenue, 11th Street & I Street NW - Northbound
- 16th Street & Irving Street NW - Eastbound

When a Metrobus is stopped at the intersection, the bus-only traffic signal indicates when to proceed with a vertical bar, which serves as the bus' green light. After three seconds a flashing triangle shows the priority signal is about to end, followed by a horizontal bar that buses no longer have priority and must obey normal traffic signals.

Metrobuses on 15 routes travel through these intersections daily and are expected to benefit - S1, S2, S4, S9, 70, 79, 64, G8, D32, H1, H2, H3, H4, H8, W47.

The new queue jump system was funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant provided through the DDOT as part of a package of improvements.

### 2019 Mid-Colonial & Southern District Joint Annual Meeting

The joint Mid-Colonial and Southern District Annual Meeting is being held from March 31 to April 3, 2019 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. This event is anticipated to include participation from transportation professionals from over 15 states. The annual meeting includes numerous technical sessions with engineering and planning tracks, a golf event, a much anticipated social event sponsored by the Associated Business Division (ABD), spouse/guest program, and a half-day professional development seminar.

**When: March 31 - April 3, 2019**
**Where: Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA 22202**

All information including the schedule, list of technical programs, information about travel and accommodations and sponsorship can be found at the conference website: [https://2019.sdite.org/](https://2019.sdite.org/)

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- **Registration Desk** - Sunday and Monday in particular.
- **A/V Support** - During the technical sessions, assisting the moderator with any A/V needs and being a liaison between each meeting session and the Local Arrangements Committee, in case any needs come up.
- **Meal Ticket Takers** - Helps keep count during meals, etc for statistics for current and future meetings.
- **ABD Exhibit Support** - Help in the exhibit area, help field and address requests during the exhibit area setup and installation.
- **ABD Tear Down** - Help with keeping order during teardown, assisting the exhibitors as needed.

Enter your availability here if you are interested in volunteering: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VaRMgQAwcvFI-EU8x8jSB7gWZasLOwOhk2QQPPV1Es/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VaRMgQAwcvFI-EU8x8jSB7gWZasLOwOhk2QQPPV1Es/edit?usp=sharing)

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### Current Job Openings

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Thank You,

Dana Slone, Krishna Patnam & Philip Koloski
Newsletter Committee