

President's Message

Hello MCDITE Members and Friends,

Summer approaches and the school year is coming to an end. I am sure several of you are planning family get-togethers and vacations. As you make plans for the upcoming months, do keep in mind that the 2024 ITE Annual Meeting is being held in Philadelphia, PA (July 21-24, 2024). What an exciting opportunity to meet transportation professionals from across the world and learn more about how our industry is innovating to serve our communities better. I hope to see you all there and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [Kate Russo](#) for any additional information. Note that early registration closes on June 7, 2024.

Let me take this opportunity to brief you on MCDITE activities thus far and some of the anticipated programming for the rest of the year. As you must have seen, we have had a busy start to the year.

- Under David Duarte and Shradha Praharaj's leadership, MCDITE hosted the 2024 Traffic Bowl and Technical Meeting this past April in College Park, MD. Technical presentations and tours were well received by the attendees while Penn State University took home the honors of winner the 2024 MCDITE Traffic Bowl.
- The webinar committee put together two fantastic presentations (in April and May 2024) with a wide variety of information and presentations. Both these webinars had great attendance and good audience interaction.
- Chris May has been leading the efforts on the Vendor Expo committee and has gathered an impressive roster of participating vendors.
- Tyler Hartman has been leading the charge on the Young Member Committee and is looking to bring this committee to life through the next few months.

Some of the anticipated programming for the rest of the year for you to look forward to are:

- MCDITE organized social event at the 2024 ITE Annual Meeting at City Winery Philadelphia, PA on July 22 (Monday).
- Upcoming Vendor presentations from the Vendor Expo Committee. If you are interested in being part of the MCDITE vendor community, please contact [Chris May](#).
- The Webinar Committee is planning a couple of technical presentations in August and the latter half of this year.
- Penn State organized 2024 Student Led Seminar will be held in November 2024 at State College, PA.

As always, if you have any ideas and suggestions on me and the rest of the MCDITE board can serve you better, please reach out to me. We are always enthusiastic and looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

[Vivek Hariharan](#)
2024 President Mid-Colonial District of ITE



2024 Mid-Colonial District ITE Traffic Bowl and Technical Meeting Summary

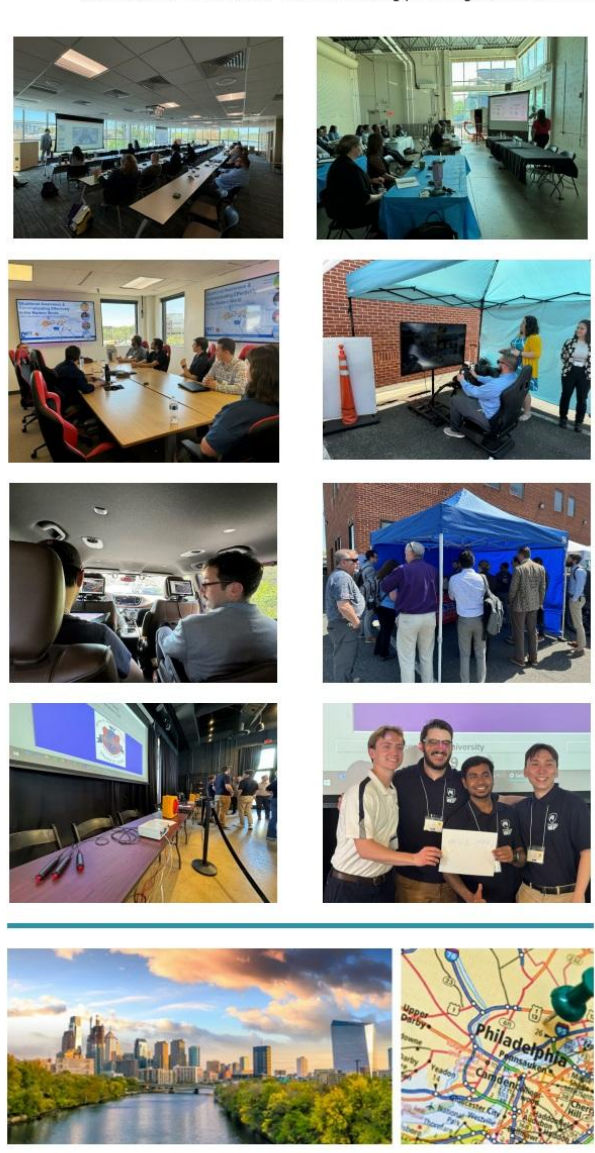
The 2024 Mid-Colonial District ITE Traffic Bowl and Technical Meeting was held in College Park, MD on April 16, 2024. This event incorporated over 100 people, including attendees, speakers, and students competing in the Traffic Bowl. There was public participation from city, state, and federal agencies, as well as many transportation professionals from private industry. The first part of the event included presentations from FHWA, various City and State DOTs from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, and consultants based in the area. The topics included standards in practice, transportation and technology, connected & automated vehicles, and active transportation in the region.

The second portion of the event included technical tours and demonstrations from experts in research and transportation. These include University of Maryland's Transportation Research & Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (M-TRAIL) group showcasing an autonomous vehicle, JMT showcasing their driving simulator, TS&T showcasing their LIDAR technology capable of detecting road users in ways that go beyond existing camera detection to enhance safety and mobility, and University of Maryland's Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory (CATT Lab) showcasing the real time use of data and operations trends obtained through their RITIS platform.

The final portion of the event included the District Traffic Bowl, where student chapters from 6 universities in the district competed against one another to snag the title of District Traffic Bowl Champion. With strong competition from WVU, UMD, Howard University, and Morgan State University, ultimately, Penn State University was crowned with the title. Our traffic bowl venue also provided an opportunity for attendees to connect with ITE members and colleagues over food and drink. We will cheer on Penn State as we hope they succeed in the International Traffic Bowl competition at the ITE International's Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Philadelphia. They will go up against other district champions in July later this year.

As co-chairs for this event, we want to sincerely thank each and every one of you who contributed to making this event successful! This includes our sponsors, volunteers, district and section leadership committee members, and ultimately all the attendees!

David Duarte & Shradha Praharaj
2024 MCDITE Traffic Bowl & Technical Meeting | Planning Committee Chairs



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July 21-24

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Our district is honored to host this meeting. Don't miss out on attending this exciting event!

Early Bird Registration ends on June 7.

[Register Here](#)

Mid-Colonial District of ITE (MCDITE)

Virtual Vendor Expo

MCDITE's new initiative is to develop a virtual "Vendor Expo" a platform full of vendor-related information by the vendor community, for our membership. MCDITE highlights vendor product innovation, vendor equipment, and its corresponding representative within our communities, to broaden the knowledge base of MCDITE membership.

Details

Each webinar will focus on similar technology based on vendor interest and the type of technology being showcased. Vendors are encouraged to share their contact information and interests with the attendees. Additionally, attendee list can be provided to the vendors based on attendee preference.

Call for Vendors!

- Frequency**
Based on the number of interested vendors, MCDITE will host this event every other month or quarterly.
- Duration**
1 - 1.5 hours. Approximately 30 minutes is allotted per vendor.
- Vendor Cost**
\$100 per webinar presentation
- Directions**
If interested, please provide your company name, contact name, and e-mail address, along with the product types you are interested in displaying to [Christopher May](mailto:christopher.may@mbaiteinc.com).

2025 Officers Election

Pursuant to the ITE Mid-Colonial District Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is transmitting a list of qualified candidates nominated for 2025 officer positions. The list is as follows:

- President:** Mahmood Shehata
Vice-President: Adam Greenstein
Secretary/Treasurer:
 - David Duarte
 - Steven Palmer
International Director:
 - Kate Russo
 - Jennifer Walsh

VOTING: Bios of the candidates and the ballot were sent out in late May. Again this year, the voting members will use an online electronic service to conduct the elections. All eligible district members will receive instructions via email to vote. The ballot will be sent to the email on record with www.ite.org.

SCHEDULE: The tentative schedule for this year's election process is below.
 1. Friday May 31st, 2023 – Ballots Distributed
 2. Saturday July 6th, 2023 – Voting Closes

SECTION NEWS



CAPSITE continued its tour of the region's counties to bring ITE to our public agency partners by holding our April meeting at Montgomery County offices - check out the photos and recap in our [LinkedIn Post](#). This event sold out as our community sought to hear presentations from SHA's Senior Safety Officer, the City of Rockville's master plan, Montgomery County's Safe Routes to School program, and one of bringing ped and bike master plan projects to life. Our student chapters are invaluable to the growth of ITE. That's why CAPSITE likes to visit local universities with ITE Student Chapters. Check out the recap of our latest visit to George Washington University on [LinkedIn](#), where our DC Area Director, Avram Calle, and long-time volunteer, Dan Hardy, brought pizza to hungry students to talk about their academic interests and opportunities, with a focus on undergraduate interests.

Take a moment on your Friday to check out our [Where in The Region...](#) LinkedIn posts that showcase transportation photos taken by the CAPSITE community. [Here](#) is our latest photo. Do you like to take photos of cool, interesting, and unique transportation elements around the DMV, or have transportation-related photos on your phone that you're dying to share? If you can answer "yes" to either of those questions, please share your pictures and location description to [Ashley Orr](#) for a chance to be featured as part of our series!

CAPSITE's very own Doug Halpert recently presented on a live ITE webinar. His presentation was titled [A 1-Year Cycling Experience and the Lessons Learned](#), in which he documents his experience of completing his 10-mile commute to and from the office by bicycle for a calendar year. He provides a case study of the challenges and opportunities while bringing first-hand understanding and insight to his work designs moving forward. The recording of Doug's webinar can be viewed [here](#).



MASITE has wrapped up some interesting and awesome events this quarter which has included:

Our first STEM event of 2024: On April 11th, five MASITE volunteers had a very rewarding day as they visited Octorara Elementary School in Chester County, PA. The volunteers engaged 4th graders in lessons about friction, gravity, momentum, and braking distance using Hot Wheels cars on wooden ramps. Students had the opportunity to experiment how various factors such as vehicle weight, surface material, ramp height, car aerodynamics, and reaction time influenced speed. The students posed insightful questions, from the applications of Newton's Laws of Physics to inquiries about professional salaries. We extend our gratitude to Jenn Walsh, Dan Eskander, Melissa Mo, Tyler Hartman, and Megan McDermott for dedicating their time to enriching the STEM experience at Octorara Elementary School through MASITE's STEM event.



Two events with our Student Chapters: MASITE Eastern Area & Drexel Student Chapter Event - [Pro-What? An Introduction to PROWAG and Accessibility](#) on April 10th and MASITE Western Area & West Virginia Student Chapter Event - ["Hey, I'm \(Walking/Biking/Driving\) Here!": A Downtown Microsimulation Study for Morgantown, WV](#) on April 24th - both events had over a dozen students interacting with MASITE members!



Three Local area events: MASITE Central Area Events - PennDOT Origin-Destination Data on April 11th and the MASITE vs. ITSPA Golf Outing where MASITE won the Trophy on May 7th and MASITE Western Area Event - Traffic Signal Phasing - Understanding Overlaps and Writing on May 23rd



Our upcoming events for the next quarter include:
 MASITE Western Area Event - Multi-Society Softball Tournament
 June 1, 2024 at South Park Fairgrounds, South Park, PA - Spectators Welcome!
 MASITE Eastern Area Event - Multi-Society Kickball Tournament
 June 6, 2024 at Fairmount Park, Edgely Fields, Philadelphia, PA - Sign up to be on the MASITE Kickball Team!

MASITE Easter Area Event - PennDOT Origin-Destination Data
 June 11, 2024 at PennDOT District 6-0 in King of Prussia, PA with Ryan McNary and Scott Benedict (PennDOT Bureau of Operations) presenting.

MASITE Central Area Event - PTC and PennDOT Central Office Innovative Technology Presentation and Social
 June 13, 2024 at Hollywood Casino, John Henry Room, Grantville, PA

We look forward to the International Meeting in Philadelphia and hope to see all the District Members at the Monday Night Social! We will be there wearing our Red, White and Blue!

Our future events include a Philadelphia Phillies Baseball Game, Washington Wilds Things Baseball Game, I-95 Cap Presentation, Cornhole Tournament, ATSPM Workshop, the MASITE Annual Meeting in West Virginia, National Highway Products Tour and so much more!

MCDITE Leadership

- Vivek Hariharan, PE, PTOE, President
- Mahmood Shehata, PE, VP
- Adam Greenstein, PE, Secretary/Treasurer
- Gerard Baxter, PE, PTOE, Int. Dir.
- Seth Young, PE, PTOE, PE, Immediate Past President
- Jon Crisafi, PE, PTOE, CAPSITE Representative
- Peter O'Halloran, PE, PTOE, MASITE Representative
- Susan Best, PE, District Administrator
- Sidney New, PE, Communications Director
- Phil Kolecki, PE, PTOE, Newsletter Editor

