

2022 Council and Committee Meetings – January 2022

Councils and Committees Taking It to the Next Level

ITE Councils and Standing Committees are poised to build on the successes of 2021 and expand volunteer opportunities, find new ways for people to participate, and offer the largest menu of Council involvement choices ever. As Council Leadership team Chair Eric Rensel said in his [January ITE Journal article](#), ITE's Councils and Committees will "Take It to the Next Level" in 2022. Most Councils and Committees met in January to kick off 2022 and set their goals and initiatives. Below are highlights from each of these meetings.

Council Leadership Team

The ITE Council Leadership Team (CLT), chaired by Eric Rensel and co-chaired by Lindsey Van Parys and Kirsten Tynch, held a four-hour hybrid meeting on Saturday, January 8 with about 40 attendees. The first part of the meeting was the quarterly business meeting involving all the Council and Standing Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs that serve under CLT as well as external liaisons, select board members, and staff. The discussion was kicked off by thanking and recognizing all the volunteers who have contributed to the successful delivery of resources last year. (See [January 2022 ITE Journal](#).) Next, an update was provided on planning efforts for the upcoming technical conference. Also, there were discussions/updates on the *2022 Developing Trends Report*, council awards, and seeking nominations for 2023 council leadership. Next, there was a round-robin around the room where each council and standing committee highlighted their top three action items in 2022. The last hour of the meeting was dedicated to an interactive breakout discussion among the participants.

CAV Standing Committee

The CAV Standing Committee held a hybrid meeting on January 10 with about 25 members and interested observers in attendance and online. Discussion centered on ongoing and planned projects and committee activities, including webinars, development of a white paper on CAV focus areas, development of Quick Bites, and collaboration with other organizations such as AASHTO. There was also a discussion of policy issues in this space.

Data Driven Safety Analysis (DDSA) Working Group Meeting

At their meeting on January 19, the Data Driven Safety Analysis (DDSA) Working Group had informative presentations on the current status of the *Highway Safety Manual*, 2nd Edition and on the status of several current FHWA safety projects. They also discussed the development of potential future webinars on the use of Crash Modification Factors (CMFs) for Exceptions/Variations, Best Practices for Conducting Before-and-After Studies, Wrong-Way Driving Crashes: Data Collection, Analysis and Safety Countermeasures, and Safety Benefits of Connected/Automated Vehicles. If you would like additional information on activities of this working group or would like to get involved, please contact Working Group Chair [Mohamad Banihashemi](#).

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Industry Council

The focus of the Industry Council meeting, held on Tuesday, January 11, was on brainstorming for the soon-to-be-announced Industry Council Town Hall on working from home and building an agile workplace. There was good input from several member organizations regarding their experiences and observations on this topic. The members also reviewed the proposed white paper on data security and privacy in TSMO. There was a consensus that this proposal would be the basis for the next Industry Council project. Volunteers were solicited to create a task force. The Industry Council also welcomed new member, Streetlight Data, as well as two new 3M representatives, Steve Poss and Thad Radel.

Joint Rail Grade Crossing Standing Committee

As part of the January meeting, the committee reviewed presentation abstracts and updated their proposed session for the 2022 ITE Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Attendees received an update on pedestrian phase termination issues before for the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The committee also discussed the current status on the white paper framing the issues associated with Another Train Coming signs that focuses on these active devices in the vicinity of stations where passenger trains predominate. The committee is looking at beginning a second informational report project later in the year in collaboration with the ITE Pedestrian and Bicycle Standing Committee on bicycles at grade crossings. Anyone interested in either project, please contact the chair.

MaaS/MoD Steering Committee

The MaaS/MoD Steering Committee met virtually on January 10 and reviewed accomplishments in 2021. Task leads provided updates on committee initiatives such as a Mobility Hubs draft report, Policy Tracker and case studies. After a robust discussion, several comments were made and incorporated into the draft report and finally the committee ended with a solicitation of new topics and solicited new actions for 2022.

Planning Council

The Planning Council met virtually on January 10 with about 25 members and interested observers present. Discussion centered around ongoing and planned committee technical products, including the *Multimodal Transportation Impacts Assessment (MTIA) Recommended Practice*, which will be finalized in 2022; ongoing efforts to identify and document MTIA case studies; launching development of an *Urban Freeway Repurposing informational report*; delivery of webinars including an upcoming webinar on Freight and Land Use; and the two sessions developed for the upcoming ITE Virtual Technical Conference (on Equity in Practice and How COVID-19 Changed Long Term Planning).

Pedestrian and Bicycle Standing Committee

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Standing Committee met in January and discussed upcoming products under development in the coming year. Randy McCourt provided a presentation on the *Residential Sidewalk Design* report to illicit other ideas and issues for the project task force to consider in the development of the

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product. Josh Green provided an update on the work to prepare a report on decorative crossing and there was a follow-up discussion of the necessary core elements for implementation. Looking forward in the year, the committee is looking for members to submit best practice case studies of pedestrian treatments at signalized intersections in support of the *Crosswalk Policy Guide*.

Roundabout Standing Committee

The committee discussed upcoming activities planned for 2022 including a proposed project to prepare a scan of roundabout design guidance from departments of transportation around North America. In addition, the group held a roundabout discussion about methods to have more roundabout constructed around the country.

Safety Council

At their hybrid meeting on January 10th which included more than 40 participants, the Transportation Safety Council discussed the recent completion of a new ITE Technical Brief *Essential Components of Incorporating Safety in Safety Impact Analysis* which is now available free of charge on the ITE Website. The Safety Council also discussed several on-going projects including the development of new Technical Brief *Incorporating Big Data into Safety Analysis: An Integrated and Proactive Approach*—expected to be released in mid-2022 and the development of a sponsored session at the upcoming ITE Annual Meeting on Leveraging New Funding Sources to Implement Safe System Strategies. If you would like additional information on activities of this Council or would like to get involved, please contact Council Chair—Meghan Mitman at M.Mitman@fehrandpeers.com.

Simulation and Capacity Analysis User Group (SimCap)

During the January meeting of SimCap, the group heard from FHWA on the development of the Traffic Analysis Capability Maturity Model/Framework as well as an updates from the McTrans Center on their products and the *Transportation System Simulation Manual* (TSSM) development. The remainder of the meeting was a facilitated forward-looking discussion of new initiatives for 2022 including an interest in defining core competencies of a traffic analysis, modeling, and simulation practitioners. Please contact [Eric Tripi](#) if interested in this topic. SimCap continues its relationship with the Transportation Research Board Joint Simulation Subcommittee (SimSub- ACP80(1)) and will continue to hold occasional joint meetings during the year.

Smart Communities Standing Committee

The Smart Communities Standing Committee (SCSC) met virtually on January 10 and reviewed the 2022 Smart Communities Standing Committee Communications Action Plan (CAP), including new activities. SCSC applauded ITE's new initiative to offer webinars at no cost to members and expects that it should increase participation and interest. Several new ideas were brainstormed with PDH credits in mind and shall be reviewed in more detail at the next meeting. A call for volunteers was made by the chair/vicechair, Samuel Trotman/Alexandra Lopez.

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Standing Committee on Ethics in the Transportation Profession

The Standing Committee met virtually on January 11 with about 10 members and interested observers present. Discussion centered around committee goals for 2022, which include refreshing and updating the Standing Committee's page on the ITE website, producing four transportation ethics columns for the *ITE Journal*, developing a 60-minute transportation ethics refresher session to be delivered at the ITE Annual Meeting in New Orleans, and developing Transportation Ethics 101 webinar. The committee is also seeking new members. If interested, please contact Committee chair Spencer Maxwell by e-mail at sbm@freese.com.

Sustainability Standing Committee

The Sustainability Standing Committee held a hybrid meeting on Jan 10 with about 20 attendees. Two major products are semi-finalized from 2021 and currently in the review phase: *VMT Technical Brief* and *Zero Car Commute Technical Brief*. The committee is also planning a webinar on climate, health, and equity. The group also discussed continuing collaboration/participation with the Equity committee activities on equity in transportation from a sustainability lens. The committee will hold quarterly conference calls, which will be advertised on the [e-Community](#).

Traffic Engineering Council

The Traffic Engineering Council's recent meeting covered a broad range of topics, including the following highlights. The updated version of the recommended practice on Speed Humps (and other roadway vertical deflection types) has completed an initial draft and is under review before the report is issued as a proposed recommended practice for public comment in the Spring. The *Prohibition of Turns on Red Information Report* peer review is complete, and the project committee is addressing comments. Amir Rizavi delivered a presentation on Intersect, a product that connects vehicle probe data and other data sources to create detailed traffic volumes, travel times, roadway speeds, and congestion hot spots information. The council is active in developing webinars on a variety of topics and regularly seeks volunteers to join in these efforts.

Transit Standing Committee

The Transit Standing Committee met virtually on January 11. Discussion centered around reviewing 2021 products delivered such as Quick bites, input on proposed changes to the MUTCD, identification of developing trends, and three successful webinars, as well as ideas for further research/products:

- Simulation
- Trends in Special Lane Treatments
- Emerging Infrastructure for Bus Prioritization
- From Transit to City
- Rail to Airport and Multimodal Transit Integration
- Peak Transit Service and Equity

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Transportation and Health Standing Committee

The Transportation and Health Standing Committee met virtually on Jan 11 with about 15 attendees. The committee discussed 2021 accomplishments and upcoming activities in 2022. The committee drafted material for the clearinghouse of transportation and health resources. Topics include Transportation as a Determinant of Health, Health Benefits of Active Transportation, Transportation for Mental Health and Happiness, and Evaluating Transportation Equity. The resource page will be hosted on the ITE website in Q1 of 2022. The committee is also planning a Quick Bites series on the following topics: an overview of transportation and health, walkability, active transportation, health metrics, and mental health. Contact [Kelly Rodgers](#) if you are interested in volunteering to help create these Quick Bites.

Transportation Education Council

The Transportation Education Council (TEC), chaired by David Hurwitz and Co-Chaired by Peter Savolainen, led a great discussion of council initiatives in a hybrid meeting with faculty and young members who were in attendance. The TEC reviewed its action plan for the year that includes conducting four webinars. Other topics included a discussion on new ITE initiatives, ITE Student Leadership Academy, as well as the Student to Younger Member Taskforce that will help students to connect with ITE and develop more robust leadership opportunities for students.

Transportation Forensics & Risk Management Standing Committee

At their meeting on January 25th, over 20 individuals from the Transportation Forensics & Risk Management Standing Committee listened to a fascinating technical presentation from Utah DOT (Mark Taylor) documenting how traffic signal performance data can be successfully used for accident reconstruction. The group also discussed the development of a mock trial session at the upcoming ITE Annual Meeting and several upcoming webinars on autonomous vehicles, fundamentals of crashes, and how to do depositions. This committee recently completed the development of an Expert Witness Directory intended for use by ITE staff in handling inquiries from ITE members and the general public. If you would like additional information on activities of this committee or would like to get involved, please contact Standing Committee Chair—Rock Miller at rock@rockemiller.com.

Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Council

The TSMO Council met virtually on January 9 and reviewed the action plan for 2022. It also received updates from its standing committees—CAV Standing Committee, Urban Goods Movement Committee, and Smart Communities Standing Committee—to discuss synergies and any new actions based on work underway. Also discussed were the sessions and speakers being proposed at the ITE Virtual Technical Conference, which are CAV Readiness for Local Agencies and Work Zone Data Exchange, and TIM for Arterials.

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Urban Goods Movement Standing Committee

The Urban Goods Movement Standing Committee (UGMSC) met virtually on January 10 with Madhuri Seera as the new chair. The committee reviewed the 2022 action items and also made a call for identifying entities to outreach. The brochure – Introduction to the Urban Goods Movement – team and working plan was reviewed and is expected to be published in 2022. Topics for a freight-related article and webinars were solicited from the audience.

Vision Zero Standing Committee

At their hybrid meeting on January 11th, the Vision Zero Standing Committee discussed their current effort to educate practitioners on innovative approaches to drive fatalities toward zero, through the development of a variety of technical products and professional development offerings. The Vision Zero Committee recently released Quick Bites featuring data-driven practices in two cities that have adopted Vision Zero: [Bellevue, Washington](#) and [Fremont, California](#); and a Quick Bite focused on [Vulnerable Road User Safety at Signalized Intersections](#). The meeting also included three excellent technical presentations on National Safety Trends and Implications on Vision Zero (Esther Wagner, NHTSA); Austin Vision Zero Highlights/Racial Disparities in Traffic-Related Injuries (Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department) and Comparative Safety of Bicycle Facilities (Chris Cahill, NYCDOT). To find out more about the various exciting initiatives being undertaken by this committee please follow their page on the ITE Community or reach out to Standing Committee Chair—Gerard Soffian at gerardsoffian@gmail.com to learn more.

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