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November 19th

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Date	Subject	Location
NOV 17	World Remembrance Day	Everywhere
NOV 19	Annual Safety Conference	Renton/Virtual

ITE Annual Safety Conference

November 19th, 2024

Renton Community Center

The meeting will be held as a hybrid in person and virtual conference. If you would like to know more, contact Gary Norris

Washington State Section ite and IMSA Northwest Section

ITE/IMSA Conference
Feb 10-11
Bellevue Hilton

Orlando 25
Annual Meeting and Exhibition
August 10–13, 2025

2024 ITE Washington Associate Events

Date	Subject	Location
NOV 6-7	ITS Washington Conference & Expo	Tacoma, WA
MAR 25-26	ITE Virtual Spring Conference	Virtual
JUN 29	ITE Western District Meeting	Long Beach, CA
AUG 10-13	ITE Annual Conference	Orlando, FL

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Location/Date

This in-person full-day conference will be held at the Hilton Bellevue on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025. Note that on Monday, February 10th, 2025, IMSA training sessions will be taking place; additional details on this will follow.

Technical Program/Presentation Format, Topics, and Length

The technical program on Tuesday will consist of three (3) 55-minute technical sessions, each with approximately three presentations. Presentations should be about 15 to 20 minutes long and topics should have a transportation engineering, planning, traffic safety, and/or operations theme and demonstrate how the information presented can be utilized by conference attendees. Presenters can share project experience, lessons learned, innovative solutions, pilot programs, testing of new ideas or technologies, state of art practice, and/or collaboration with others.

Submittal Procedure

If you have a Whova account, you will soon be able to submit your abstract directly via your Whova account. Stay tune for more information regarding using Whova for abstract submission. In the meantime, if you already have a topic in mind that you'd like to present on, please fill out the Submission Form on the enxt page and submit it to Justin Chan at justin.chan@transpogroup.com. Please include "2025 ITE/IMSA Conference Presentation Abstract" in the subject line of the email. The deadline to submit abstracts is **Friday, December 6th, 2024.**

Additional Questions

Please contact Justin Chan at the email address above for questions about the technical program or conference.

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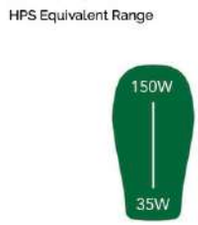

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ITE International Conference Recap

Written By Lisa Schilperoort

This year's ITE International Conference was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in July. It was my first visit to the City of Brotherly Love and my second ITE International Conference. This conference was a great opportunity to network with others from around the country. I attended a session on how other countries are successfully reducing the number of pedestrian fatalities. Although many of us are familiar with Safety Systems, it's always helpful to hear some lessons learned from other agencies. The conference covered more than just lessons learned and projects. There were discussions on the history of PROWAG and what is happening next, as well as an update on the new MUTCD. Also, if you haven't heard already ITE is rebranding to be A Community of Transportation Professionals. Of course, my favorite moment of the entire conference was hearing our very own UW Student Chapter received the ITE Student Chapter Momentum Award!!! Great job UW Students!!! Next year the ITE International Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida.

Western District Meeting Recap

Written By Ryan Peterson

The Western District meeting was held in Sacramento this year and I was able to attend as this year's Washington Section Representative. I attended the district board meeting and heard of the many good things happening across the district. Subjects included updates and annual reports from each section, status of and activities of the various committees, and several administrative initiatives. I was able to meet many other section representatives and made plan with the Oregon representative to discuss the possibility of a joint event. The conference also included a great technical program including sessions on the recent ruling on PROWAG and upcoming guidance and requirements for accessible design.

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2025 ITE Western District Annual Meeting

Call for Abstracts - Due Friday December 6th!

We hope to see you at the ITE Western District Annual Meeting in Long Beach next summer. Stay tuned for more updates!

Call for Abstracts Deadline approaches for 2025 Western District Annual Meeting in Long Beach

The deadline for abstract submittals is fast approaching for next year's ITE 2025 Western District Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California. LAC members are eagerly awaiting submissions on current topics that are critical to our profession and interesting to our members. Don't miss your opportunity to present in the technical sessions!

Abstracts (250 word maximum) should be submitted through our online form by **Friday, December 6th**. Please contact LAC Technical Chair Sowmya Chandrasekhar at sowmya.pe@gmail.com with any questions.

General topic areas may include:

- Active Transportation
- Autonomous/Connective Vehicles
- Climate Resiliency for Transportation
- Complete Streets
- Context Sensitive Solutions
- Corridor and Network Operations
- Electromobility
- Equity and Environmental Justice
- Integrated Transit Systems
- ITS and Traffic System Performance
- Funding and Policy
- Human Factors in Transportation
- Parking Design and Management
- Performance-Based Planning
- Travel Demand Management
- Vision Zero and Safe System Approach
- Transportation/Technical Solutions

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We returned this year to the beautiful backdrop of Oakbrook Golf Club for our 36th Annual golf tournament. The tournament was a day of good weather and fun for the 9 teams that were able to join us this year. This year had a new twist – normally we start early in the morning but this year we secured afternoon tee times. But we still had a delicious dinner and raffle prize drawings after the round of golf.

This year there was stiff competition between two previous winning teams, TransProV1 (Transpo Group) and the Bellevue DKS team. Both teams came in at 10 under par and had to "putt off" to determine the winner…. And first place was Bellevue DKS – Congrats! Rounding out the top 3 was Jacobs Engineering.

There was also stiff competition for the longest drive and closest to pin. Winners included Seth Loop (HDR engineering), Trevor Takara (TenW), and Hailey Stevenson (TenW) for longest drives. Matthew Thomas (TransProV1), Hailey Stevenson (TenW), and Dan Mckinney (TransProV1) all showed off their skill in a closest to pin competition.

This year featured both new teams that were joining for the first time as well as teams that have been playing for over a decade. As always it was a great opportunity to network and socialize with fellow transportation professionals in the region.

And last but not least, this tournament would not be possible without the support of our amazing sponsors!

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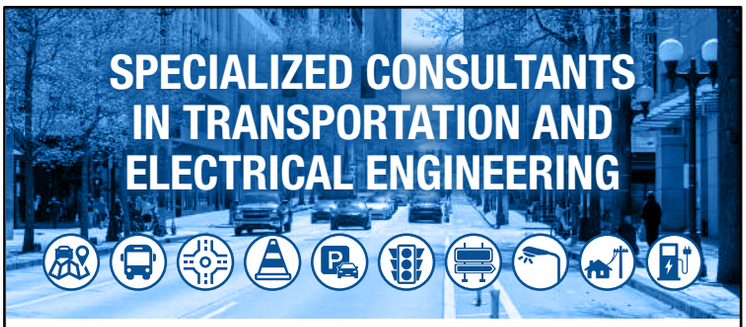

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Regional Event to honor Road Traffic Victims as part of World Day of Remembrance

The ITE WA Traffic Safety Committee, volunteers in the ITE community, is seeking partners and community members to promote a regional event to remember Road Traffic Victims on Sunday, November 17, 2024.

WHY: The results from 2023 are in and indicate Washington State has seen a precipitous rise in deaths on our streets for the 4 th year in a row. In 2023, there were over 810 fatalities on our roadways as a result of traffic related crashes, a number not seen since 1990. To call greater attention to this issue to the public and remember some of these victims, the ITE Traffic Safety Committee (along with other partners) are looking to acknowledge, remember and commit to act on World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, which is held on the third Sunday of November (this year November 17 th). Like other memorials, this is an opportunity for remembrance and call to action. Activities and promotion including creation of social media pages to promote, post, and remember.

WHAT: A coordinated event across the Puget Sound Region to acknowledge and remember those Road Traffic Victims who died on our streets and highways. The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims takes place on the third Sunday in November every year as the appropriate acknowledgment of victims of road traffic crashes and their families. It was started by the British road crash victim charity, RoadPeace , in 1993 and was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005. – Wikipedia

- The International Event page is here World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- Guidance from the International Day of Remembrance is attached:

We envision small memorials throughout the region either at city halls or those streets and roads where victims passed away. The event can be an acknowledgement by agency officials (mayors and councils, or agency staff) that roadway deaths are unacceptable and preventable. These can be respectful memorials utilizing the branded graphics developed by world day of remembrance along with some remembrance of the victim(s). The event can take less than an hour. Agencies can augment the events with information centered on the Safe System Approach about plans for safer facilities, especially facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, safer speeds and speed management, improved vehicle fleets, road user education opportunities (safe routes to school and bike safety trainings/give aways and finally emergency response. Ideas are unlimited.

WHEN: Events can be held any time on Sunday, November 17 with a desire for photos, and social media posts throughout the day.

WHO: Public Works, Enforcement, First Responders and elected officials as well as community groups promoting walking, biking and safety, schools, and others. Members of victims' families.

WHERE: At public works departments, police stations. city halls and street and road locations where there have been fatal crashes.

How can you and your group be involved? We are looking for key spokes people and over regular brief weekly meetings prepare an event to be meaningful and impactful. We are reaching out to local agencies, WTSC and the King County Pedestrian Safety Committee, the ITE Traffic Safety Committee and others.

Contact: Jeanne Acutanza at Jeanne.Acutanza@wsp.com

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