



MID-COLONIAL DISTRICT

Spring 2024 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello MCDITE Members and Friends,

Spring is here (almost!) and with that, MCDITE is here with its first newsletter for Year 2024. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you a brief update of all the exciting activities that the District is programming for this year. Here are some of the highlights:

* **[2024 Traffic Bowl and Technical Meeting](#)**: MCDITE is organizing a technical meeting with the Traffic Bowl on April 16, 2024. This meeting includes a fantastic agenda including technical tours and presentations. **Early Bird Registration has been extended to April 2nd.** [Registration](#) and [Sponsorship](#) is currently open; be sure to get your spot early! For more info, reach out to [David Duarte](#) and [Shraddha Praharaj](#), for any additional information.

* **Webinar Series**: MCDITE is starting a webinar series to provide additional “Lunch n Learn” and involvement opportunities. [Registration](#) for first webinar on April 2, 2024, is now open – Introduction to ITE Councils and Committees. [Jerry Baxter](#) is chairing the webinar committee along with [Peter O'Halloran](#) and Jon Crisafi. If you have a cool project or innovative concept to showcase with this community of engineers and planners, please email [Jerry Baxter](#).

* **2024 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition** Philadelphia, PA (July 21-24, 2024): The entire transportation industry is coming to our backyard, with a great opportunity for you to interact with like-minded engineers and planners from all over the country and the world. Registration for the event is open, including a social event on July 22 (Monday) at the City Winery. Please reach out to [Nicole Kline-Elsier](#), [Kate Russo](#), or [Jeff Reigner](#) for any additional information.

* **2024 Penn State Student Leadership Summit**: Penn State is planning MCDITE's first ever student-led meeting at State College, PA in November 2024. We are particularly excited about this format, which allows for student and professional engagement. [Scott Seibel](#) and the Penn State Student Chapter are planning a great event including a Penn State Football watch party. Stay tuned for more updates!

* **Younger Member Committee**: MCDITE is starting a YMC under [Tyler Hartman's](#) leadership. This committee will provide an avenue for younger members in our district to launch their careers, enhance local connections, and expand their technical/professional skills with ITE. To be a part of this exciting committee, please reach out to [Tyler](#).

* **Vendor Expo**: [Chris May](#) is leading the MCDITE's Vendor Expo Committee, an initiative to provide vendors with a platform for knowledge transfer, training, and information exchange with our membership. If you are a vendor and would like to share your projects, products, or ideas, please reach out to [Chris](#).

MCDITE loves to hear from you and so, let me know how we can serve you better. We are always open to new ideas. Finally, I thank you for trusting me with the leadership

for the District for Year 2024. I look forward to serving you in the best way possible.

Thanks,

[Vivek Hariharan](#)

2024 President Mid-Colonial District of ITE





**Presentation
Spotlight!**

Traffic Bowl & Technical Meeting

SESSION 1



"MUTCD Updates - FHWA Division Office Perspective"
Serena Liu



"Accessible Floating Bus Stop Design"
Jim Elliot



"PA VRU Safety Assessment"
Jason Hershock



"Horizontal Curve Program"
Jacob Kulhanek

PLUS THE CAV WORKING GROUP PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING:



Van "Kevin" Stitche



Richard Bishop



Ed Pavelka



Warren Henry

SESSION 2



"AI-based Integrated Transportation Management System and Beyond"
Ziyi Ma



"Assuring the Future of Autonomous Transportation"
Ed Pavelka



"Bus Lane Camera Enforcement Program"
Matt Zapsen



"Enola Grade Trail"
Todd Trautz



"Loudoun County Sidewalk & Trail Prioritization Study"
Laura Ghosh



"Vision Zero program & Two-way Separated Bike Lane"
Amanda Rodriguez



<https://mcdite.org/annual-meeting/>

Visit the website to register.
Detailed schedule coming soon!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 2nd!

[Register Here](#)

**2024 ITE Mid-Colonial District Webinar Series
Introducing ITE Councils and Committees
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 12:00 PM**

Join your fellow Mid-Colonial District colleagues to learn about the exciting items being done by the ITE Councils and Committees. The webinar will include an overview by the Chair of the Council Leadership Team. We will then hear from three local leaders involved in different Councils. The following speakers are scheduled:

- Lindsey Van Parys, PE; GHD – *Chair Council Leadership Team*
- David A. Petrucci, Jr., P.E., PTOE, RSP2I; FHWA – *Safety Council*
- Alex Rixey, AICP; Montgomery County, MD, Planning Dept. – *Planning Council*
- Adam Smith, PE, PTOE; City of Philadelphia – *Complete Streets Council*

There is no fee to register. Register at the link below for this webinar:
[Register Here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

SECTION NEWS



Listen to the latest episode of [The Sectional Podcast](#) featuring the **Director of WMATA's Contract Support & Marketing Outreach, Norie Calvert**. Norie impressed our fabulous Sectional hosts, Eric Tang and Sarah Gary, as they discussed her upbringing, work ethic, and determination to continuously step into new crucial roles. She shared the latest in procurement methodologies and her tips for consultants who are submitting proposals.

Any soccer fans? Place May 15th on your calendar for CAPSITE's **annual technical meeting and soccer game at Audi Field in D.C.** where D.C. United will play NY Red Bulls. [Sponsorship opportunities](#) are available to support this unique and successful event.

CAPSITE members love supporting other organizations in our area, especially ones that focus on students and STEM. **Three of our members, Shraddha Praharaj, Neelima Ghanta, & Joseph Moges, recently served as judges for Discover Engineering's annual international Future Cities Competition** selecting Lionville Middle School of Exton, PA whose city, Mawiana, was commended for its "compact city design and realistic energy sources". Our own, Eric Tang, presented the award at the Final Awards Ceremony. Check out our LinkedIn [post](#) for photos.

With the start of the new year, **CAPSITE welcomes our newest Board member, Sarah Gary**, a vice president at JMT. She is starting her tenure on CAPSITE's Board as Baltimore Area Director. Originally from Kentucky, Sarah has spent her career in Maryland and we are excited to have her experience and connections in Maryland to bring interesting topics and effective speakers to our community. Learn more about [Sarah](#) via our [#meettheboard](#) LinkedIn campaign by searching ['#ite #meettheboard #introductions'](#) on LinkedIn.

For the past two years, the Maryland STEM Festival has been holding the Middle School STEM Professional Match Program across Maryland. The program involves coordinating visits from STEM Professionals with Middle Schools around the state. The event has been very well received by students, teachers, and professionals involved in the program. More information on the event, including schools that have committed, is available on our [website](#). We are expecting more schools to participate in our program. This year, we are expanding the event and holding it in the Spring and Fall. The Festival is seeking STEM Professionals to speak at Middle Schools the week of May 14th. The date and time will be coordinated between the volunteers and the schools. We ask that you consider participating in the program. We would appreciate sharing this information with others you know who would be interested. If you would like to participate, please complete the attached form and send it to [Phil Rogofsky](#), Executive Director by April 8th.



ITE INTERNATIONAL/DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION CONTEST - DUE APRIL 5th!

MASITE is proud to announce this one-time opportunity: The Registration Contest for the ITE International/District Annual Meeting (to be held July 21-24, 2024 in Philadelphia, PA). Are you a MASITE member under the age of 35 who has an interest in going to the ITE International/District Annual Meeting? Have you wondered what the difference is from an International Meeting to one of our local MASITE Annual Meetings? Then this is the contest for you!

Who May enter:

1. A MASITE member (age 21-35) in the year 2024.
2. Participates in MASITE-sponsored activities through attendance and/or volunteering of:
 - a. Western/Central/Eastern Area Meetings and/or,
 - b. MASITE Annual Meetings and/or,
 - c. District Annual Meetings and/or,
 - d. MASITE Committee and/or,
 - e. ITE Mid-Colonial District Committee.
3. Has preliminarily talked to their employer to obtain the time off work or is willing to use personal time off (PTO).

How much will it cost:

To attend the ITE International Meeting, the base cost is normally \$600 to \$1700 (or more) depending how far you are traveling. This year, the anticipated costs are:

- \$695-\$895 Early Bird Registration (by June 7, 2024)
- \$500-550 Hotel (if needed)
- \$150-175 Parking (if needed)
- \$695-1620 TOTAL

Costs will vary depending upon your proximity to downtown Philadelphia. MASITE will provide one \$1,000 stipend (MASITE Treasurer will send an expense report form) prior to Early-Bird registration closing. You do not have to register for the Annual Meeting prior to entering into the contest! There is no fee to enter the Contest.

How to Enter the Contest:

Answer the questions on the form: MASITE-Sponsored Registration Contest for 2024 ITE International/District Annual Meeting Form

In the two essay sections, sell yourself on receiving the opportunity! The deadline for submitting applications for the ITE International/District Annual Meeting Registration Contest is 11:59 PM EDT on Monday, April 1, 2024. MASITE guarantees to run this contest fairly, ethically and with integrity. All judging decisions are final.

Please reach out to the MASITE President, [Megan McDermott](#) if you have any questions.

What if I win?

The winner will be contacted by email. The MASITE Treasurer will work with you to submit your expenses. Your name will not be announced prior to the Annual Meeting, but we would love for you to write an experience blog of your time at the Annual Meeting.

MASITE SCHOLARSHIPS - DUE ON APRIL 5th!

MASITE is proud to announce the continuation of an annual student scholarship program.

This scholarship is aimed to recognize students for their hard work while encouraging them to fulfill their course work in transportation and pursue a career in the field of transportation engineering or planning. This scholarship is intended to appreciate and provide financial support to students who have demonstrated extraordinary interest in the transportation field. The scholarship will be awarded to up to two undergraduate or graduate students in the amount of \$750 each. The deadline for submitting applications for the 2024 MASITE Annual Student Scholarship is 11:59 pm EST on Friday April 5, 2024. Additional details on the scholarship can be found on MASITE's website here. Please reach out to [Greg Frisby](#), MASITE Scholarships Committee Chair, for additional information.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

2024 MASITE Annual Meeting in West Virginia

The 2024 MASITE Annual Meeting is in the planning stages. If you have any questions or are interested in being on the planning committee contact conference chair [Scott Nale](#) or MASITE President, [Megan McDermott](#). You do not have to be local to join in on the fun planning!

MASITE Western Area Event – Traffic Signal Phasing – Understanding Overlaps and Wiring
May 23, 2024 at Cefalo's in Carnegie, PA with Dan Fedio (PennDOT D11-0) presenting.

MASITE Western Area Event - Multi-Society Softball Tournament
June 1, 2024 at South Park Fairgrounds, South Park, PA - 9:00am until the brackets are finished! Teams are hat selected!

MASITE Central Area Event - PennDOT Origin-Destination Data
April 11, 2024 at Homewood Suites by Hilton, 11:15 am to 1:00 pm

MASITE Eastern Area & Drexel Student Chapter Event - Pro-What? An Introduction to PROWAG and Accessibility
April 10, 2024 at Drexel University, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

MCDITE Leadership

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