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Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award and Council Project Excellence Award Recipients Announced

WASHINGTON, DC – ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is pleased to announce the recipients of its Council Leadership Team’s (CLT) annual awards, **Natalie Chyba, P.E.**, and the **MUTCD Action Plan**. The CLT, which provides leadership and coordination across ITE's various technical and employer councils, aims to enhance value for council members, working committees, and the wider ITE membership.

Each year the CLT awards two prestigious honors—the Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award and the Council Project Excellence Award. The awards take into consideration the tenets of the GAVE culture adopted by the CLT, focusing on Growth, Accountability, Value, and Esteem. These prestigious honors celebrate innovation, leadership, and dedication within ITE’s technical councils.

"ITE’s Councils and Committees are the engine that drives innovation within ITE, and this year’s honorees exemplify that spirit. The MUTCD Action Plan and Natalie Chyba’s leadership showcase the power of technical excellence and mentorship in shaping the future of transportation," said CLT Chair Lindsey Van Parys, Project Manager, GHD.

2025 Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award: Natalie Chyba, P.E.



ITE’s Council Leadership Team is proud to recognize **Natalie Chyba, P.E.**, Senior Planner, Fehr & Peers, as the recipient of the 2025 Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award for her outstanding contributions to transportation practice, mentorship, and technical leadership.

Natalie’s leadership within the Complete Streets Council has been instrumental in advancing ITE’s mission. From serving as Secretary and Vice Chair to leading the Council as Chair, she has played a key role in shaping technical discussions, developing innovative resources, and fostering meaningful engagement among members.

A notable achievement in her portfolio is the ITE Informational Report: *Centering Transit Access, Speed, and Reliability in Quick-Build Complete Streets Projects*. As lead author, she identified a

critical knowledge gap, assembled a diverse and inclusive team, and successfully delivered a high-quality resource that enhances best practices in multimodal street design.

Her contributions extend beyond technical products—she has mentored emerging professionals, enhanced council engagement, and strengthened the visibility of critical transportation issues. Please join us in congratulating Natalie Chyba, P.E., a dedicated leader who continues to shape the future of transportation through her expertise and service.

2025 Council Project Excellence Award: ITE MUTCD Action Plan

ITE’s Council Leadership Team recognizes the **Traffic Engineering Council (TENC)** with the 2025 Council Project Excellence Award for leading the development and successful implementation of the **ITE MUTCD Action Plan**, which was developed in March 2024 and implemented over the last 12 months.

This initiative provided a clear roadmap for ITE members to transition seamlessly to the 11th edition of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*. A highlight of this effort was the creation of an MUTCD Certificate Course, offering a blended-learning experience designed to equip young professionals, mid-career engineers, and public agency staff with the skills and knowledge needed to apply MUTCD standards effectively. Following a sold-out launch in fall 2024, the course will be offered again in 2025, continuing to provide critical education and training on traffic control device implementation and management.

This achievement was truly a collaborative effort, bringing together expertise and contributions from multiple ITE councils, committees, and more than 20 dedicated individuals who played a vital role in shaping and delivering this important initiative.



The following individuals (*pictured left to right*) were particularly instrumental in the MUTCD Action Plan’s success:

- **Kathy Falk, P.E., PTOE**, Transportation Planning Engineer, Kimley-Horn, (TENC)
- **Nicole L. Jackson, P.E., PTOE**, Group Manager – Grade Crossing Engineer, Benesch, (Railroad Grade Crossing Committee)



- **Antonino D. Genoese**, Principal Project Manager, Gannett Fleming, (Railroad Grade Crossing Committee)
- **Dave Kirschner, P.E.**, Team Lead, Operations and Safety, toXcel, (TENC)

Special recognition also goes to **Douglas E. Noble, P.E., PTOE**, Senior Director, Transportation Engineering and Operations, whose staff support was critical in ensuring the successful completion and implementation of the MUTCD Action Plan.

This award highlights the importance of collaboration across ITE's councils and committees and showcases how working together can drive impactful outcomes for the transportation profession.

Both award winners were recognized at ITE's Virtual Spring Conference, and their achievements will be featured in an upcoming issue of *ITE Journal*.

About ITE — Founded in 1930, ITE is an international membership association of transportation professionals who work to improve safety and mobility for all transportation system users and help build smart and livable communities. Through its products and services, ITE promotes professional development and career advancement for its members, supports and encourages education, identifies necessary research, develops technical resources including standards and recommended practices, develops public awareness programs, and serves as a conduit for the exchange of professional information. Through meetings, seminars, publications, and a network of more than 18,000 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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