Greetings!

President’s Message

Hello WDCSITE,

Hope you all are doing well.

Over the next month, WDCSITE is going to embark on one of the most important agenda items of the year. After serving as the Baltimore Area Director for the last two years with great gusto, Adam Greenstein moves into his new role as the WDCSITE’s 2020 Secretary. WDCSITE is conducting an election to fill the vacated Baltimore Area Directorship and will be emailing ballots. After an extensive review of the candidates, I am delighted to announce two amazing and qualified candidates for this role - Elisa Mitchell and Chris Peducci. Please click on each of the names to view the bios of the candidates. I encourage every single member to cast their ballot and make their opinion heard, as this will help shape WDCSITE’s future.

WDCSITE has a long standing tradition of recognizing outstanding contributions by professionals in our field. Every year WDCSITE presents five awards: Morris J. Rotherberg Past President’s Award, Amy Polk Young Engineer of the Year Award, Appreciation Award, Transportation Service Award, and Community Transportation Award. Additional information about each of these awards are included in this newsletter. Professionals in the DMV area have always been at the forefront of providing groundbreaking, innovative, and community-friendly transportation solutions. If you are aware of such a professional who deserves special recognition, please review the criteria for the awards and send your nominations to me at vivek.hariharan@rsandh.com. I can tell you first-hand based on the previous years’ experience that there is no greater recognition than being nominated by your peers for an award.

Lastly, as you are aware, the 2019 WDCSITE Annual Meeting will be held on November 14, 2019 at the National Union Building. David Duarte is spearheading efforts to put this signature event together and the more help, ideas, and resources he has, the better this event will be. If you are interested in volunteering with this event, please reach out to him.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions on how we can make
Baltimore Area Director Elections

WDCSITE will be holding an election for the position of Baltimore Area Director. The new director will replace the outgoing Adam Greenstein, who will serve as Secretary of WDCSITE starting in 2020. Click the links below to access the biographies of these highly qualified candidates running for the position.

Elisa Mitchell

Chris Peduzzi

Nominations for 2019 WDCSITE Awards

WDCSITE is requesting nominations for its annual awards. Since 1983, the Section has presented annual awards to recognize outstanding contributions by local professionals in the transportation industry. Please send your paragraph-long nominations for one or more awards to Vivek Hariharan, 2019 WDCSITE President. Descriptions of the each award are as follows:

Morris J. Rothenberg Past President’s Award

Nominees should:

- be a Section member in good standing,
- be a past or current active member of Section committees,
- be an officer or former officer of ITE at the Section, District, or International level. 

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.

2019 WDCSITE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Vivek Hariharan
President

Register Now for Upcoming WDCSITE Events!

2019 WDCSITE TSMO/CAV Meeting and Technical Tour at MDOT SHA

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Time: 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: MDOT SHA Office of Traffic and Safety, 7491 Connelley Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

Tentative Agenda:

- 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM - Registration and Networking
- 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM - Technical Presentations from MDOT SHA Office of CHART and ITS Development

Amy Polk Young Engineer of the Year Award
Nominees should:

- be less than 35 years of age,
- be a current member of the Section in good standing, and
- be a Section officer or active committee member.

Appreciation Award
Nominees should:

- have been a Section member in good standing for at least ten years,
- be an active or past member of Section committees,
- have a history of regular attendance at Section meetings,
- participate in Section activities other than formal committees or elected offices, and
- be otherwise unrecognized for his or her contributions to the Section.

Transportation Service Award
This award is intended to honor those members of the Section who have made outstanding contributions to the profession. Nominees should:

- be a current active member in good standing,
- have made a significant contribution to the transportation or traffic engineering profession through active service over a ten-year period with a public agency, private company, or college/university in the Section area, or
- have made a significant contribution to the transportation or traffic profession through a single unusual or outstanding act to advance the traffic, transportation, or educational programs within the Section area.

Community Transportation Award
The purpose of this award is to recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to transportation systems in the area. Nominees should:

- be either a member or non-member of ITE,
- have made a significant contribution to transportation in the Section area through long term work with a public agency or private company involved in traffic operations, or
- have made a significant contribution to transportation in the Section area through a single unusual or outstanding act.
2019 ITE Project Change Management Workshop at DDOT

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: DDOT Headquarters, 55 M St SE, Room 439 (A/B) - 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20003

Tentative Agenda:

- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Registration and Networking
- 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Panel Discussions (Dinner will be served)
  - Abi Lerner, VDOT
  - Sowmya Dey, DDOT
  - Greer Gillis, GDS
  - Christine Sherman Baker, Arlington DOT

Project of the Year Award and Scholarship Program - Deadline September 30, 2019

WDCSITE Project of the Year Award
This award is given to a project that applied innovative methods and techniques to solve a transportation problem/issue for the overall betterment of the community. The project should clearly demonstrate the use of effective and trend setting solutions that reflect in-depth knowledge in the field of transportation.

WDCSITE Scholarship Program
WDCSITE is introducing an annual student scholarship intended for future transportation professionals. 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 visit the WDCSITE website for more information about both initiatives.
The WDCSITE Board is spearheading an effort to lead and participate in STEM events in our region with school students to increase youth awareness around transportation. You as WDCSITE members have a unique opportunity to participate in these activities through the Maryland STEM Festival, which is a month-long celebration of STEM all around the state from October 11 through November 10.

One of ITE’s primary goals as an organization is to promote transportation to school students through STEM activities, while encouraging them to consider future studies and career paths in transportation and related fields. We would love to have you join us at these events to help engage students in transportation-related activities. Below are the planned events.

**October 12 - Maker Day Celebration - Columbia**
- Location: Universities Space Research Association (USRA) - 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046
- Time: 2-5pm
- Age group(s): all

**October 19 - Middle School Community Transportation Event - Takoma Park**
- Location: Takoma Park Community Center - 7315 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912
- Time: 3:30-5pm

**November 2 - 1st Annual Cambridge STEM Day - Cambridge**
- Location: Cannery Way - 400 block of Race Street, Cambridge, MD 21613
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Age group(s): all

**Week of November 4 (date TBD) - Middle School Transportation Event - Takoma Park**
- Location: Takoma Park Middle School - 7611 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910
- Time: TBD (during the school day)

**November 9 - Morgan State University STEM Expo - Baltimore**
- Location: Murphy Fine Arts Center - 2201 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218
- Time: 10am-2pm
- Age group(s): all

Please contact Adam Greenstein (410-246-3843) if you would like to volunteer at any of the events.

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**2019 WDCSITE Technical Meeting at VDOT**

WDCSITE held a technical meeting at the VDOT NoVA Office.

The event had approximately 45 attendees, including retirees, students, private consultants, VDOT staff and other public sector members from neighboring entities (Fairfax County, Montgomery County, MWCOG).

Bud Siegel (NOVA District’s LAP Program Manager) presented an overview of the Major Functions of the Local Administered Program (LAP).
Local Administered Program and changes to the LAP Delivery. Major functions of the LAP Section includes fiduciary oversight and assisting localities (counties, cities, towns) with the administration of transportation projects using state and/or federal funds. Bud announced to the group that after 21 years, he will be leaving VDOT to seek new endeavors at the Town of Leesburg.

Bill Cutler (NOVA District's Construction Engineer) discussed various transportation-related statistics pertaining to Northern Virginia: 2.4 million residents, 14,000 lane miles and more than 500 miles of regional bike facilities. Bill oversees $500 to $700 million in construction projects in a given year. The presentation included various construction programs within VDOT, as well as regional project budgets and schedules. Much construction is taking place around the region, including I-66 eastbound widening inside the beltway and Route 7 widening from Tysons to Reston.

The third presenter of the evening was Abi Lerner (Associate Manager of Special Project Development, a section of VDOT Megaprojects), but not before receiving the International Director Award. Abi's presentation was on the I-495 Express Lanes extension from the Dulles Toll Road to the American Legion Bridge and beyond into Maryland. The goal of the project is to reduce congestion, provide additional travel choices and improve travel reliability. However, there are challenges, such as minimizing disruptions to the existing nature of GW Memorial Parkway, tolling concessionaire compatibility between Virginia and Maryland, bridge widening, and acquiring R/W.

The event was well attended and folks seemed to enjoy the selection of boxed dinner sandwiches from Panera.
Baltimore Park/Stream Cleanup and Technical Discussion on Parks Recap

Thanks to the ITE Members and their families who paddled the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River to collect trash. The fifteen attendees collected almost thirty bags worth of trash plus an animal carrier and plastic trunk. Many thanks to Molly Gallant and her staff at Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks (BCRP) for guiding our Canoe 'N Scoop.

Meeting attendees discussed the issues facing the Middle Branch Park area and the many potential future paths to redevelopment. Attendees gained perspective to some of these issues, including trash pollution partly caused by refuse thrown into storm drains by people assuming it is treated, shallow waterways in need of dredging, and the poor conditions of the Hanover Street Bridge. Improvements considered as part of the ongoing Middle Branch waterfront design competition aim to provide connectivity between surrounding land uses, such as turning the Spring Gardens Swing Bridge into a pedestrian bridge.

It was a beautiful, sunny day to enjoy the unique recreational facilities the City has to offer and to take just a few hours out of our busy schedules to remind us how our consumption habits and actions can have a negative environmental impact.
Meet-a-Member: Anjuli Tapia

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

My name is Anjuli Tapia and I'm an associate transportation engineer with Fehr & Peers DC. I grew up in Silver Spring, MD and I'm a graduate of the University of Maryland's Civil Engineering Program and have been working in the industry for the past eight years. I started my career in Southern California, and in 2015 moved back to the DC area to help open the Fehr & Peers DC office. I'm currently serving as the WDCSITE liaison to the UMD ITE Student Chapter.

2. Please tell us about your family.

I come from a mixed background. My mother is American and my father was born and raised in India. I'm happy to be back in Silver Spring, MD, where I live with my husband, and surrounded by family.

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

I love sports, particularly soccer, and am very passionate about self-care. For me, self-care includes dancing, hiking, yoga, and meditation.

4. Tell us briefly about your work - firm/organization, your role. What does your typical workday look like?
I'm an associate at Fehr & Peers DC, as well as the Operations Manager for the office. About half my time is spent managing projects, while the other half is spent managing staff, recruiting, and maintaining operational rigor. My typical workday is spent reviewing technical work, developing project work plans, providing project management advice, checking in with other project managers on project status, and communicating with clients. I wear many different hats on any given day, and it never gets dull.

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

I managed the development of the TripsDC trip generation tool with DDOT which was my first project in this region and a great learning experience to stretch my project management skills. I've also been working on the Purple Line Light Rail Project over the last four years and it's been my first design-build project. We've completed the traffic impact analysis, MOT analysis, and pedestrian safety assessments, and working on such a large scale project with so many moving parts has been great exposure.

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

I always enjoy the annual meetings because they bring so many people together in one room. You often miss each other at individual events, but I can count on seeing everyone at the annual meeting. I'm looking forward to this year's event.

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

The previous UMD Liaison reached out to me and asked if I would be interested in the position. It just happened to be good timing in my work-life and personal life that I felt I could take on a little more responsibility. My involvement has helped my career by connecting me with a new network of engineers who are all committed to this common cause. It's been fun to realize how much you have in common with others.

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 interested to see how complete streets design evolves with consideration for micromobility and the multimodal demands at the curb.

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

Make sure to get internships and to expose yourself to different work environments. Sometimes, figuring out what you don't want is just as important as figuring out what you do want.
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