



Spring 2026 Newsletter

Communication

We all can acknowledge and understand that communication is important. I see it as both the most challenging and the most valuable part of my job. You could say that this is true for almost any job, but for jobs in transportation – where we serve the public to operate, maintain, and improve a complex system people use and rely on every day in some way – this is the key to our success. I particularly find public engagement to be the most rewarding and meaningful aspect of my work, despite the time commitments, trials, and tribulations.

I have been fortunate to work with many people in different facets of the transportation industry who have been willing to share feedback on the quality and style of my communication in all of its forms. I feel comfortable saying that I have made a lot of improvement since I started my career, but I still have a lot to learn. I have had my fair share of situations where my communication has come back to haunt me – accidentally throwing people under the proverbial bus; sharing information when not appropriate; making emails too long or too short; having a lack of responsiveness; not listening actively; interrupting; and using messaging that makes people upset, even when it was well-intended. With each of these mishaps comes an opportunity to learn and improve.

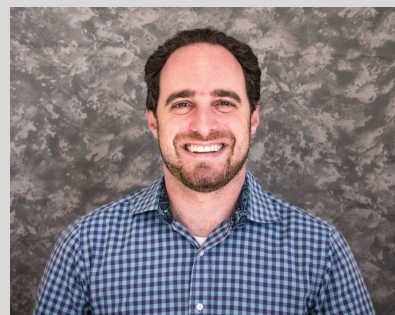
We need to pick and choose our communication styles when working with different audiences, between our co-workers, clients or customers, and the public. It can be difficult to change our mindset and approach in each situation since, for lack of a better description, we are who we are. But learning to adapt your communication style to your audience can be one of your greatest assets.

Set aside time on a regular basis to focus on improving your communication. Take a training course or two. Offer to help plan, present, or support a project team at a public meeting. Present at an office or team lunch-and-learn. Ask for feedback. Actively track and take notes of the nature of your communication to find ways to make it more effective, efficient, trustworthy, and impactful.

Please don't hesitate to let us know your thoughts on communications from the Mid-Colonial District leadership. Tell us what you like, what could be improved, and how we could improve. There are so many things our District leadership team does to try to maximize the value of your membership, but how we communicate with you may have the greatest influence on your overall experience. We are here to help and to listen.

Looking forward to continuing the conversation.

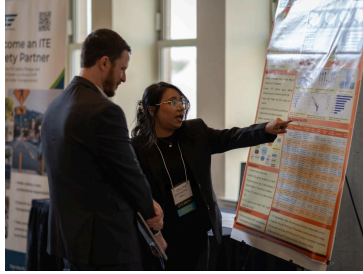
Adam Greenstein, PE, PTOE
2026 ITE Mid-Colonial District President



ITE Mid-Colonial District Annual Meeting April 15-17, 2026 Lancaster, PA

The District's annual meeting was a fantastic event. Over 200 people joined us for informative technical sessions, the vendor expo and fun social events!

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Project of the Year Award

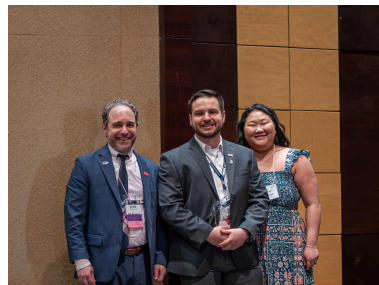
The District has chosen the **Army Navy Drive Complete Street, Arlington County, Virginia**. Congratulations to the Mark Dennis and the whole Arlington County team!

Jon Crisafi, of Kittelson and Associates (a consultant partner of the County) accepted the award on the County's behalf.



Volunteer of the Year Award

The District has selected **Tyler Hartman** as the 2026 Volunteer of the Year! Congratulations to Tyler and thank you for your volunteer efforts throughout the District.



Susan L. Best Legacy of Service Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a District member for years of exemplary service to ITE and the transportation profession in general. The award is named in honor of Susan L. Best, who dedicated several years of service to the Mid-Colonial District of ITE (MCDITE) and Mid-Atlantic Section of ITE (MASITE). The District was honored to present **Jeffrey Reigner** to receive the Susan L. Best Legacy of Service Award! Congratulations to Jeff and thank you for your volunteer efforts for ITE throughout your career!



Rising Stars Program

ITE's Rising Stars Program has been created to identify the next generation and new faces of the transportation profession. For 2026, the ITE Mid-Colonial District has selected **Ashley Orr** from the ITE Chesapeake and Potomac Section (CAPSITE)! Congratulations Ashley!



Past President's Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize the District Past President for their years of service on the Board and particularly their leadership as President. The 2026 ITE Mid-Colonial District Past President Award goes to **Mahmood Shehata**! Thank you, Mahmood for your service to the District and congratulations!



Joint ITE International and Great Lakes District

District Annual Meeting and Exhibition

July 19-22, 2026
Detroit, Michigan

Meeting Information Here

MCDITE Events at the ITE International Annual Meeting (Detroit)

Informal District Meetup

Join fellow MCDITE members for an informal evening meetup at [Grand Trunk Pub \(612 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48226\)](#) on **Monday, July 20, from 8:00–10:00 PM**. This is a great chance to catch up with others from your District in a relaxed setting.
An event will be posted in the Whova app closer to the meeting.

MCDITE Group Photo

We will gather for an MCDITE group photo at the **ITE letters** during the **PM Networking Break on Tuesday, July 21**. Please plan to arrive around **3:50 PM** so we can organize promptly.
An event will be posted in the Whova app closer to the meeting.



Make a Difference in the Future of STEM Education!

Are you passionate about science, technology, engineering, or math?
Want to inspire the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers?
We need YOU to help promote STEM in K-12 education, in your communities!

MCDITE is building a network of volunteers across the District who are eager to support local STEM events and activities. Whether you have years of experience or are new to the field, we welcome your enthusiasm and passion for STEM!

Volunteer to:

- Lead or assist with "local to you" STEM events
- Mentor students and share your expertise
- Help spark curiosity and ignite a love for learning



Questions? Want to join the District STEM Committee? Contact Dan Eskinder at deskinder@hntb.com

- ITE Younger Member Committee Peer Exchange on August 10th, with a focus on student engagement and the student to young professional transition.
- August 10, 3-4 pm eastern. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/QbtaUD-uRoaGW6g6hvXllw>

The peer exchange isn't meant just for District/Section Younger Member Committee (YMC) Chairs. It is open to all members. It is a way for anyone who has interest in the topic to discuss what challenges they're having, successes, and lessons learned whether it be an event coordinator, a member of a District/Section YMC, a executive board member, or someone going through the transition who wants to share their thoughts and feelings. The more voices the better.



As we move into the spring season, I hope everyone is enjoying the longer days and renewed energy this time of year brings. It's often a particularly active time in our field, with projects advancing, construction season ramping up, and new ideas taking shape across our region.

One of my key goals for 2026 has been to grow and strengthen our volunteer base, and I'm excited to see meaningful progress already. We've had several members step forward to support our efforts, and this growing involvement is helping us build a more resilient and sustainable leadership structure. By expanding participation and creating more redundancy within our teams, we can better support one another, maintain continuity, and continue delivering high-quality programs for our members.

CAPSITE has always been driven by the energy and dedication of its volunteers. Whether you're helping organize an event, supporting student outreach, or contributing ideas behind the scenes, your involvement makes a real impact. If you've been thinking about getting more involved, I encourage you to take that step—there are many ways to contribute, and every effort helps strengthen our community.

Looking ahead, we are continuing to build a strong calendar of events for the year, including the return of our Audi Field technical event, one of our most anticipated and engaging gatherings. These events not only provide valuable technical insights but also create opportunities to connect, collaborate, and strengthen our professional network.

At the same time, our industry continues to evolve, with new tools, technologies, and approaches shaping how we plan, design, and operate transportation systems. Staying connected through organizations like CAPSITE allows us to learn from one another, share experiences, and adapt to these changes together.

As always, I encourage you to stay engaged, attend events, and share your ideas. CAPSITE is strongest when it reflects the voices and participation of its members, and I look forward to continuing this momentum together throughout the year.

Lili Liang
CAPSITE President



SAVE THE DATE - 2026 MASITE ANNUAL MEETING





The 21st Annual MASITE vs. ITSPA Golf Outing took place on Tuesday, May 5th at Iron Valley Golf Club in Lebanon, Pennsylvania—and what a day it was! With 83 golfers from MASITE and ITSPA in attendance, the event once again delivered a great mix of friendly competition, networking, and fun on the course, along with perfect spring weather.

The outing featured the traditional scramble format, along with the highly anticipated MASITE vs. ITSPA team competition. As in past years, team scores were averaged to determine the overall winner—and with four consecutive years of MASITE holding the trophy, the pressure was on. This year, however, Team ITSPA rose to the occasion and claimed victory, taking home bragging rights until next year. Team MASITE will surely be looking to start a new streak in 2027!

Beyond the competition, the outing once again made a meaningful impact. Thanks to the strong turnout and continued support from participants, MASITE was able to contribute a donation to PennDOT's Innovation Challenge. This statewide initiative engages high school students in solving real-world transportation challenges through creativity, problem-solving, and strategic thinking—helping inspire the next generation of transportation professionals.

A special thank you goes out to all participants for making the event such a success, and to Patrick McTish for organizing and coordinating another outstanding outing. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the course next year!

GENERAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

MASITE relies on the support and participation of its members who volunteer to assist with various aspects of the organization. Operational committees, the Annual Meeting, STEM outreach, and technical and social event planning are just a few of the wide range of opportunities that are available to get involved. Volunteering can be a great first step towards future involvement as an elected MASITE Board representative and further exposure to the broader ITE International community.

Whether you have something specific in mind or just want to help out - if YOU would like to get more involved in MASITE as a volunteer, you can contact any members of the [MASITE Board](#) and they would be happy to discuss potential volunteer opportunities that align with your interests or skills.

MCDITE Leadership

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