

2021 THEODORE M. MATSON MEMORIAL AWARD

H. ALLEN SWANSON, P.ENG., RPP



H. Allen Swanson, P.Eng., RPP, has been selected to receive one of ITE's top honors, the Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award. The award was established in 1957 to honor the legacy of Theodore M. Matson, who contributed greatly to the common welfare through advancement of the techniques of traffic engineering and through training of those in the profession. The award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the practice and advancement of traffic engineering.

H. Allen Swanson, P.Eng., RPP, is President of Swanson Transportation Consultants in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He served as ITE International President in 1988, is an Honorary Member of ITE and was instrumental in the creation of the ITE Parking Council and was the 2007 recipient of the Burton W. Marsh Award for Distinguished Service. Allen was a member of the Board of the Calgary Parking Authority for 26 years and was also the founding vice president of the Canadian Parking Association. He has Bachelor of Science degrees in forestry and civil engineering and a Master of Science degree in civil engineering.

"Allen has been a leader in ITE and in our profession for many years. His contributions to the fields of parking and traffic engineering have been widely recognized. He has served with distinction with the Canadian District of ITE and at the international level. Allen is one of only 25 Honorary Members of ITE, and he is clearly deserving of this honor," said Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E. (F), ITE Executive Director and CEO.

Throughout his career, Allen has received several awards and worked on countless projects of note. Some highlights include the following:

- The first recipient of the ITE Canadian District H. Robert Burton Award in 1993.
- Recipient of the Ted Seeberg Award in 2005 by the Canadian Parking Association for his outstanding service to the parking industry in Canada.
- Responsible for rewriting the traffic signals section of the Canadian MUTCD.
- Co-developer of the Canadian warrant for traffic signalization based on the Cumulative Factors Equation.
- He was Principal Researcher for the U.S. Federal Highway Administration on Symbol Sign Design for Older Drivers.