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ITE/IMSA CONFERENCE

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Monday February 9th, 2026 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Tuesday February 10th, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Register HERE

Calling all students

The Washington State Section of ITE is now accepting applications for the annual undergraduate and graduate student scholarship programs. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who are interested in pursuing a career in transportation engineering or planning. Up to two graduate scholarships of $2,500 each and two undergraduate scholarships of $1,500 each are available. If you know of someone who would like to apply for the scholarships, please share the attach documents. You can also find additional information and the applications HERE.

Applications are due by the end of the day on April 17th, 2026, and scholarship winners will be announced at the ITE Washington Student Night on May 14th at Ivar's Salmon House.

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Dear Members,

We closed out 2025, and the final months of the year were especially productive for ITE Washington, marked by a continued emphasis on offering technical programs, professional development, and member engagement.

In October we had our second hybrid monthly meeting of the year hosted at the WSP office in Seattle. Alyssa Blackmon (Kimley-Horn) and Nikki Davis (DKS) presented on the development of the City of Everett's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The technical meeting offered in-person attendees to connect while allowing the convenience of virtual participation for members.

In November, we continued the theme of transportation safety with the ITE Washington Safety Conference at the Tukwila Community Center. The event brought together industry leaders, researchers, technologists and practitioners who share a commitment to improving safety for all users, while offering valuable PDH-eligible content. Our Student Activities Committee also hosted our 3 rd Annual ITE Washington Transportation Career Preparation event, giving students the chance to ask questions, build connections, and get a clearer picture of what their career in transportation might look like.

Finally, in December with a tour of the City of Bellevue's Traffic Management Center. Attendees got a behind-the-scenes look at the City's nerve center and technology for real-time traffic operations and management. The event ended with a networking happy hour at the Amuse Bar+Restaurant, reinforcing the goal of pairing technical learning with opportunities to connect.

As my term as Section President comes to an end, I want to sincerely thank our board, committee chairs, volunteers, speakers and sponsors for helping ITE Washington make our events successful and continue expanding opportunities for members to connect and grow professionally.

It's been an honor to serve as your Section President, and I look forward to continuing to support the Section in the coming year. ■

Lawrence Guan

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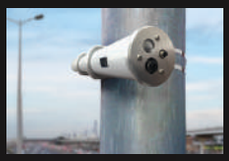

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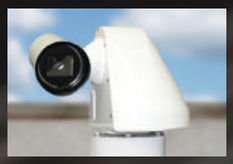

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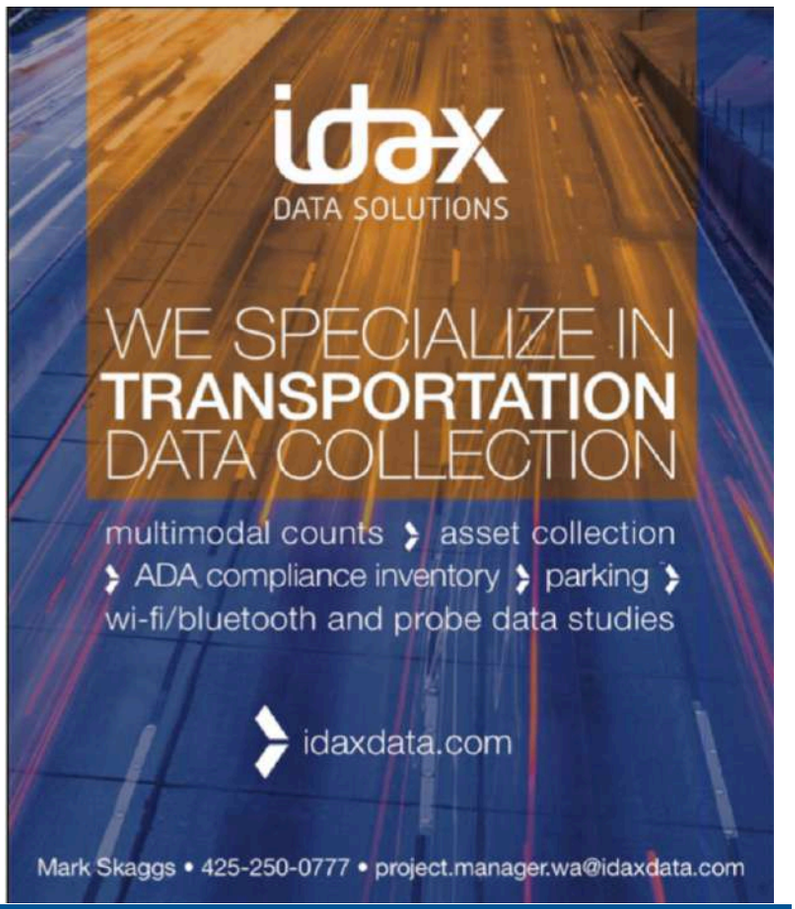


5 Reasons Why You Shouldn't Miss the Annual Meeting

1. Educational Opportunities

No matter how experienced you are, everyone can learn. The Annual Meeting can provide educational opportunities that can expose you to new ideas and trends, as well as, further your professional development. Some of these opportunities include:

- Engaging in discussions about emerging topics in transportation with professionals throughout the west
- Earning PDHs for your PE
- Exploring innovative transportation solutions
- Participating in Leadership mentoring
- Gathering with committees on leading edge initiatives and technical products
- Discovering first hand experiences in other communities on how they have advanced vision zero, smart mobility, transportation health and equity, autonomous vehicles, access for all modes of travel, complete streets and livable communities
- Obtaining information about changes in transportation performance measures/measures of effectiveness and the advancing tools and data to bring to your agency/employer

2. Networking Opportunities

The Annual Meeting provides ample opportunities to establish relationships and network with your peers. You may meet someone at a meal, in the exhibit hall or wherever and within a few minutes, you can make a connection with someone that could dramatically impact your professional career. This is especially important since these peers can become valuable resources for information, referrals, and best-practices.

3. Interaction with Solution Partners

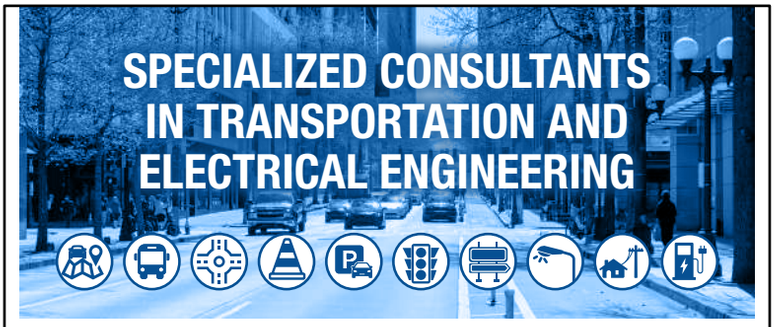
Discovering innovative products and services for our industry is necessary to stay competitive in today's fast-paced world. The Annual Meeting provides a casual venue in which to interact with exhibitors who provide products, software and services for our industry. They may have innovative solutions to share or insight on emerging trends that could provide valuable to you in the future.

4. Professional Recognition

Presenting at conferences like the Annual Meeting is a way to establish/increase your credibility and expertise in our field. When you actively participate in a conference, you can develop a reputation as an expert to your peers and your clients, and develop leadership skills. In addition, presenting will make you more confident about the work that you do, and give you new perspective about your work as people may ask questions that make you think about your project differently. At a conference you have the opportunity to get feedback on your work from people who have never seen it before and may provide new insight.

5. Have Fun

Conferences like the Annual Meeting can add a layer of enjoyment by mixing a social aspect into your educational and career growth efforts. The Annual Meeting has a number of fun activities such as family friendly events, themed banquets, and tours (technical or otherwise) of the local area where the meeting is hosted. Take the opportunity to jump on a bike and experience all kinds of transportation applications in a new community. When people can have enjoyable experiences combined with professional learning experiences, companies often see benefits from improved moods, increased motivation and higher productivity.



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ITE WA 3RD ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION CAREER PREP NIGHT RECAP

The ITE Washington Student Activities Committee hosted the 3rd Annual Transportation Career Prep Night on Thursday, November 20, 2025, bringing together students and transportation professionals from across the state for a virtual evening focused on career preparation and connection.

Students learned about a range of career paths in transportation and received practical interviews, elevator pitch and resume advice through an employer panel and small group breakout discussions.

Thank you to all the students who participated and helped make the conversations engaging. We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the employers who volunteered their time and shared their experience to support students entering the profession.

The Student Activities Committee appreciates the continued support from our professional community and looks forward to connecting again at upcoming spring student events, including the ITE WA Scholarship Program and the Student Night in May.

Thank you to our employer volunteers:

Tuan Nguyen – Transpo Group

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The Washington State ITE and IMSA are excited to announce our upcoming annual joint conference on February 9th & 10th, 2026.

The conference will include a half-day training on Monday, from 1pm to 4pm, followed by a social/networking event from 4:00pm to 6pm to kick off the conference. On Tuesday, the conference will offer a full-day of vendor workshops, a comprehensive exhibition featuring the latest in traffic products, and technical program covering topics ranging from traffic signal systems, data collection and intersection design. Draft conference agenda is provided in the Eventbrite link below. General registration to the technical training, social kick-off, technical events and exhibition is free and parking is free of charge. Lunch registration costs $70 for members, $80 for non-members, and $15 for students. Lunch reservations are non-cancellable and payment is non-refundable.

Attendees can earn PDH Credits and TARP points by attending the sessions offered on Tuesday!

IMSA NW Section plans to host IMSA certification classes on Monday (morning) and Tuesday (morning), as well as IMSA certification exams on Tuesday afternoon. Please see below for more details about the classes and information on how to register.

WHEN:

Monday February 9th, 2026 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
Tuesday February 10th, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm

WHERE:

Hilton Bellevue, 300 112th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98004

IMSA Training Agenda:

Monday & Tuesday 8 am – 430 pm, lunch provided.

Courses offered and registration procedure:

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Traffic Signal Technician Level 1 — TST1

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Types of Training for Local Agencies:

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