



Wisconsin Section News

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Upcoming Newsletter

If you would like something published in the next newsletter contact: Stephanie Sward at swards@cityoflacrosse.org

New: ITE Wisconsin Safety Council

The ITE Wisconsin Section is working to develop several technical councils to align with the national structure. As part of this, the section is creating the Wisconsin Safety Council. This council will be led by Christian Sternke (TADI) and Dan Brugman (WisDOT).

With the national push to have performance-based practical design in all transportation investment decisions, safety is emphasized more than ever. This council will serve as a platform to discuss various safety topics and best practices used across the state. This council will share valuable information to members on the latest safety research, studies, and innovations within the practice as we work towards eliminating fatal and injury crashes.

The council will hold a kick-off meeting in July which will discuss the frequency of meetings and future formats. Virtual Meeting, Microsoft Teams, Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, 12P-1P. If you're interested in joining the council please reach out to either Christian (csternke@tadi-us.com) or Dan (daniel.brugman@dot.wi.gov) and you will be added to the notification list. More information will be posted in the future on the ITE WI website (<https://itewisconsin.org/safetycouncil>).

The council hopes to cover a range of topics including how groups are using safety data, safety analysis methods and processes, intersection safety, safe systems approach, innovative designs, vulnerable road user safety, and education. Please feel free to send any topic suggestions, or if you'd like to share any experiences with the group on a specific project or concept.



President's Message

By Jess Billmeyer

I write this on my kids last day of school with the joy of looking forward to a great summer. We've had a great quarter in ITE Wisconsin!

We hosted the Traffic Engineering Workshop and Transportation Planning forum in April. We had great attendance at our first in-person event since the beginning of the pandemic. It was great to see everyone in person and begin reforming those connections that have been on hold for two years! Special thanks to John Bieberitz and the rest of the organizing committee for putting on a great event!

In May, we hosted our annual Fox Valley meeting in Green Bay and it was great to catch up with old and new friends at the meeting. It was our first attempt at a hybrid section meeting and the results were encouraging enough for us to plan to try to make most of our meeting events have both an in-person and virtual component. We talked about the virtual component may open the door for gathering at a locations around the state (WisDOT Region offices?) to add a networking option to the remote meeting attendees. Let me know your thoughts on that.

We have officially launched our ITE Wisconsin Technical Councils! Thank you to those leading the councils and those who have participated already. If you would like to get involved in one, more, or all the technical councils, please reach out to the leaders below to be added to their lists! Be on the lookout for their meetings and make a plan to attend.

Council	Chair	Contact
Traffic Engineering	Kevin Wehner	kwehner@klengineering.com
Safety	Christian Sternke Dan Brugman	csternke@tadi-us.com daniel.brugman@dot.wi.gov
TSMO	Todd Szymkowski	tszymkowski@gfnet.com
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Planning	Jerry Shadewald	jshadewald@hntb.com
SimCap	Rob Beuthling Vicki Haskell	rbeuthling@hntb.com vicki.haskell@dot.wi.gov

We are beginning to plan for the 2024 ITE Great Lakes District Meeting that will be hosted by our Wisconsin Section. Our first task is to identify a city and venue to host the event. Want to influence the decision of where the meeting will be? Join the committee! Please contact me if you would like to volunteer to visit hotels and eat free food.

Finally, I will be unavailable from June 25th to July 17th. I've planned an epic bike ride across the country! We will be riding from Grand Portage, MN to Grand Isle, LA over 3 weeks. I got to plan the route using bicycle routing tools, google street view, and DOT traffic volume maps. I'm looking forward to the trip and reporting back on the differences between the cycling feel between states! Feel free to ask me for more info on the ride! Andre Ost will be filling in for me for ITE activities while I am gone.

If you have any questions or comments about the section, please contact me. Have Fun!

Jess Billmeyer (jess.billmeyer@aecom.com) ITE Wisconsin Section President

Recent Meetings & Events

Fox Valley Meeting, May 17, 2022

On Tuesday May 17th, the Section held its annual Fox Valley-area meeting. The meeting was the first Hybrid meeting for our Chapter.

The meeting was opened by Jess Billmeyer who provided a business update for the ITE Section, including the Treasurer's report, an update on Section membership, and upcoming Section events.



2022 ITE Wisconsin Section
May Meeting
Fox Valley Night

The featured presentation was *STH 15 Improvements in Outagamie County*, by Scott Stevenson, of Jacobs. Scott provided a great summary of the project on STH 15 including environmental, Railroad, and traffic complexities of the project. The project was necessary to reduce congestion, improve safety, and minimize access points along the highway. Project timelines required a re-evaluation of the previous environmental documentation. The project began construction last year and is expected to be complete



by the end of 2024. Key improvements to the corridor include a four-lane highway upgraded from the current two-lane highway, roundabouts, bypass the village of Hortonville, new multi-use trail, and limiting access. Four new bridges will be built over two roadways (Nash Street and CTH M), the Black Otter Creek, and the CN Railroad will agricultural access. Some unique items for the project includes a wildlife crossing, a snowmobile crossing plan, living snow fence, truck stopping lane at the railroad, and a 30 day detour for the railroad.

Traffic Engineering Workshop and Transportation Planning Forum, April 6th, 2022

The popular Traffic Engineering Workshop and Transportation Planning Forum made its triumphant return after being virtual last year and cancelled the previous year due to the pandemic. This year's version was held in person at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI. The event was well-attended by members of the professional community, including federal, state, and local government officials, in addition to consulting firms, vendors, and students. Presentations were divided into two tracks to allow attendees to choose the presentations that most interested them.





The opening session included a welcome from ITE Wisconsin Section president Jess Billmeyer and conference chair John Bieberitz. The opening presentation was by Laura Grossenbacher from UW-Madison on understanding our gut reactions and knowing when to go beyond them: strategies for Ethical decision-making under pressure. Her presentation was followed by Andi Bill of the UW-TOPS Lab on the Safety and economic evaluation of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) & connecting research to safe systems at the local level.

The morning presentations were split into two tracks and covered both traffic engineering and transportation planning topics. Track A included presentations on Fish Hatchery Road Reconstruction – Designing to Support Economic Growth and MRMC 87th Street – Complete Streets Reconstruction Project. Track B included presentations WisDOT Meta-Manager Mobility 2.0 and Modeling Pedestrian Gaps to Determine Safety of Uncontrolled Crosswalks.

The lunch meeting included an update from Great Lakes ITE and a presentation from Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis of WisDOT and Mike Ruelle of Kimley-Horn on WisDOT's Connected Vehicle Pilot Program.

The afternoon presentations were also split into two tracks. Track A included presentations on Industry Solutions to Combat Intersection Collisions and Mobility Needs of Older Adults in Rural Wisconsin. Track B included ITE SimCap Sessions (Un)Certainty: Developing A Forecast Envelope for the IH 94 E/W Corridor and Handling Uncertainty with Sensitivity Analysis and Simulation.



The Workshop concluded with two presentations from WisDOT. The first was from Alex Gramovot on the Connect 2050 WisDOT Plan. The final presentation was from Van Walling of WisDOT and Amanda DeAmico of MSA on Wisconsin Roundabout Updates.

If you missed any speakers or would like to take another look at any of the presentations, you may find them on the TEW/TPF webpage here:

<https://itewisconsin.org/2022-Traffic-Engineering-Workshop-Presentations>

Thanks to the TEW/TPF planning committee for organizing the great event!

ITE Wisconsin Technical Councils

New to ITE Wisconsin Section: Technical Councils! This section of the newsletter will provide you with contact persons for the various councils and upcoming meetings. There's still time to join one of the technical councils! If you're interested, email the council lead listed below.

- Awards Committee – Jeff Held (jeff.held@strand.com)
- Communications Committee – Eric Frailing & Stephanie Sward (efrailing@msa-ps.com, swards@cityoflacrosse.org)
- Meetings Committee – Eric Frailing
- Traffic Engineering Workshop Committee – Laura Schroeder (laura.schroeder@rasmith.com)
- Public Agency Council – Rebecca Szymkowski (Rebecca.szymkowski@dot.wi.gov)
- Education Council – Susan Paulus (susan.paulus@lacksideengineers.com)
- SimCap Committee – Rob Beuthling (rbeuthling@hntb.com)
- Traffic Engineering Council – Kevin Wehner (kwehner@klengineering.com)
 - Next Meeting scheduled for late June
- Safety Council – Christian Sternke & Dan Brugman (csternke@tadi-us.com, dsbrugman@gmail.com)
 - Next Meeting scheduled for July 20
- TSMO Council – Todd Szymkowski (tszymkowski@gfnet.com)
- Planning Council – Jerry Shadewald (jshadewald@HNTB.com)
- Complete Streets Council – Natalie Villwock-Witte (n.villwockwitte@montana.edu)

Volunteers Needed for:

- ITE Wisconsin Section Meeting Committee
- ITE Great Lakes District 2024 Conference Planning Committee
 - Wisconsin is hosting the Great Lakes Conference in 2024!
- ITE Great Lakes District Endowment Committee – WI Representative

Contact Jess Billmeyer (jess.billmeyer@aecom.com) if you are interested.



ITE Talks Transportation Podcast Series

"Roundabout Capital of the United States"



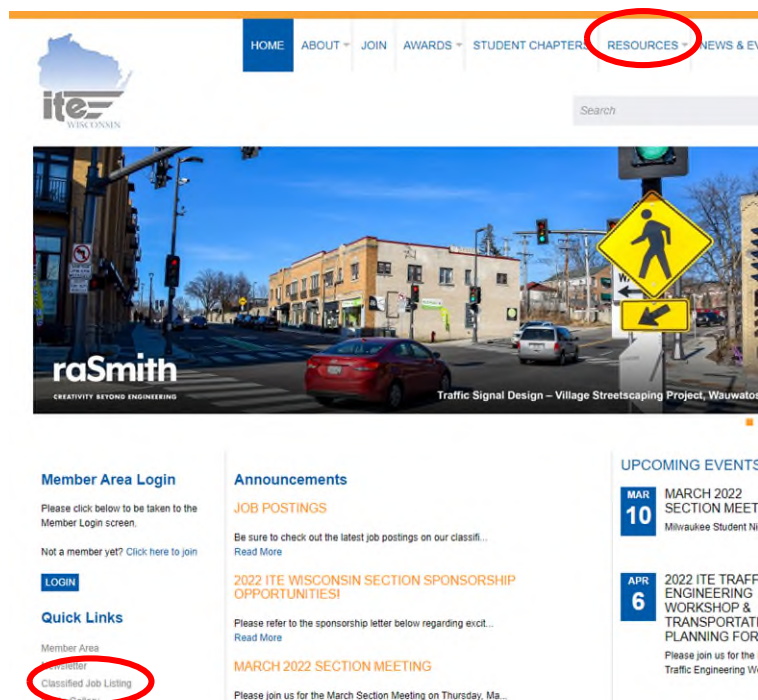
Jeremy Kashman, chief engineer and director of engineering for the City of Carmel, IN, USA, joins the *ITE Talks Transportation* podcast to talk about how his city became the "Roundabout Capital of the United States." With more than 140 existing roundabouts and more in the works, Kashman describes the process of installing these roundabouts and the benefits they provide, including decreased congestion, improved safety, and reduced emissions. Kashman also describes the public's reaction to the roundabouts, and provides insights for any jurisdictions considering installing the structures.

Job Postings



EMCS, Inc. is seeking a Traffic Engineering Project Manager. For more details, see links on the ITE Wisconsin home page, highlighted below.

If you have a job opening and would like to be listed in the newsletter and at upcoming section meetings, contact Brian Scharles (brians@tapconet.com).



Upcoming ITE Events

Date	Event	Location
June 20 – 22, 2022	Great Lakes District Annual Meeting	Duluth, MN
July 20, 2022	Joint Meeting with ITS Wisconsin	TBD
July 31 – Aug. 3, 2022	ITE 2022 Annual Meeting and Exhibit	New Orleans, LA
August TBD	Summer Social Gathering	TBD
Sept. 14, 2022	Joint Meeting with WTS	WisDOT SE Region
Oct. 12, 2022	UW-Madison/UW-Platteville Student Night Section Meeting	Madison, WI
Oct. 27, 2022	ITS Wisconsin Conference	Union South, Madison WI
Dec. 7, 2022	Annual Section Meeting	TBD

2022 ITE District and International Events

2022 Great Lakes District Conference

June 20-22, 2022; Duluth, MN

<https://greatlakesite.org/annual-meeting-2022/>



2022 ITE Annual Meeting

July 31 – August 3, 2022; New Orleans, LA

<https://www.iteannualmeeting.org/>



ITE Wisconsin Membership

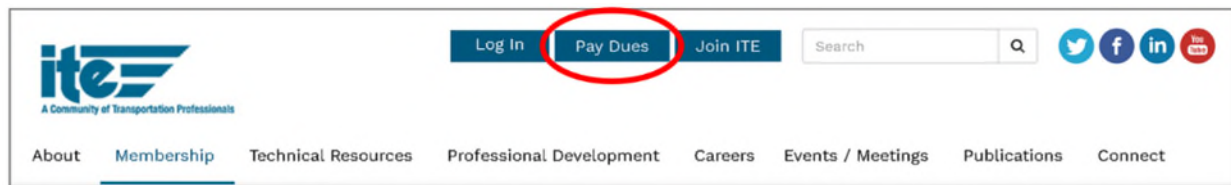
As of May 2022:

231 Current Members (including students)

6 new Section Members since February 2022

- Ben Bieberitz
- James Jeninga
- Eric Youngblom
- Guadalupe Dominguez (Marquette)
- Matthew Flanagan (UW-Milwaukee)
- Will Poellot (UW-Milwaukee)

If you haven't already, please renew for 2022!



Treasurer's Update

Treasurer's Report April 4, 2022 to May 5, 2022			
BEGINNING BALANCE: CHECKING + SAVINGS			\$40,312.52
Beginning Balance – Checking			\$24,794.13
ITE Star Chapter from Meeting/Sponsors Income - Checking	\$5,022.88		
Total Income – Checking	\$5,022.88		
Expenditures - Checking			
StarChapter Web site	\$ 100.00		
CC Ingleside TEW	\$ 10,141.86		Trnsf 5-9-22
CC Star Chapter	\$ 100.00		Trnsf 5-9-22
Total Expenditures – Checking	\$ 10,341.86		
Ending Balance – Checking			\$19,475.15
Beginning Balance – Savings			\$15,518.39
Income - Savings			
April Interest	\$ 0.25		
Total Income – Savings	\$ 0.25		
Expenditures - Savings			
Total Expenditures – Savings	\$ -		
Ending Balance – Savings			\$15,518.64
ENDING BALANCE: CHECKING + SAVINGS			\$34,993.79

Prepared By: Brian Scharles, Treasurer
May 5, 2022 - ITE Workshop Meeting

Transportation Funny Photos



Do you have some information to share? The ITE Newsletter is an excellent medium for reaching Section members. If you would like something published in the upcoming newsletter, please contact the 2022 Wisconsin Section Member Director, Stephanie Sward at swards@cityoflacrosse.org

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There is still time to become a sponsor for 2022!

Please contact [Jeff Held](#) for more information