Transportation professionals play a vital role in creating a transportation network that ensures equity for all users (regardless of race, ethnicity, age, or ability). Transportation equity means providing quality transportation options for users to access economic and social opportunities, essential services, and recreational features for health benefits. ITE members, as a Community of Transportation Professionals, can help integrate equity in a meaningful way through thoughtful context sensitive planning and designs, establishing partnerships, and most importantly engaging the communities we serve.

Growing our ITE Community of Transportation Professionals

Inclusion and Diversity:
ITE is a community where I feel a sense of belonging. It has provided me with leadership opportunities, professional growth, and long-lasting friendships. ITE members need to feel they can contribute to our ITE Community at the local level and the international level, regardless of career status: student, recent graduate, or experienced professional. There is a place for all of us at ITE, we are ONE ITE. We also need to continue to invite other transportation professionals to our ITE community to augment our network, to enhance collaboration, and to create a diverse range of solutions to provide transportation networks that are equitable for all.

Expand ITE Student Membership:
We need to attract students from a range of disciplines and universities to ITE, and expose them to various transportation career choices to demonstrate how their knowledge is integral to on-going ITE initiatives that can impact the communities they live in. Once they are exposed to the ITE Community and experience all the ways they can have an impact in the transportation profession, they are more likely to join ITE as professionals.

Technical Knowledge:
This is how ITE differentiates itself from other organizations: the great technical products, webinars, and conferences that we put together, thanks to the tremendous effort of the ITE Councils and Committees. ITE needs to stay on the leading edge of current transportation trends and continue to engage our diverse community of transportation professionals and partners, not only in North America but globally, to ensure we are providing solutions and guidelines that address the members needs and trends in our profession.
I’m very excited to be selected as one of the two candidates for ITE International VP. I’m looking forward to serving our members and helping ITE to expand its reach to a diverse group of transportation professionals so that they too can be part of this great ITE Community.

I have been involved in ITE for over 20 years and have held different leadership positions starting with the student chapter at University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Tampa Bay Chapter, Florida Section, and as the District 10 International Board Director. One of my proudest moments was helping in the reactivation of the ITE Puerto Rico Section in 2010 when I was part of the Florida Section Board.

Why did I put my name forward for this position?

- ITE has helped me a lot in my career with technical knowledge, honing my leadership skills, and improving my ability to present in English with it being my second language.
- I have helped others engage with ITE and encouraged them to participate more actively: with the Tampa Bay ITE chapter and Puerto Rico Section of ITE
- I consider myself a people person, and I like to bring people together to accomplish a goal.
- I believe in the ITE initiatives, especially in the Inclusion and Diversity area, and want to help in the recruitment of diverse transportation professionals to our organization.
- To help create partnerships that allow ITE to continue to grow and enrich our Community of Transportation Professionals.