

2023 Excellence in Transportation Awards

THEODORE M. MATSON AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE Dr. Kenneth W. Ackeret, P.E., Ph.D., PTOE (F)



Dr. Kenneth W. Ackeret, P.E., Ph.D., PTOE (F) 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.

"Ken is a leader in our profession. He has held key leadership positions within ITE and the Transportation Professional Certification Board and has influenced the careers of many young professionals through his mentorship," said Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E., ITE Executive Director and CEO.

Dr. Ken Ackeret is an ITE Fellow with more than 40 years of experience in the field of Transportation Engineering. Throughout Ken's career, he has developed a wealth of applied and academic knowledge as a transportation professional. He is a recognized author of various *ITE Journal* articles with respect to Triple Left Turn Lane Design and Casino Trip Generation

Ken is a Principal with Kimley-Horn and Associates in their Las Vegas office. As an active member of ITE since 1986, Ken is a Charter Member of the Nevada Chapter and has served in numerous elected ITE positions including President of the Intermountain Section, and Western District President in 2006.

After serving as Western District International Director from 2009 to 2011, Ken was elected to serve on the Transportation Professional Certification Board and, during his six-year tenure he presided as Chairman over the Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planner® (PTP) certifications. He is very proud to have been a part of the creation of the Road Safety Professional (RSP) Safety Certification.

In addition to ITE, Ken is a Lifetime Member of American Public Works Association (APWA), a longtime member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and a Distinguished Alumni of the UNLV Academy of Engineering.

Congratulations to Ken on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your many contributions to ITE and the transportation profession!