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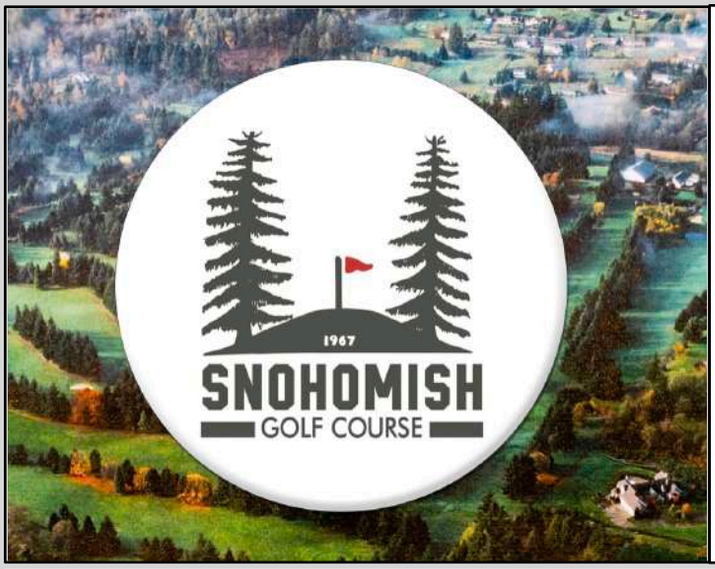

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Snohomish Golf Course
9AM first tee time

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UW Transportation Capstone Project Open House

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Hello members,

I hope you all are enjoying the good weather we are having this spring! It seems the switch has been flipped from winter to summer rather quickly this year. As we enter another great northwest summer, I wish everyone safe travels as you utilize our transportation network to access the many summer destinations to which you may be travelling!

We are looking forward to a short break in the ITE program over the summer but before we do, there are several events we'd like to encourage you to attend. First, on June 6, the University of Washington capstone students will be presenting their design projects for this year's topic, the University Connections Program. Students in the 2023 Civil and Environmental Engineering Capstone course are preparing preliminary designs for transportation connections serving a tunnel linking I-5 to University Village and the UW sports complex. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

Next, on June 10th ITE will have a table at the Truck, Bike Safety Fair at the Georgetown Carnival. You may have seen an email asking for volunteers to help with some demonstrations and to help answer questions at the booth. We are still looking for volunteers so if you are interested, please contact Jeanne Acutanza. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

And finally, our annual golf tournament will be held on June 28th, please see the announcement in this newsletter. We really appreciate the continued support of our tournament committee leaders Mark Poch and Darcy Akers!

I would also like to thank our many volunteers who continue to serve on our committees and who are the ones who really make things happen in our Section. We have many opportunities to get involved, meet new people, and develop relationships with others in our industry. Most notable, we have a real need for volunteers on the ITE/IMSA Conference committee. The board will be planning a kick-off event for the conference in July/August. If you have an interest in helping with the planning for this amazing event, please contact a board member and watch for an announcement of the kick-off event.

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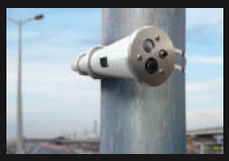

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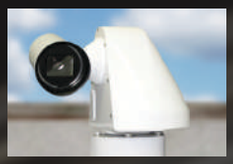

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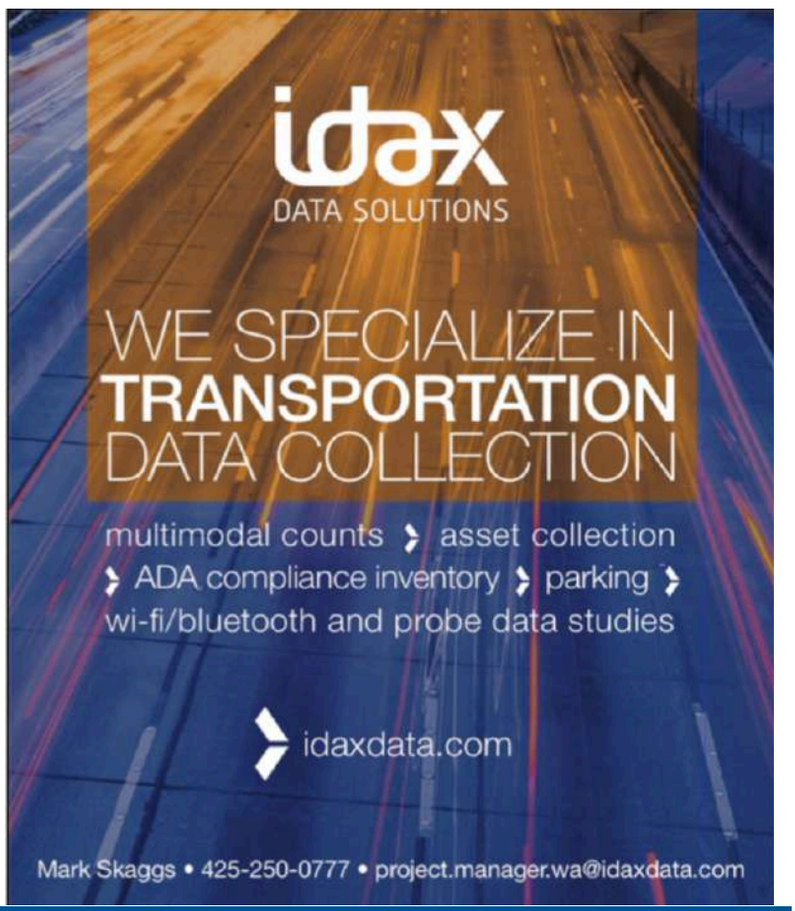

2022 ITE Washington Fall Section Events

Date	Subject	Location
JUN 6	UW capstone	UW
JUN 10	Georgetown Carnival	Georgetown
JUN 28	ITE Golf Tournament	Snohomish

Transportation Capstone Project

Reception & Open House

Join UW planning and engineering students as they present a suite of projects that will reduce traffic on NE 45th St and create a more connected and walkable U District

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 | 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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University of Washington in Seattle

PLEASE RSVP TO dpatel28@uw.edu BY May 31, 2023

Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting and Exhibition

This year's theme for the Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting and Exhibition is Connecting People and Communities. This meeting will take place in the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) and its headquarters hotel, the brand new Hyatt Regency hotel, just across the river from downtown Portland. The OCC and hotel are steps from Portland MAX light rail, convenient to many local and regional attractions, and a gateway to the Pacific Northwest, making it a great opportunity for both individual and family travel.

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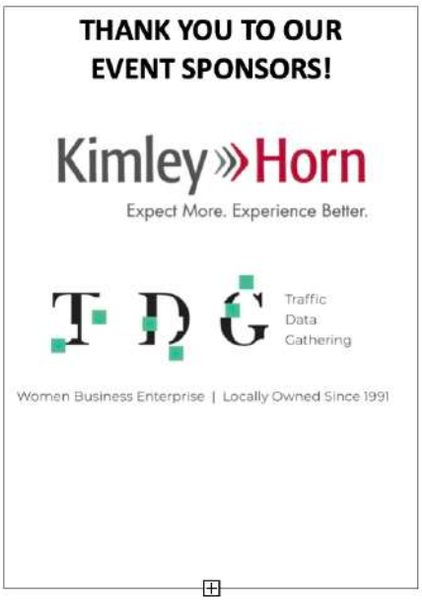

On May 9th, ITE Washington returned to Ivar's Salmon House on Lake Union for our Annual Student Night. This evening was a great opportunity for networking between students and professionals and a time to celebrate our scholarship winners. This year's event was popular as usual with over 25 students in attendance and almost 20 professionals as well. As always, a delicious salmon buffet was served.

To kick off the event, Section President Ryan Peterson provided an overview of our section's activities and then Western District President Kimberly Leung provided an overview of student opportunities at the District level. Next the 2023 Scholarship winners were announced. Antonio Roman Campos, Gonzaga University; Ollie Wiesner, University of Washington; and Dikshit (Digo) Goel, Seattle University. See Scholarship Winner Bios to learn more about these accomplished students!

Next there was a group activity that required each table to come up with potential solutions and ideas for the Harrison and Mercer Transit Access Project. This is a real-life project for Seattle Department of Transportation to provide a new east-west transit connection in South Lake Union and rebuild the roadway to support this connect. City staff provided a variety of exhibits and data about existing conditions and future transit connections. They outlined the problem statement: How can we help buses operate efficiently through the Harrison St corridor and what modifications along the street and intersections should be considered given the traffic volumes and future transit improvements?

Each table had 15 minutes to come up with potential project ideas and solutions. Students and professionals worked together to come up with many ideas and then each team had a chance to present their ideas – from reconfiguring lanes to dynamic curb management ideas to spot safety improvements.

Thank you to Seattle Department of Transportation staff: Chris Saleeba, Kay Yesuwan, Andrew Natzel and Christina Arthur for assisting with the technical activities

Thank you to our Student Activities Committee members for planning this year's event: Tyler Wong, Marissa Milam and Kallyse Crawford. ■

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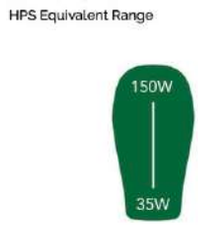

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Our annual ITE trivia night was another fun event. Held virtually on April 18th, the participants broke into three teams. These exceptionally talented teams were playing for not only bragging rights, but Amazon gift cards, graciously provided by the sponsor for the event, Seatac Lighting.

I had the privilege of preparing the questions this year. I truly enjoyed the challenge and hope the participants enjoyed the questions.

It was a close game, only one point separated 1st and 2nd place! Ultimately, the winning team was a group of DKS co-workers. Congratulations DKS team!

We hope to see even more teams next year. Start quizzing your coworkers and colleagues now to see who would make the most knowledgeable teammates. To get you started, here is a sample of questions from this year's event:

Round 1: ITE History

- When was the first edition of the Trip Generation published?

Round 2: Name that decade!

- What decade did the first female member join ITE?

Round 3: Speed (All answers in MPH)

- In 1902, the first speeding ticket was issued. How fast was the driver going?

Round 4: Washington Transportation

- The widest section of roadway in the state is on I-5 in Downtown Seattle. How many lanes? (including both directions and express lanes)

Round 5: Random questions

- In which US state was the first diverging diamond interchange built?

Volunteer for Safety Day June 10 in the Georgetown Neighborhood

Agencies committed to road user safety are planning a community day learning about road safety on June 10 between 10-2 as part of the Georgetown Festival. ITE will have a table and we welcome volunteers. Help us talk to the community about truck and bike safety and create a compelling safety video that will live on past the event. See flyer on next page!

Volunteer for the Local Arrangements Committee for Western ITE 2026

The World (and Western ITE's annual conference) are coming to Puget Sound in the summer of 2026 and you will want to be part of it! Be a part of the local arrangements team preparing for the conference with creative promotional ideas. This group will set the stage for committees as we get closer to the event. Looking for a leadership opportunity? Join us on the ground floor.

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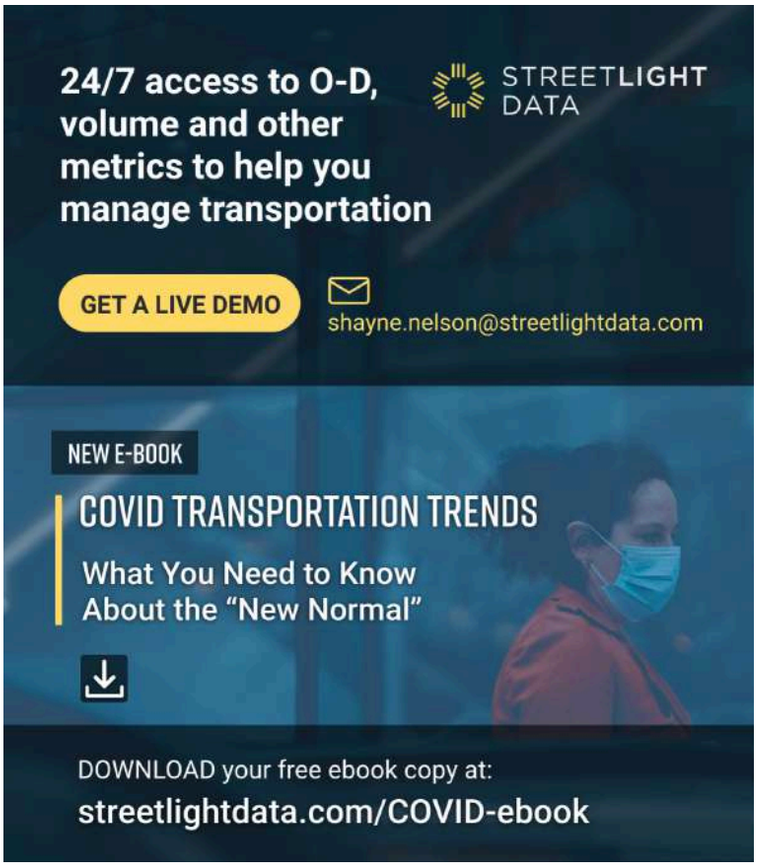
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Antonio Roman Campos is a senior civil engineering honors student at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. In addition to being a Student Member of ITE, he is also Gonzaga University's President of American Society of Civil Engineers, Vice President of Tau Beta Pi: The Engineering Honors Society, and a Member of Alpha Sigma Nu: The Jesuit International Honors Society. Roman was selected as the Senior of the Year of Gonzaga's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences in 2023, and he was also honored as the Student of the Year for ASCE's Inland Empire Section. He has been active in transportation engineering research for over two years under Dr. Rhonda Young, the head of Gonzaga's civil engineering department, and he has published pieces on bicycle legislation, road weather, and connected vehicles in multiple states, presenting some of his work at Transportation Research Board in Washington, D.C. Roman will be graduating in 2023 with minors in English literature, English writing, philosophy, and Catholic studies in addition to his major in civil engineering, and he will soon begin work at Kimley-Horn as a transportation and water resources engineer in Denver, Colorado. Roman is also an Eagle Scout and a professional writer and editor, and he enjoys exploring the outdoors and telling stories in his free time.

Ollie Wiesner is a transportation engineering graduate student at the University of Washington who is finishing his MS degree this quarter while he continues to work for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Northwestern Tribal Technical Assistance Program (NW TTAP) Center. He is planning to transition into the Transportation Engineering PhD program at UW in the Autumn where he will focus on traffic safety and sustainable applications of ITS. Ollie hopes to continue working in the public sector and looks forward to using innovative technologies and data-driven solutions to address some of the most pressing safety and sustainability challenges that communities face. Outside of school and work, Ollie likes going to concerts and backpacking, climbing, and skiing in the Pacific Northwest.

Dikshit (Digo) Goel is a structural graduate student at Seattle University. He is passionate about contributing to the community and found his calling in living and designing sustainably. Dikshit has worked in the transportation infrastructure sector for a decade from railway viaducts to highway bridges to underwater tunnels. He is inspired by his professors and mentors who have helped him grow not as an engineer but also as a human. He enjoys theatre, volunteers in his free time, loves to cook (and eat) and practices meditation when everything overwhelms.

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Snohomish Golf Course will be the site of our 35th ITE Classic. Snohomish is a beautiful course that boasts tree lined fairways and large, smooth greens in a quiet, rural setting. The course has a great blend of tough holes mixed among ample birdy opportunities. The 19 course bunkers, all strategically placed near the greens, are known as some of the best in the region. A local favorite since 1967, Snohomish GC is sure to be a great setting for our 35th Classic.

Our tournament will have tee times starting 9am on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, with groups teeing off every 8 minutes in succession. Please indicate your tee time preference when you register – your final tee time will be emailed before the event. **Please arrive no later than a half hour before your tee time to register and warm up with included range balls.** Registration for this event will be only **$95 per person (due June 12th)**, and will include use of the range, power cart, competition prizes, raffle, drink tickets, and BBQ after the round. So be sure to be a part of our famous day of golf, food, and fun!

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Please leave yourself plenty of time to get to the course. We have unlimited use of the practice facility prior to the start, so come early, warm up, and catch up with friends and colleagues!

ITE WA Golf Classic

Mail-In Registration Form

Snohomish Golf Course – Snohomish, WA
Tuesday, June 28th, 2023 – 9am Shotgun Start

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