

2025 Transportation Education Council Action Plan

Chair: Peter Savolainen

Vice Chair: Alyssa Ryan

Overview

Transportation Education Council

- Guiding Principle:
To serve as a focal point for addressing needs related to transportation education and professional development.
- Goals:
 1. Initiate and increase the participation of educational institutions at all levels in the Institute and the transportation profession,
 2. Improve the depth and breadth of services offered to educational institutions,
 3. Encourage representation of educational institutions in leadership roles in the Institute,
 4. Support the Institute in identifying education-related target program areas that deserve special attention or resources, and
 5. Provide a significant “voice” and expertise in the Institute's workforce/professional development activities through direct representation and involvement on Institute task forces, initiatives, and other pertinent activities.
- Website:
<https://www.ite.org/councils/transportation-education-council/>

The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Transportation Education Council (TEC) provides a focal point for identifying and addressing emerging and evolving needs of educational institutions and professional development providers. Members of the ITE TEC represent a cooperative alliance of administrators, faculty, researchers, professional trainers, practitioners, students and others interested in actively pursuing initiatives that will lead to greater involvement in ITE and the transportation profession. The interests of faculty/instructors, college/university students, and K-12 students are represented by the TEC.

Leadership

Executive Leadership

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Activities

Continuation Activities

Title	Description	Project Type	Est. Pub. Date	Project Champion	Committee
Tech Brief on Safe Systems: An International Perspective	Prepare a tech brief highlighting perspectives on how the Safe Systems approach is being applied between US, Canada, and Australia/New Zealand	Technical Brief	Jul 2025	Islam	
Update ITE Student Chapter Tracking Sheet	Assist in updating faculty advisors, student chapter leadership, and other details from the ITE Student Chapter Tracking Sheet	Tracking Sheet	Dec 2025	Savolainen & Agan	
Integrate Standing Committee on Ethics into TEC	The Education Council will aim to reintegrate the Standing Committee on Ethics into pertinent activities, including the ITE and TRB annual meetings.	N/A	Dec 2025	Savolainen & Lindley	
Industry Survey on Technical and Professional Skills	This survey was initially launched during spring 2024; however, responses were tepid and we aim to reintroduce the survey to gain insights as to the relative important of both technical and professional skills among graduate of university transportation programs.	Survey	May 2025	Savolainen	

New Activities

Title	Description	Project Type	Est. Pub. Date	Project Champion	Committee
Session at Spring Virtual Meeting on Coverage of Safety in University CE Programs	The Education Council will be holding a session focused on current practices as they relate to the incorporation of transportation	Conference Session	Mar 2025		
Survey on University Curricula Coverage of Transportation Safety	Following up on the activities from the spring virtual meeting, the Education Council will conduct a survey of university-level transportation programs to assess at a more comprehensive level the degree to which safety is being covered at both the undergraduate and graduate level.	Survey	July 2025		
Session at ITE Annual Meeting	The Education Council will provide an update from the transportation safety survey, including recommendations as to next steps				

Webinars Ideas

Number of Webinars Planned: 4

#	Title/Topic	Short Description	Requested Date	Webinar Lead Contact	Council or Committee Name
1	Student-led – Spring 2025	TBD		Abadi	
2	Faculty-led – Spring 2025	TBD		Abadi	
3	Student-led – Fall 2025	TBD		Abadi	
4	Faculty-led – Fall 2025	TBD		Abadi	

Meetings

Council Meetings for 2025

Meeting Date (Month)	Meeting Platform (Virtual/In Person)	Meeting Attendees (Executive/Entire Membership)	Committee Attendance	Meeting Purpose (Business Meeting/Showcase, etc.)
Jan 2025	In Person	Entire Membership	Entire Membership	Business Meeting and Discussion of 2025 Action Plan
Aug 2025	In Person	Entire Membership	Entire Membership	Education Showcase and Planning for 2026 Transportation Educators Workshop
Jan 2026	In Person	Entire Membership	Entire Membership	Business Meeting; Discussion of 2026 Action Plan; and Planning for 2026 Transportation Educators Workshop