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**THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS (ITE) BESTOWS HONORARY
MEMBERSHIP UPON THREE OUTSTANDING TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS**

WASHINGTON, DC —The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) congratulates its three newest Honorary Members, the highest recognition of notable and outstanding professional achievement ITE presents to an individual. Since 1933 when the first Honorary Member was selected, only 86 individuals have been recognized this way. The ITE Executive Committee has elected the following three individuals as Honorary Members **Jenny L. Grote, P.E., PTOE, PTP (H)**, **Zaki Mustafa, P.E. (H)**, and **Robert C. Wunderlich, P.E. (H)**. Congratulations to these three individuals upon receiving ITE's highest honor!

Jenny L. Grote, P.E., PTOE, PTP (H) has dedicated her career to serving ITE and the profession. She is the Principal of GroTrans Engineering, LLC, a transportation planning and engineering firm she launched in 2017 in the Phoenix, AZ, USA area. Prior to that she served the City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department for more than 30 years in progressively responsible positions, including deputy director of the Transportation Planning and Programming Division, and the deputy director of the Street Maintenance Division. She has been a member of ITE since graduating with a bachelor of science in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado in 1983.

Jenny has served ITE with distinction over an extended period of time. She has held all offices of the Arizona Section and the Western District, was elected to two-terms on the International Board of Direction, and in 2002 became the International President. She has continued her active ITE involvement as the Western District Administrator for nine years, and today is the District Administrator of the newly formed Mountain District. Grote remains on several technical Councils and Committees, continues to contribute to industry publications, and is a mentor for many younger members.

Most recently, Jenny was named the recipient of ITE's Burton W. Marsh Award for Distinguished Service in 2020. In 2016, the Arizona Section established the Jenny L. Grote Student Leadership Award. This award was named in honor of Jenny's countless hours of dedication over many years promoting ITE involvement to students.

Zaki Mustafa, P.E. (H), served as the principal transportation engineer for the City of Los Angeles, CA, USA where he worked for 33 years. He managed a staff of 155 professionals and has a budget of more than \$250 million USD. He was responsible for the delivery of capacity enhancement and streetscape

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improvements; pedestrian and school safety Improvement projects; the City's signal synchronization program; preparation of engineering plans for various traffic control devices such as traffic signals, speed feedback signs, left turn arrows, and striping plans; project management of all Measure R transit capital projects; review of traffic impact studies and site specific development projects for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance purposes; and the implementation of the city's Bike Plan. While serving as the Executive Officer his team designed and installed more than 175 miles (281.6 km) of bike lanes, designed and installed the city's first People Plaza, designed and installed the city's first four parklets, introduced a new Continental crosswalk, and designed the city's first low-cost traffic-calming pedestrian enhancement project as part of Mayor's initiative, "Great Streets" on Broadway.

Zaki's energetic yet thoughtful style of leadership is key to his ability to bring people together. His motto is "Together we are the best!" Through his leadership at ITE, Zaki has fostered technical collaboration on countless issues among transportation professionals around the globe. Zaki has also championed programs to help transportation professionals better communicate with the public and establish stronger working relationships with elected officials.

Zaki has been active with ITE for more than 33 years and served at all levels of ITE leadership, including as a Student Chapter President, Section President, District President, International Director, and as International President in 2013. Zaki is a leader in mentoring young transportation professionals. Under his leadership, the Western District of ITE established a Student Endowment Fund now worth more than \$500,000. Zaki also played a part in the establishment of eight new ITE Student Chapters throughout the Western United States.

Robert C. Wunderlich, P.E. (H) has made significant contributions to the growth of ITE's technical expertise over the decades and has been a tireless champion for road safety, helping foster ITE's overarching focus on Vision Zero Principles and championing of the Safe System Approach. He was International President of ITE when the United Nations (UN) Decade of Action Launched in 2011. With Robert's vision and leadership, ITE played an instrumental role in urging the UN to make traffic safety a priority. Robert has been at the forefront of ITE efforts leading into the Decade of Action as well as other initiatives such as the Road to Zero, Towards Zero Deaths, and Vision Zero.

During his time as International President, Robert also led the Board in the approving the *Leadership* ITE program, as well as the initial exploration of changing the ITE election process by appointing a blue-ribbon panel study. The recipient of the 2019 ITE Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award, Robert's ITE service includes contributions to technical publications like *Trip Generation* and *Parking Generation* as well as leading the creation of the ITE Safety Resources Toolbox in 2017 and serving in various leadership capacities in the Texas District of ITE.

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As director of the Center for Transportation Safety at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), Robert is responsible for leading the Center’s efforts in traffic safety research, policy analysis, education, and outreach. At TTI, he focuses on incorporating safety into transportation infrastructure and making operational improvements to save lives, reduce injuries, and minimize crashes. Robert embodies the mission of the Center by also committing to reducing the frequency and severity of roadway crashes through a program of innovative and multi-disciplinary research, education, and outreach. Robert is a long-time advocate for, and practitioner of, building safety into transportation infrastructure and making operational improvements to save lives, reduce injuries and minimize crashes. After graduating from the University of Tennessee with bachelors and master’s degrees in civil engineering, his career has been a journey from TTI to the Texas cities of Austin, Arlington, and Garland, a private consulting firm and back to TTI. Robert is a licensed professional engineer in Texas.

Read more about each one of these dynamic individuals in the January 2022 issue of the *ITE Journal* [here](#). Visit www.ite.org/about-ite/history/honorary-members to read about past winners.

About ITE — Founded in 1930, ITE is a community of transportation professionals including transportation engineers, transportation planners, consultants, educators, technologists, and researchers. Through meetings, seminars, publications, and a network of more than 16,000 members working in 78 countries, ITE connects members to a world of ideas, people, and resources. For more information, visit www.ite.org.

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