



Wisconsin Section News

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Draft Wisconsin Supplement to the MUTCD

On September 3, 2024 WisDOT released a draft of the next edition of the Wisconsin Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (WMUTCD). This edition will contain the Federal MUTCD language with supplemental language for Wisconsin in red text throughout for ease of use.

Since the WMUTCD affect all public roadways in the state, it is important to obtain your input on the draft WMUTCD. Therefore, WisDOT is requesting your review and comments to all or parts of the manual by **October 30th, 2024**.

President's Message

By Brian Scharles

With the hot days of summer getting behind us we experienced the rainiest year in Wisconsin in a long time. In May and June this year we saw 12.51 inches of rain, which is a new state record. It was great to see some familiar faces at the ITE Summer Social the last week in August, first time for me at the Forward Madison FC, it was a great atmosphere to meet, greet and see some great soccer. The Annual GLITE Great Lakes District Conference in Green Bay was a great success with over 300 attendees, 30 vendors, sponsors and 40 great technical presentations. The planning committee did an awesome job, thank you to all who volunteered to make this event so spectacular and a special thanks to Rebecca Szymkowski and Jeff Held for being our GLITE District Conference committee chairs for this event. If you are looking for next year's opportunity to volunteer and get involved the GLITE 2025 will be in Indianapolis. A note of congratulations to our Wisconsin Section ITE as we were awarded the 2024 Section Momentum Award, thank you all for your contributions.

It was great to see so many people at the July joint meeting with ITE and ITS, it was a tour of the UW TOPS Lab AV Facility in Fitchburg. I want to thank Andi Bill and her team for the great presentations. The university is keeping on top

of this new technological advancement of autonomous and connected vehicles as it is really becoming a great focus in our industry. The US DOT unveils a V2X deployment road map and there is a plan to Accelerate V2X deployments that promote Saving Lives with Connectivity.

ITE is a community of transportation professionals that volunteer their time in the efforts of sharing information with young engineers and making ITE an inviting organization. These councils and committees are all made up of volunteers and are becoming well established. Please ask me or any one of the board members if you would like to become involved in any of the many volunteer opportunities within our Wisconsin Section. Currently, we have volunteer openings for:

- ITE Wisconsin Section Meetings Committee

There are some more great events yet this year from the Joint WTS/ITS September meeting at the SE region office featuring the Amtrak's Borealis Route Presentation and the UW- Platteville/UW-Madison Student Night meeting, updates will be coming out. If you are not receiving email updates from the ITE WI Section, please reach out and let me know so I can get you on the list.

I want to also thank our annual generous sponsors for the ITE Wisconsin Section, as we could not support Scholarships or host section meetings without them. Thank you!

Please get involved in supporting the ITE organization, accept new technologies, and help grow the transportation community for young professionals growing our future.

Safe travels

Brian Scharles (BrianS@tapconet.com)

ITE Wisconsin Section President

ITE Wisconsin Section Election 2025

It is time for the most important election of the year, the ITE Wisconsin Board member election! Electronic ballots will be distributed to all members in November for the Member Director position.

The candidates for the 2025 Board are:



Past President

Brian Scharles

President

Eric Frailing

Vice President

Derrin Wolford

Treasurer

Joseph Blakeman

Secretary

Dan Murphy

Member Director

Jeff Knudson

Matthew Cowap

District Representative **Jess Billmeyer**

Below are the bio's for the candidates running for member director:

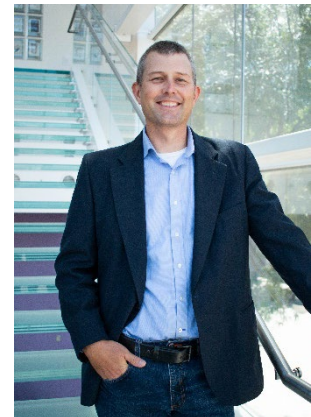
Jeff Knudson, PE, PTOE

I was born and raised in Madison and have never really left. I find that traveling scratches the itch to be somewhere else and Madison has always felt like home.

I attended UW Madison and received a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1999. That means I went to high school in the early 90s...we had to choose smoking or non-smoking sections of a restaurant and I wore bugle boy pants.

During my last year in engineering school I was an intern in the traffic group at WisDOT in Madison and got my first glimpse of administering transportation on a grand scale. After school I worked with some of the brightest people I've ever met at Earth Tech (now AECOM) for about 8 years. I then worked with a smaller firm as their traffic engineer for another 8 years (Crispell-Snyder) before landing at SRF, a wonderful firm. I'm currently a Senior Director at SRF and serve as the Wisconsin Group Leader for SRFs Wisconsin presence...which is good fun. All in all, I've been in the transportation planning and design industry for a little over 25 years.

I've been a part of ITE since 1999, and while I've presented on a few topics over the years, I haven't really contributed very much time to committees or the organization. ITE has provided me a lot of career value and I'd like to give back to this great community.



Outside of work you can find me biking, kayaking, Ice skating, and hiking. Someday when I have more time, I'd like to get back into woodworking, which was a big hobby until I got too busy with life.

Matthew Cowap, PE

Matthew over 10 years of experience in Traffic Engineering. His career started with the Wisconsin State Department of Transportation in the SE Region Work Zone & Traffic Impact Analysis team. He moved to the SE Region Signals team and spent six years there. He oversaw signal construction for the STH 20 reconstruction project in Racine County and design for the STH 32 project in Kenosha County. He spent two years as the Traffic Engineer for Waukesha County, overseeing their 115 signals, signing and marking on 400 center-line miles of county highway, and traffic safety studies related to speed limit change requests.



He was also responsible for HSIP and CMAQ funding applications with the County. While there he was part of the design and construction for the new signal at the intersection of CTH X & Waukesha West High School. He now works for Singh + Associates in their Traffic Group, where he is part of the signal design team.

When Matthew isn't at work, he enjoys spending time with his family, restoring old tools, and collecting fountain pens.

Recent Meetings & Events

UW TOPS Lab AV Facility; July 10, 2024

ITE Wisconsin and ITS Wisconsin held a joint meeting at the new UW TOPS Lab AV Facility in Fitchburg, WI. There was a presentation on the survey the UW Tops lab is processing on Wisconsinite's opinions of Autonomous Vehicles. Some of the early results were shared and discussed. The group also was able to see some of the test Autonomous Vehicles that the TOPS lab has set up for testing.



Forward Madison Soccer Match

For this year's summer social ITE Wisconsin attended a Forward Madison soccer match. It was a great game to watch and nice venue. A great time was had by all. Hope to see you next year at our summer social.



ITE Wisconsin Technical Councils

This section of the newsletter will provide you with contact persons for the various councils and upcoming meetings. Consider joining one of the technical councils! If you're interested, email the council chair(s) listed below.

- Awards Committee – Andre Ost & Eric Frailing (andre.ost@graef-usa.com, efrailing@msa-ps.com)
- Communications Committee – Joseph Blakeman & Dan Murphy (jblakeman@tooledesign.com, daniel.murphy@milwaukeecountywi.gov)
- Meetings Committee – Kevin Wehner, Adam Walter, & Jessica Lee (kwehner@klengineering.com, adam.walter@strand.com, jessica.lee@rasmith.com)
- Traffic Engineering Workshop and Transportation Planning Forum Committee – Laura Schroeder (laura.schroeder@rasmith.com)
- Public Agency Council – Mike May & Derrin Wolford (mmay@wauwatosa.net, dwolford@waukesha-wi.gov)
- Education Council – Susan Paulus (susan.paulus@lakesideengineers.com)
- SimCap Committee – Rob Beuthling (rbeuthling@hntb.com)
- Traffic Engineering Council – Kevin Wehner (kwehner@klengineering.com)
- Safety Council – Christian Sternke (csternke@tadi-us.com)
- TSMO Council – Todd Szymkowski (todd.szymkowski@dot.wi.gov)
 - Next meeting in Fall
- Planning Council – Jerry Shadewald (jshadewald@HNTB.com)
- Complete Streets Council – Jeff Polenske (jeffrey.polenske@mbakerintl.com)

Volunteers Needed for:

- ITE Wisconsin Meetings Committee

Contact any of the chairs if you are interested.



LinkedIn Group

Remember to join the ITE Wisconsin LinkedIn group. The intention of the group is to post any upcoming news and updates from ITE Wisconsin, Great Lakes ITE, ITE International, and other relevant business and perspectives.

Job Postings

If you have a job opening and would like to be listed in the newsletter and brought up at upcoming section meetings, contact Dan Murphy at daniel.murphy@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

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Announcements

MAY 2023 SECTION MEETING

Please join us for our next Section Meeting on Wednesday, Ma...

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SECTION AWARDS UPDATE

The Wisconsin Section has recently modified their annual awa...

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JOB POSTINGS

Be sure to check out the latest job postings on our classifi...

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAY 2023 SECTION
MEETING

Milwaukee Student Night

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Helpful links from GLITE & ITE International

Looking for the Great Lakes ITE website or their newest newsletter? <https://greatlakesite.org/>

Don't forget that amazing amount of information on the national level of ITE. Publications, events, trainings, resources and so much more! <https://www.ite.org/>

Upcoming ITE Events

Below is the list of upcoming ITE Wisconsin meetings for 2024 additional details will be provided as the event gets closer.

Date	Location	Event
October 10, 2024	WisDOT SE Region	Joint with WTS (ITE to Host)
November 6, 2024	UW-Platteville	UW- Platteville/UW-Madison Student Night
November 30, 2024	Scholarship Deadline	Harvey Shebesta Award
December 2024	TBD	Annual Section Meeting, Distinguished Service Award Presentation, Harvey Shebesta Award Presentation

UW-Platteville/UW-Madison Student Night

The annual UW-Platteville/UW-Madison Student Night will be November 6 at UW-Platteville Sesquicentennial Hall. Check your email for more details coming later this month.

ITE Wisconsin Membership

As of September 2024:

This report covers the period of May 7, 2024 – September 12, 2024

New International and Wisconsin Section Members:

- Kathleen Kramer
- Katie Nakles
- David Tompkins
- Katelyn Lillo

266 International and Wisconsin Section Members

Treasurer's Update

Treasurer's Report June 6, 2024 - September 12, 2024																									
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Prepared By: Derrin Wolford, Treasurer

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 2024 Wisconsin Section Member Director, Dan Murphy at daniel.murphy@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

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