Greetings!

**President's Message**

Hi WDCSITE,

I hope this summer edition of the WDCSITE Newsletter finds you healthy and safe. Despite everything going on it's important to persevere. We all have a responsibility to adapt to changing circumstances and to make the best with what's available. At ITE and our local section we know that firsthand. The virtual drop-in session with Trish Hendren is an example of just that. We were able to have an enlightening virtual discussion with Trish about the future of funding sources. I'm sure that all those who attended alongside myself were very appreciative of her time to join us for this session. Many thanks to Adam Greenstein and others in leadership for your efforts in planning this event. We continue to work towards bringing more great content for you in the coming months.

Another prime example of the perseverance necessary in these times is the outstanding job that ITE HQ and the Southern District are doing with adapting the International Annual Meeting to a virtual setting. The nine-day program spread out for three weeks will be full of great content and exciting collaboration. Full, By Week, and By Day Registrations are still available so I encourage you to check it out! This is an excellent opportunity for me to remind you of the benefits involved with being an official ITE member. Not only do you receive discounts for this monumental ITE International Annual Meeting but you also qualify for event discounts at the Section and District level. The following links lead you to ITE's membership benefits and their portal to join. My favorite aspect of the benefits is breadth and depth of the learning and networking opportunities. I really enjoy staying in the know through the e-Community forum.

WDCSITE is also looking forward as we continue to adapt. Several of our events last year had an important in-person component but nonetheless we are working on ways to provide content for our members. Our flagship event in November is the WDCSITE Annual Conference, which we have been waiting to see if an in-person component will become feasible. As we near November it's becoming clearer that a virtual event will be the focus, so we are committed to providing an engaging event later in the fall.
If you are interested in working with the Board and Leadership groups to curate engaging topics for presentations or other resources, please reach out to any one of us. Our priority is to keep the Section connected throughout the year and I hope you can be a part of that effort.

As always, please stay safe. Thank you for being involved in the WDSCSITE community.

Cheers,
David Duarte
2020 WDSCSITE President

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**ITE International 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting Registration Open**

Registration is still open for the ITE International 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Exhibit. The event will include more than 30 technical sessions, thought leader perspectives on key topics such as equity in transportation and the utilization of big data/data analytics, more than 65 exhibitors showcasing products and services, and will feature more than 40 poster presenters. In addition, the program for the National Rural ITS Annual Conference will be integrated into the annual meeting, with a track focusing specifically on topics relating to rural intelligent transportation systems.

In addition, the Annual Meeting will feature local WDSCSITE representation. Randy Boice from JMT and Enrique Gonzalez from Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure will be conducting a poster presentation for the County’s innovative Intersection Improvement Prioritization Program. Their presentation, followed by a Q&A session, will take place on Thursday, August 6th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM ET. Please see the [program](#) on the Annual Meeting website for more information.
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 Elisa Mitchell 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 David Duarte.

Presentations from all transportation and related disciplines are welcome.

2020 WDCSITE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The schedule for the 2020 Annual Meeting and Exhibition is as follows:

**Tuesday, August 4th to Thursday, August 6th**
Starting at 11:00 AM ET
Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations

**Tuesday, August 11th to Thursday, August 13th**
Starting at 11:00 AM ET
Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations, and Workshops

**Tuesday, August 18th to Thursday, August 20th**
Starting at 11:00 AM ET
ITE Council and Committee Meetings

Please see the link below for additional information, including the meeting agenda, details about the technical program and registration, and the list of exhibitors.

### ITE Virtual Annual Meeting and Exhibition

#### LeadershipITE Goes Virtual

ITE International announced that the LeadershipITE program will be virtual in 2021. By transitioning to a virtual experience, ITE aims to increase the opportunity for all members to participate in the program, since the cost and time constraints of travel are eliminated.

LeadershipITE aims to help our transportation professionals grow into being leaders of the industry. To learn more about the program curriculum, the application process, schedule, scholarships, and more, please visit the website below.

#### LeadershipITE 2021 Virtual Program

WDCSITE Members COVID-19 Response Stories

We previously asked for feedback from WDCSITE members on how they have responded to COVID-19. One such submission is from AECOM which has launched a resiliency initiative to address the global pandemic. Their initiative includes the following:

- A new technology platform called TRIPS that supports transit agencies’ safe return to service. TRIPS integrates multiple technologies to inform a transit rider’s decisions and create a safe, seamless passenger journey.
- A new digital platform for environmental documentation and improved stakeholder engagement.
- A new virtual, globally available public consultation tool that allows clients to continue driving public engagement with their projects during the coronavirus pandemic.
WDCSITE understands that this has been a challenging time for many people, including for our industry as whole. We continue to collect your insights and stories on how COVID-19 has transformed transportation in our region and will share a selection of your stories in the next few editions of our newsletter.

Please make your submissions (or any questions) to Phil Koloski.

### Eastern Transportation Coalition Meeting Recap

WDCSITE held a virtual drop-in on Thursday July 23 with Trish Hendren, Executive Director of The Eastern Transportation Coalition (TETC; formerly the I-95 Corridor Coalition). Trish spoke on alternative methods being considered to pay for transportation. TETC is leading the exploration of replacing the fuel tax with a mileage-based user fee (MBUF), focusing on issues involving out-of-state travel, tolling, privacy, equity, and administrative challenges. Trish shared what TETC has learned thus far and some of their upcoming activities.

The event was recorded and will be made available for public view online in the coming weeks.
Meet-a-Member: Mitsuru Tanaka

1. Please introduce yourself and tell us about your role in WDCSITE.
My name is Mitsuru Tanaka. I was born and grew up in Japan, but I came to the U.S. and graduated from the University of Delaware with a Masters’ Degree in 1998. I started working in the greater Philadelphia area, then came down to Northern Virginia in 2013. My current role in WDCSITE is contributing membership and meeting registration fees.

2. Please tell us about your family.
My wife, Mikiko, and I have four children - three girls and one boy. Our oldest child is 16 years old and the youngest one is 9 years old. We also have a male Shiba-Inu, a Japanese dog with curly tail, at home. We all live together in Fairfax County, VA.

3. Please tell us something about your hobbies and activities outside work.
I often play tennis, at least twice a week. I competitively play and attend the United States Tennis Association (USTA) leagues and tournaments, although they have unfortunately been canceled due to the pandemic for this summer. I also play golf and softball socially. Other than that, my hobby is going out with young folks for happy hours after work.
4. Tell us briefly about your work - firm/organization, your role. What does your typical workday look like?
I currently work for EXP U.S. Services (EXP) in Washington DC as the Traffic Team Lead for the Mid-Atlantic Sector. My typical workday starts with having a cup of dark coffee, then checking daily assignments, talking with the team, searching new RFPs, reading local transportation news, attending project/proposal meetings, and assigning/reviewing technical traffic design/study work.

5. What projects have you worked on that have had a big impact on your career or on a community?
The Purple Line project changed many things for my career. The position I had for the design-build project required me to work in a different style, which included team management and coordination work rather than doing the technical traffic designs and studies. It was very hard work, but it was also a precious experience to me.

6. What is your favorite WDCSITE, activity/event you have participated in and what activity/event/presentation would you like to see next?
I like attending WDCSITE’s tours. I especially enjoy visiting the places that we normally do not have access to, such as traffic management centers and research centers. I like to see site tours for innovative and unique transportation designs and systems with presentations from the owners.

7. When and how did you get involved with ITE and how has your involvement in ITE, especially WDCSITE, helped your career?
My supervisor at my first job strongly encouraged me to attend the local ITE meetings for professional networking. Since then, I have kept attending the local ITE meetings regardless of where I am. WDCSITE truly helped me a lot to meet new people when I moved down to the greater DC area several years ago. I really thank the organization.

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 bet that nobody would have thought about this a year ago, but the current pandemic event may permanently change the transportation industry. I would like to see how public transportation systems are going to evolve for the riders’ safety and the systems’ survival.

9. What advice would you give to a young transportation engineer?
These are my policies but a few things: keep learning new things as having fun, enjoy working with coworkers, and be honest and always do your best.

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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, Eric Tang, & Philip Koloski
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