



Consultant's Council

2022 Consultant's Council Accomplishments

Guiding Principle: We communicate and share ideas, concerns, trends, industry direction and needs of ITE's consulting community.

The ITE Consultants Council serves as a sounding board for the ITE Board of Direction on the strategic direction of ITE, provides a forum for collaboration among senior representatives from the member firms, and, working with ITE staff, identifies and develops products and services of benefit to its member firms. This year alone, the following programs and services were developed by the Consultant's Council exclusively or in collaboration with other employer councils.

Best Practices in Selecting Transportation Consultants Informational Report

The *Best Practices in Selecting Transportation Consultants* Informational Report was written primarily for public agency officials responsible for engaging consultants to provide professional services pertaining to the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of transportation systems and facilities.

Sandbox Design Competitions

The success of the 2020 Micromobility Sandbox Design Competition motivated the Consultant's Council to consider a longer-term commitment for this competition as the sole sponsor of the event.

For 2021, the group selected Vision Zero and the competition focused on near-miss technology to perform safety studies.

For 2022, the topic of Equitable Sim City Design Competition was selected where the purpose was to plan and design a community in a post-pandemic world-balancing elements of equitable design.

Diversity Scholars Scholarship

In collaboration with the Industry Council, the Consultant's Council funded its second of up to five years of \$4,000 to support one of ITE's Diversity Scholars. The purpose of the Diversity Scholars program is to increase the participation of underrepresented populations in the transportation profession by supporting increased diversity at the undergraduate level. Diversity transportation is critical as practitioners seek to fully understand the transportation needs of communities in the development of equitable mobility improvements to many areas of our society.

Plenary Speaker Sponsorship for the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition

For the third year in a row, the Consultant's Council sponsored a plenary session speaker. The Consultant's Council was pleased to take the lead on this session where many top of mind transportation issues were discussed.

Joint Employer Council Town Hall

The Consultant's Council took the lead on hosting a Joint Employer Town Hall to discuss issues about staff recruitment and retention.

Guest speaker and breakout sessions encouraged participant engagement. The plan is to do another Town Hall in 2023.

For more information on the Consultant's Council, visit <https://www.ite.org/membership/employer-council/#ConsultantsCouncil>

Consultant Council Toolbox for Being an Effective Transportation Consultant

This product is a retooled version of a program hosted by the Consultant's Council several years ago in Tucson, AZ, USA and would be a series of webinars (two of which happened in 2021 and one in 2022). Additional webinars are scheduled in 2023 and will culminate with a program held at the Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Portland, OR, US this August.

Additional Benefits

In addition to influencing the development of the products and services that are developed by the Consultant's Council, member firms receive an array of benefits, including:

- Recognition as an industry leader through all ITE communication channels and at the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition
- Access to ITE Board Members and input on new programs, products, and services
- Influence over new products specific to member firms
- Exclusive networking opportunities
- Member-only networking opportunities through ITE e-Community
- Discounts on access to ITE services such as job postings through the ITE Career Center