WASHINGTON, D.C. – ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals, today announced that Walter H. Kraft, P.E. has been selected to receive one of ITE’s top honors, the Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award. The award was established in 1957 to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the practice and advancement of traffic engineering.

Dr. Walter H. Kraft, P.E., is an internationally recognized transportation systems expert with more than 50 years of experience in transportation including design, implementation, integration, software, operations, management, and teaching. Kraft is a Past-International President and an Honorary Member of ITE and a recipient of the Burton W. Marsh Award for Distinguished Service, among other industry awards.

“From specific hands-on projects, to theory and concepts, to teaching, and to development of guidelines and procedures, Walter has been a pioneer and leader in traffic and congestion management. His contributions to the transportation industry, his decades-long passion for improving the management and operations of our country’s transportation systems, and his dedication to ITE are indeed worthy of this recognition,” said Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E. (F), ITE Executive Director and CEO.

Dr. Kraft’s contributions include chairing and participating on various national steering committees on transportation management, developing A Recommended Practice of ITE on the Management and Operations of Intelligent Transportation Systems, developing and presenting technical courses and guidelines on the management and operations of Intelligent Transportation Systems, and serving as editor of the sixth edition of ITE’s Traffic Engineering Handbook and of ITE and IMSA’s Traffic Signal Maintenance Handbook. He developed the initial synthesis of highway practices related to transportation management functions, explored the impact of solid-state equipment and integrated systems on traffic signal control maintenance management practices, and led specific transportation information and control systems in many U.S. locations.

About ITE

Founded in 1930, ITE is a community of transportation professionals including, transportation engineers, transportation planners, consultants, educators, technologists, and researchers. Through meetings, seminars, publications, and a network of more than 16,000 members working in 78 countries, ITE connects you to a world of ideas, people, and resources. ITE’s annual international awards program honors outstanding achievements in transportation in a variety of categories as well as distinguished service to ITE. The awards bestow international recognition upon the recipients and increase the public’s awareness of the role and responsibilities of the transportation professional. For more information, visit www.ite.org.