



Capital Area Section of ITE

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can honestly say that these last three years on the CASITE Executive Board weren't as expected – global pandemic, switching to a fully virtual environment, a huge winter storm. I'm so glad that we were finally able to get back to in-person meetings consistently during 2022 and in such a fantastic new space. If you heard our list of 2022 initiatives during the 2021 End of the Year Luncheon, you might have thought there was no way we'd be able to accomplish it all. But after receiving the 2021 TexITE Section Momentum Award and with the help of our amazing CASITE Executive Board, Committee Members, and all of you, CASITE made it happen! We have a new logo in line with the ONE ITE initiative. We hosted multiple events with the UT Student Chapter including a joint football tailgate with STITE and APWA. We successfully put on our scholarship fundraiser filled with trivia, food, and plenty of laughs. Our Scholarship Committee revamped our application and we were able to award \$2,250 in student scholarships. And how could I not mention our CASITE membership increased by 33%! We look forward to continuing to celebrate CASITE successes with all of you as we move into 2023!

-Anamaria Torres

HOWDY CASITE

CASITE had a successful year with many exciting activities from social events to service projects to in-person meetings. It was great to reconnect with friends and colleagues, raise funds for multiple scholarships, engage in learning, and re-engage with student chapters in a meaningful way. We accomplished so much to pave the way for an even more successful (and eventful) 2023. Here's looking to an awesome new year!

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership increased by an astounding 33%, growing from 185 members at the end of 2021 to 246 members at the end of 2022! We are proud to see the growth as our region's population surges past pre-pandemic levels, and we look forward to further expanding membership throughout 2023.

2022 COMMITTEES

Sponsorship and Membership

Bill Nguyen, Gregory Go, Stephen Hanuscin, Anamaria Torres

Social

Rachel Cook, Claire McKinney, Cody Stone

Newsletter

Siva Soorya Muruga Thambiran, Gregory Go, Stephen Hanuscin, Anamaria Torres

Student/STEM/Scholarship

Samit Deo, Joe Hutchinson, Jay Jain, Muhammad Musa, Amit Kumar Singh

Social Media/Website

Soham Shyamsunder Sarda, Anamaria Torres

Fundraiser

Samit Deo, Jay Jain, Claire McKinney, James Schwerdtfeger

Technical (Speakers)

Lance Ballard, Gonzalo Camacho, Stephen Hanuscin, Muhammad Musa, Anamaria Torres

Marketing

Gregory Go, Anamaria Torres

2022 SECTION MEETINGS

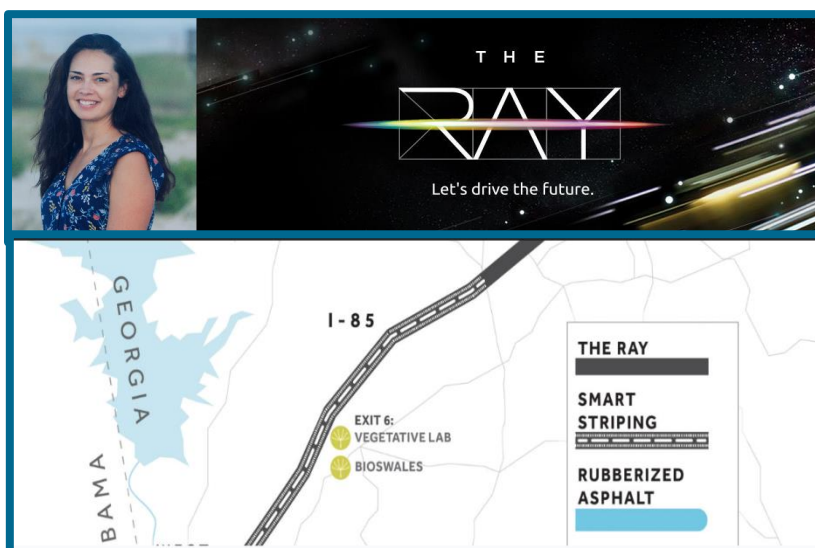
February 18, 2022 – TBPELS Ethics

As always, the year kicked off with an ethics seminar on February 18th presented by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (TBPELS). The speaker, Rick Strong, P.E., Director of Licensing and Registration for TBPELS, delivered his presentation in a virtual setting. Mr. Strong emphasized that work performed by professional engineers has the potential to impact many people, and it is expected that professional engineers will comply with the ethical standards. This meeting was attended by 51 members.



April 29, 2022 – The Ray

On Friday, April 29th, Laura Rogers, Deputy Director at The Ray, presented on “The Ray Highway”, a pilot program which envisions to build a zero-carbon, zero-waste, zero-death highway system. At present, The Ray is a net-zero highway testbed being developed by the company and is located on 18 miles of Interstate highway in Georgia. Laura is responsible for technology transfer from The Ray to other transportation agencies across the country as well as scaling the technologies used at this project extensively. During this meeting, Laura also highlighted the importance of public-private-philanthropic partnerships. The meeting was held in a virtual format and was attended by 22 members.



June 17, 2022 – Cedar Park Bond Update

Our first in-person meeting of the year was held at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center on Friday, June 17th. Stephen Hanuscin, the City of Cedar Park Assistant Director of Public Works, discussed the Cedar Park Transportation Bond which passed in the May 2022 elections. The proposition will provide funding for continued expansion and improvements to the City’s roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. Stephen, who is also the CASITE Vice President/President-Elect, presented a cost breakdown of the proposed bond projects, including the \$86.6 Million allotted for transportation projects. This meeting was attended by 45 people.



July 15, 2022 – CASITE/STITE Joint Meeting

The annual joint CASITE/STITE meeting was held on Friday, July 15th at the San Marcos Activity Center. Representatives from Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) and VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) joined us to discuss “Improving the Mobility and Connectivity of the Region.” Lonny Stern, ATP Interim Director of Community Engagement, provided an update on Project Connect in Austin, including the proposed options for the Blue Line Bridge. Arturo Herrera, VIA Special Projects Manager, showcased the Keep San Antonio Moving projects, including the advanced rapid transit plans. Speakers elaborated on the innovative methodologies used in these projects. This meeting was attended by 62 people.



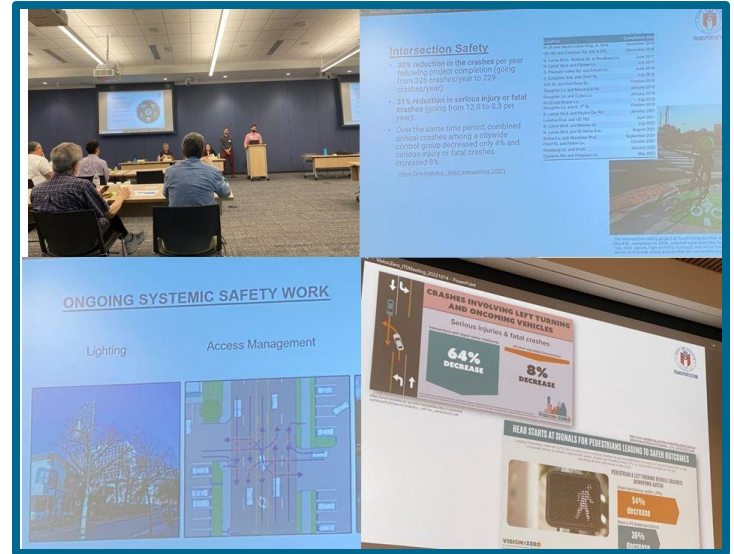
August 26, 2022 – CAMPO Transportation Dashboard

On Friday, August 26, Tom Fowler and Caroline Leonard with Kimley-Horn discussed building a Regional Transportation Statistics and Metrics Dashboard for CAMPO. The dashboard went live a couple of days after the meeting. Tom and Caroline presented the various challenges they faced in developing the dashboard, the data sources they used, and the remaining progress updates they plan to make. They also accepted various suggestions from the audience on improvements to the dashboard. This meeting was attended by 44 members.



October 14, 2022 – Austin Transportation Department Vision Zero

Vision Zero is the City of Austin goal to reduce the number of people injured or killed by crashes to zero through road improvements, policy changes, and education. The City of Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to achieve that goal through planning and building a safe multi-modal transportation network in collaboration with City and community partners. Some of these efforts were highlighted by Cody Stone, P.E., PTOE and Joel Meyer, AICP from ATD in our meeting on Friday, October 14. They presented on various initiatives within the ATD Vision Zero Program and discussed the main approaches they focus on: Intersection Safety, Systemic Safety, Speed Management, and Rapid Response. They presented three intersections as case studies and the various improvement measures they implemented as part of the program. This meeting was attended by 53 people.



December 9, 2022 – End of Year Luncheon

With over 55 members in attendance, the CASITE end-of-year luncheon at Stiles Switch BBQ was a fantastic time of fellowship, networking, recognitions, and looking forward. We wrapped up 2022 business, awarded scholarships, recognized all of our committee volunteers, and announced CASITE officer election results, while enjoying some of Austin's best BBQ. Claire McKinney was elected to serve Secretary-Treasurer, Gregory Go was elected to serve as Vice President/President-Elect, and Stephen Hanuscin was sworn in as 2023 President. Immediate Past President, Anamaria Torres, was awarded a plaque for her years of dedicated service to the Section. Congratulations to everyone!



2022 SOCIAL EVENTS, FUNDRAISERS, AND STUDENT OUTREACH

February 21, 2022 – Joint Networking Event

In celebration of Engineer's Week, CASITE members joined several other professional engineering organizations for a joint networking event at Abel's on the Lake.

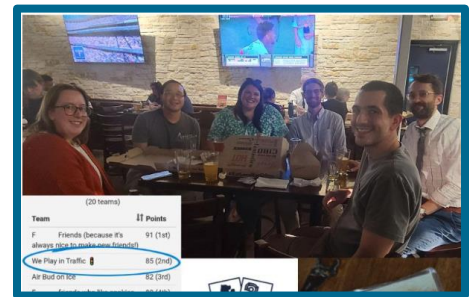


March 29, 2022 – UT Austin Information Session

CASITE members visited the University of Texas at Austin on March 29th to host a lunch session for students interested in pursuing careers in transportation. During the session students were reintroduced to ITE, and CASITE members Anamaria Torres, Joe Hutchinson, and Muhammad Musa presented their individual career journeys to expose the students to the wide range of career paths that can be followed in the transportation profession.

July 18, 2022 – Summer Social and Trivia

On Monday, July 18, CASITE members met for a social gathering held at Celis Brewery, which included participation in a trivia competition. CASITE's team, "We Play in Traffic," won 2nd place out of 20 participating teams.



August 30, 2022 – CASITE/UT Transportation Council Joint Networking Event

To reengage students at the start of the fall semester, CASITE members and members of the University of Texas Transportation Council gathered for a joint networking event at Crown & Anchor Pub. In addition to some great conversations, students also had the opportunity to have their résumés reviewed by transportation professionals during the event.

September 17, 2022 – Joint CASITE/STITE/APWA UT/UTSA Tailgate

CASITE teamed up with STITE and APWA for some tailgating fun on the University of Texas at Austin campus prior to the kickoff of the UT Austin vs UT San Antonio football game. Many members also attended the game, and the event was enjoyed by all who attended.



November 3, 2022 – Student Fundraiser

CASITE members gathered on the evening of November 3, 2022 for a Trivia + Game Night Fundraiser to raise funds in support of student scholarships and STEM outreach events. After enjoying a fajita meal from Austin favorite Chuy’s Tex-Mex Restaurant, six teams of transportation professionals faced off in several rounds of trivia. A special thanks to Alliance Transportation Group, LLC for allowing us to take over their office for the event!



November 11, 2022 – CASITE/WTS Bike-n-Brunch

On November 11, 2022 CASITE and the Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS) Heart of Texas Chapter held a joint Bike-n-Brunch. CASITE Past President Cody Stone led the bike tour where he shared some project updates and City of Austin initiatives along the route. The walking group followed the Ann & Roy Butler Trail with stops on the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge and First Street Jefferson Davis Bridge to take in the beautiful views.



December 3, 2022 – Keep Austin Beautiful

CASITE members (and their families) spent a cool Saturday morning in December cleaning up litter from our adopted section of 45th Street in Austin between Burnet Road and Guadalupe Street. This was CASITE’s first clean-up event since Keep Austin Beautiful paused operations for the pandemic, and we look forward to making it a well-attended biannual event again. The cleanup was followed by lunch at Hopdoddy Burger Bar.



ACCOLADES AND AWARDS

2022 was a big year for CASITE and our members. Check out the list below to see all of the awards and recognitions received by our Section and our fellow CASITE members in the last year. Congratulations to all!

2021 TexITE Section Momentum Award

Established in 2020, the TexITE Section Momentum Award is meant to recognize the Section that experienced the greatest momentum (or most improvement) in the past year. CASITE was the proud recipient of the 2021 award!

2022 LeadershipITE Graduate

CASITE member Dan Hennessey, P.E., PTOE was recognized at the 2022 ITE Annual Meeting awards luncheon in New Orleans as a 2022 graduate of LeadershipITE.

2022 Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award

CASITE member Chandra R. Bhat, PhD, P.E. was awarded the Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award during the 2022 ITE Annual Meeting awards luncheon in New Orleans. This award was established to recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the practice of traffic engineering.

2022 TexITE Younger Member of the Year

CASITE Past President, Cody Stone, P.E., PTOE was recognized during the 2022 TexITE fall meeting as the 2022 TexITE Younger Member of the Year.

2022 TexITE Rising Star

2022 CASITE president, Anamaria Torres, P.E., PTOE was recognized as the 2022 TexITE Rising Star. Each year, each ITE District selects one Rising Star from among its representative district membership, which paves the way to being recognized in the ITE Young Leaders to Follow program.

2022 Young Leaders to Follow

2022 CASITE president, Anamaria Torres, P.E., PTOE was featured in the June 2022 ITE Journal as a member of the second class of Young Leaders to Follow. This program was designed to recognize 20 talented ITE members each year under the age of 35 who have already made a mark on ITE and the transportation industry.

2023 LeadershipITE

CASITE member Joshua Diaz, P.E. was selected for participation in the LeadershipITE class of 2023. This marks the third year in a row that a CASITE member has been selected for participation in LeadershipITE.

2022 CASITE Scholarships

The CASITE Student and STEM outreach committee had a strong response to its 2022 scholarship application process. After reviewing applications from several students, William Alexander, Lisa Hart, and Jenny Hall were selected as recipients of CASITE's 2022 scholarships. Additionally, Joshua Diaz, P.E. was awarded with a scholarship to help offset the cost of participation in LeadershipITE. All scholarships were presented to their recipients at the End-of-Year Luncheon.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 SPONSORS!

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