President’s Message
Sowmya Chandrasekhar, PE, TE, PTOE

To start-off, kudos to our ITE Student Chapters at UCLA and USC for doing such a splendid job organizing the Student Leadership Summit this year, which at its 7th year had more than 150 students from 19 universities in attendance.

Congratulations are also in order for UCLA for winning the annual ITE Southern California Section Student Traffic Bowl beating five other student chapter teams to the finish line! Cal Poly Pomona (Congrats!) placed second, and both chapters will be receiving their awards during our Annual Student Night and Presentations Event in May. It was an absolute privilege (and fun) to judge this competition alongside our Western District President, Neelam Streets, and Transportation Systems Management Operations (TSMO). We wanted to recognize the best projects in each innovative projects that falls under one of the five (5) ITE Technical Councils – Safety, Traffic Engineering, Planning, Complete Infrastructure Requirements”. Thanks to ITE Central Coast, we had Monica Suter from the City of Santa Ana give insights on "The ATP Project that Almost Wasn’t”. Thanks to our sponsor for this event - Gibson Transportation Consulting. Read more about these meetings inside this issue.

In January, we had invited agency members and consultants to reach out to us with information on any completed or ongoing innovative projects that falls under one of the five (5) ITE Technical Councils – Safety, Traffic Engineering, Planning, Complete Streets, and Transportation Systems Management Operations (TSMO). We wanted to recognize the best projects in each Technical Council within our Section and nominate them for ITE Western District and International awards. We received some very innovative project submittals, and the following projects were nominated on behalf of our Section:

- Safety Council Nominee: City of Santa Clarita, Exclusive Pedestrian Crossing Cycle by Time of Day Project
- Planning Council Nominee: Port of Long Beach, An Experience with 9th Street Closure
- TSMO Council Nominee: City of Arcadia, Transit Signal Priority
- Traffic Engineering Council Nominee: City of Santa Clarita, Give Me Green

You can read more about these projects inside this issue of the newsletter as well as on our website. Talking about our website, you might have noticed a few changes the past month. The credit for this goes to our new Website Chair, Matt Stewart, who joined our Section team last month and has been constantly updating and making changes to our website. If you haven’t already, please do check it out and give us your feedback!

Our March Tri-Section Workshop is an annual meeting co-hosted with RSBITE and ITE San Diego Sections in San Juan Capistrano. This year our theme is centered around the ITE Transportation Achievement Awards. We invited the nominees from each of the section to present and showcase their projects. An introduction to these new ITE International Awards will be given by International ITE President, Randy McCourt. We look forward to having you join us for this workshop! You will also get the opportunity to interact with the two candidates running for the Western District Secretary/Treasurer positions (candidate statements are included in this newsletter). Please remember to VOTE for our Western District and International ITE Candidates!

Last, but never the least, thanks to our sponsors of this newsletter issue - CDM Smith, Ganddini Group Inc., Iteris Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, South Coast Lighting, and Transoft Solutions.
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ITE Southern California Section
www.socalite.org
Kevin Merrill, Principal Civil Engineer with the City of Arcadia, gave the luncheon’s main presentation titled “An Advanced Signal Priority System with No New Infrastructure Requirements.” The transit signal priority system has been online since June 2019 for about 15 signals out of 60 signals in the City of Arcadia. The transit system is currently comprised of 18 shuttles, which are run by a third party. The main issues in the City of Arcadia affecting transit are mature trees blocking the line of sight, curbs in the roadway, and staffing. Since DSRC systems had issues with line of sight, the City worked with LA Metro to obtain a grant that allowed them to move forward with a cloud-based system. This allowed the City to use existing 2070 controllers, the existing fiber network, and a limited maintenance budget to provide shuttles with extended green time when passing through an intersection. By using existing hardware/networks and existing iPads in shuttles, deployment could be done in weeks with no new maintenance burden.

Preliminary studies have shown a 25% reduction of stops at intersections for all shuttle lines, along with a 50% reduction in amount of time spent waiting at red lights. In addition, for pedestrians, users can create custom pedestrian signal call routes through an app, so users never have to press a pedestrian push button. However, future improvements for both this system and the transit signal priority system are preemption for emergency vehicles, HOV-E prioritization, and bicycle detection and prioritization.

Lastly, if anyone is interested in a demonstration of the system, Mr. Merrill is more than happy to show you in person!

The Joint February Luncheon Meeting with Central Coast ITE was held on Wednesday, February 12, at the Thousand Oaks Municipal Services Building. Gibson Transportation sponsored the event, and Pat Gibson gave a short presentation on their practice in Southern California, as well as highlighting some of the projects they have done for amusement parks around the world.

Monica Suter, with the City of Santa Ana Public Works, presented on the topic "The ATP Project that Almost Wasn’t.” Monica Suter shared the story of how the Lincoln Pathway Active Transportation Project in the City of Santa Ana progressed from an idea to reality.

The Lincoln Pathway will reconnect the Santiago Creek Trail to Lincoln Avenue, a link that will allow access from the creek trail to the Santa Ana Metrolink station and the future streetcar to the south. When this access was severed more than ten years ago during the OCTA double tracking project, the Park Santiago Neighborhood Association supported the City’s proposal to build the path. However, once the City had developed
plans for the project and secured an ATP grant, local support had gradually waned. At risk of losing the ATP grant funds, the City quickly worked to enhance the project to win back the neighborhood support. The City Manager worked with City Staff to present the modified project to the neighbors, who then became supporters of the project. Key takeaways: community engagement, support from the city manager, and adaptability to enhance a project over time are all crucial to a successful project.

The meeting was a great opportunity for members from two ITE sections to network while enjoying delicious food.

The next SoCal ITE meeting will be a joint meeting with RSBITE/San Diego Sections on Friday, March 13 in San Juan Capistrano. To register, go to www.socalite.org.

The Exclusive Pedestrian Crossing Cycle Project

Section Nominee for Transportation Achievement Award - Safety Council

The Exclusive Pedestrian Crossing Cycle project is a modified pedestrian scramble that includes special timing to separate pedestrian and vehicular phases, active only during morning drop-off and after school dismissal periods. When the exclusive pedestrian cycle phase is active, electronic no-right turn blank-out signs illuminate to restrict vehicles from turning right to further alert motorists of pedestrian activity. The project’s purpose is to enhance safety for the hundreds of students and parents utilizing the school crosswalks, while reducing vehicle queuing travel times so that more vehicles can travel through the intersection without pedestrian conflicts. Since the installation of the exclusive pedestrian crossing cycle, the City has received positive feedback from parents, motorists, crossing guards, and the schools. A traffic analysis study showed an improvement in the Level of Service and a reduction in overall intersection delay.

An Experience with 9th Street Closure, Port of Long Beach

Rajeev Seetharam (Port of Long Beach)

Section Nominee for Transportation Achievement Award - Planning Council

Closing the railroad crossing at Pico Avenue/9th Street/I-710 Off-Ramp was always a priority of the Port’s Business Operations for many years and a requirement for Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Project. It was also a necessary step to move the cargo through the rail network and increase on-dock rail usage. With this closure of railroad crossing at Pico Avenue/9th Street/I-710 Off-Ramp and lack of alternate routes, transporting the oversized cargo out of the Port of Long Beach (POLB) was a huge challenge for the trucking community.
With a hard deadline looming over to close the 9th Street and at the same time finding alternatives to move the oversize Break Bulk out of the POLB was a significant challenge to accomplish. This presentation summarizes the efforts and the approach that was undertaken to move the oversize cargo out of the Port of Long Beach.

For more information on this Transportation Achievement Award nominee, please click here.

Transit signal priority is used to improve the operations of transit vehicles by reducing delays at signalized intersections. This is accomplished by extending an active green signal or by returning to a green signal earlier than normal. Traditionally, bus priority requires specialized equipment to be installed at every intersection to detect transit vehicles. The drawbacks to this traditional approach include both the capital and ongoing maintenance costs, limited range of detection, and inability to leverage the equipment to benefit other users such as emergency vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. The City of Arcadia project developed an iOS app with the ability to communicate with existing traffic signal controllers to place transit priority calls as well as calls from pedestrians and bicyclists to the traffic signal. The architecture of this system allows the benefits of transit priority and enhanced service to be expanded to additional locations quickly and at minimal cost.

For more information on this Transportation Achievement Award nominee, please click here.

Give Me Green is a free smartphone application developed in partnership with Sensys Networks that allows bicyclists to be detected as they approach an intersection. By integrating the new technology into the existing traffic signal and adding dynamic signage to inform drivers and cyclists when the system is activated, the City has provided an innovative, cost effective enhancement to the safety, efficiency, and convenience at four intersections along one of its busiest traffic corridors.

The application, combined with existing intelligent intersection technology provides a positive example of
how smart technology can improve safety, decrease congestion and improve the travel experience for a new genre of connected traveler. Currently deployed at four intersections along the Chuck Pontius Commuter Rail Trail parallel to Soledad Canyon Road, one of the region’s busiest arterial roadways, the system consists of the GiveMeGreen! smartphone app, “blank-out” signs at intersections informing turning motorists when bicyclists have been detected and are approaching, and finally a pole-mounted bicycle indicator light to inform cyclists that they have been detected. Together these three components are an intelligent transportation solution that increases awareness, improves safety and reduces the stress on all roadway users – pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicle drivers - where they need it most, at intersections.

For more information on this Transportation Achievement Award nominee, please click here.

The following transportation related bills are currently active in the Legislature:

- **AB 380 (Frazier)** – Bill would eliminate the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations and create an Independent Office of the Transportation Inspector General to ensure that agencies that receive state and federal transportation funding are operating efficiently, effectively, and in accordance with state and federal law. A Transportation Inspector General would be appointed by the governor to a four-year term. (Status – Assembly Appropriations)

- **AB 2262 (Berman)** – Bill would require every Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) required by law to be prepared by each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include a zero-emission vehicle readiness program. (Status – Assembly 1st)

- **SB 1363 (Allen)** – Bill would require State Air Resources Board to provide each affected MPO with greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector for 2045 and 2050, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction targets for 2035, 2040, and 2050 by 2022. Would also require MPOs to submit monitoring mechanisms, forecasted development patterns, and transportation measures, and other policy and planning actions to the board. Finally, would require each city, county, and other sub-agencies within each MPO to report their implementation of strategies to the MPO biennially. (Status – Senate 1st)

- **AB 1992 (Friedman)** – Bill would establish new program to fund climate change adaptation planning for transportation impacts, data collection, analysis, and modeling. Would also require Department of Transportation and California Transportation Commission to update asset management plan to address forecasted transportation infrastructure impacts from climate change by 2022. (Status – Assembly Cmt)

- **AB 3303 (Cooper)** – Bill would require drivers for transportation network companies (TNCs) that provide home-to-school transportation to meet the same requirements and procedural responsibilities as school bus drivers, including background checks, training, and certification. (Status – Assembly 1st)

- **SB 1456 (Archuleta)** – This bill would authorize the Department of Transportation, upon request from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to delegate any environmental review and clearance responsibilities assumed under federal law to the Authority for the purpose of accelerating the project delivery timeline of certain key transit projects. (Status – Senate 1st)

- **SB 992 (Beall)** – This bill would require the Transportation Agency to oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive one-stop reporting interface available to the public through the Internet that would provide timely fiscal information regarding the development and implementation status of each transportation project or program funded in part or in whole by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. (Status – Senate Cmt)

For more information on recent transportation legislation in California, go to https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov, select “Bill Information”, and then “Bill Search”. Input any transportation related keywords and select “Search”.

On February 19, USDOT published an invitation to apply for discretionary grant funding through the $1 billion BUILD Program. These grants are for planning and capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or
regional impact. BUILD funding can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation. Projects will be evaluated competitively based on: safety, economic competitiveness, quality of life, environmental sustainability, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership.


Here are some highlights from ITE Spotlite dated February 26, 2020:

- New ITE Talks Transportation Podcast Click here.
- Are You Ready to Solve the Micromobility Challenge? Click here.

For more ITE news, check your email inboxes for the latest issue of ITE Spotlite.

**Upcoming 2020 ITE Events**

**2020 Annual Meeting**
Joint Western & Mountain Districts

Honolulu, Hawai’i
June 28 - July 1

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Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program
(Picture Credit: USDOT)

Highlights from the latest issue of ITE Spotlite

Here are some highlights from ITE Spotlite dated February 26, 2020:

- Call to Action regarding the Safety Spectrum Reallocation Click here.
- ITE Elections: Vote by March 13 Click here.
- Diversity Scholars - March 15 Application Deadline Click here.

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**New Orleans 20**
Annual Meeting and Exhibition
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## 2019-2020 CALENDAR

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**Wed. Aug 14, 2019**  
Event – 5:30 PM | **Regular ITE Meeting**  
**Wed. Sept 18, 2019**  
Lunch – 11:30 AM | **Joint Meeting with OCTEC**  
**Thurs. Oct 24, 2019**  
Lunch – 11:30 AM |
| Police Academy Rock Garden, Los Angeles | Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park | Orange County Mining Company, Orange |

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**Wed. Nov 13, 2019**  
Lunch – 11:30 AM | **Holiday Mixer with RSBITE & OCTEC**  
**Wed. Dec 4, 2019**  
Appetizers – 5:00 PM |
| The Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch, Cal Poly Pomona | Knotts Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park |

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**Wed. Jan 22, 2020**  
Lunch – 11:30 AM | **Joint Meeting with Central Coast Section**  
**Wed. Feb 12, 2020**  
Lunch – 11:30 AM | **Joint Meeting with San Diego Section**  
**Fri. March 13, 2020**  
Workshop – 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Lunch – 12:00 PM  
Plaza de Magdalena  
San Juan Capistrano |
| Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park | Conejo Room, Thousand Oaks Municipal Service Center |

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**Wed. April 15, 2020**  
Lunch – 11:30 AM | **Student Chapter Night**  
Co-sponsored by OCTEC  
**Wed. May 20, 2020**  
5:30 PM Student Job Fair,  
6:30 PM Dinner  
Knott’s Berry Farm Resort Hotel, Buena Park | **Mini-Workshop/Annual Business**  
& Joint Meeting with ITS-CA  
**Wed. June 17, 2020**  
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Workshop,  
12:00 PM Lunch,  
1:00 PM Business |
| Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park | |

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Candidate for ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer

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**KEY GOALS**

1. **STUDENT INITIATIVES**
   Support and expand programs for the development and mentorship of the next generation of young professionals.

2. **MEMBER EXPERIENCE**
   Increase access to ITE programs for members, particularly those from smaller Sections and the public sector, through online streaming of the District Annual Meeting’s keynote and technical sessions.

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**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

I have been involved with ITE since co-founding UC Berkeley’s Cal ITE chapter in 2008. I served as Student Chapter President in 2009 and continue to encourage student interest in the profession as the District’s Student Funding and Initiatives Committee Chair and as Cal ITE’s Professional Liaison. I finished my term as SF Bay ITE President in 2015, upon which the Section received ITE International’s Section Activities Award for the first time. Most recently, I co-chaired the 2019 Western District Annual Meeting, a four-year planning effort that culminated in the first District meeting in Monterey, CA.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

I am an Engineer at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency where I lead a team of engineers and planners focused on bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming projects. I am a California-licensed Professional Engineer and Traffic Engineer with over eight years of experience. I graduated from UC Berkeley with an MS in Transportation Engineering and a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

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I am grateful that the SFMTA fully supports my longstanding commitment to ITE, and I hope to have your support and the opportunity to serve the District.

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**ITE INVOLVEMENT**

- **2008**
  - CAL ITE STUDENT CHAPTER
    - Co-Founder (’08)
    - President (’09-’10)

- **2009**
  - SF BAY ITE
    - Co-Scribe (’11-’12)
    - Social Chair (’11-’13)
    - Secretary (’12-’13)

- **2010**
  - Vice President (’13-’14)
  - President (’14-’15)
  - Past President (’15-’16)
  - Student Outreach Chair (’14-’16)
  - Cal ITE Liaison (’15-present)

- **2011**
  - ITE WESTERN DISTRICT
    - Student Funding & Initiatives Committee Chair (’13-present)

- **2012**
  - ITE WESTERN DISTRICT
    - 2019 Annual Meeting LAC Co-Chair (’15-’19)

- **2013**
  - ITE INTERNATIONAL
    - Younger Member Committee (’17-present)

- **2014**
  - ITE INTERNATIONAL
    - 2017 Honors & Awards
      - ITE International Rising Star Program Award
      - Western District Young Professional Achievement Award
      - SF Bay ITE Professional of the Year

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ITE MEMBER SINCE: 2006

ITE POSITIONS HELD
• Oregon Section Past President (2019- Present)
• Oregon Section Western District Representative (2019- Present)
• Western District Technical Committee Member (2018-Present)
• Oregon Section President (2018-2019)
• QUAD Conference Co-Chair (2017-2019)
• Oregon Section Vice President (2017-2018)
• Oregon Section Secretary/Treasurer (2016-2017)
• Oregon Section Traffic Bowl Chair (2014-2016)
• Oregon Section Scribe (2013-2016)
• OSU Student Chapter Treasurer (2012-2013)
• OSU Student Chapter Treasurer (2006-2008)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS
• ITE Western District’s Young Professional Achievement Award (2019)
• Bill Kloos Scholarship: Kloos Second (2012-2013)
• Eagle Scout (2003)

EDUCATION
• MS, Civil Engineering
  Oregon State University
• BS, Civil Engineering
  Oregon State University

PE REGISTRATIONS
• OR, WA, MT

Vote Pat Marnell for Western District ITE Secretary Treasure

In so many parts of life we are asked to choose a team. We are business competitors; we represent public or private interests; and we support the red or the blue team. For me ITE is a world where I don’t have to pick a side. It is a place where people come together as a community of transportation professionals with the common goal of improving that community. That makes ITE is a unique organization that I am happy to lend my time and effort to.

I ask for your vote so that I can continue & increase my service to ITE.

Since I first got involved in 2006, ITE has been a major part of my life and career. ITE has helped me developed as a professional and build relationships with a diverse group of dedicated professionals.

I ask for your vote so that I can give back to the organization that has given me so much.

In this first election of the newly redistricted Western District our membership has a choice to make about the representation of the five states in Western District.

I ask for your vote to better represent all the Western District states.

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Why is this important?
- Safe & resilient mobility infrastructure requires a predictable, dependable, and adequate source of funding
- The FAST Act supplemented Highway Trust Fund revenue with general funds. If not renewed, funding levels would substantially drop to what the Highway Trust Fund alone could sustain
- This is the opportunity to advocate for new approaches to transportation policy and funding

What can I do?
- Read the ITE Reauthorization Principles and the ITE-sponsored FAST Act white papers (coming March 2020)
- Educate key decision makers in your region to the importance of dependable transportation funding
- Be the professional voice of the transportation industry by staying up to date on this topic
- Talk to your colleagues, family, and friends about why dependable transportation funding matters

ITE Reauthorization Principles
- Establish a new safety program consistent with a Vision Zero philosophy
- Increased and sustainable funding, with an emphasis on metropolitan areas
- Support for the research and deployment of new and emerging technologies

The Reauthorization Task Force is comprised of senior ITE Leaders whose goal is to ensure our voice reflects a future where transportation funding improves the safety and mobility of all users.

The Advocacy Committee is your resource for educational materials, the importance of the reauthorization process, key talking points, and identifying local Advocacy Committee members to connect with. Periodic updates and additional materials will be provided via https://www.ite.org/membership/advocacy-committee/
Joint WORKSHOP

INNOVATIVE PROJECTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: 2019-2020
Showcasing the Nominees of ITE Transportation Achievement Awards from Our Region

DATE:  Friday March 13, 2020
TIME:  8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
PLACE:  Plaza de Magdelena
        31781 Camino Capistrano,
        San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Early Registration (RSVP by 3/6)
ITE Members  $50
ITE Non-Members  $55
Students  $25

Late Registration (Must RSVP by 3/11)
ITE Members  $55
ITE Non-Members  $60
Students  $30

No Walk-Ins on March 13

PROGRAM

8:30 AM | Registration/Breakfast
9:00 AM | Welcome
9:15 AM | Escondido Creek Bikeway: Missing Link Project
         Miriam Jim, City of Escondido
9:45 AM | Exclusive Pedestrian Crossing Cycle by Time of Day Project
         Noely Serrato, City of Santa Clarita
10:15 AM | Break
10:25 AM | An Experience with 9th Street Closure
         Rajeev Seetharam, Port of Long Beach
10:55 AM | Guidelines for TIS in the San Diego Region
         Erik Ruehr, VRPA Technologies
11:25 AM | Break
11:35 AM | Get to know your Western District Secretary/Treasurer Candidates
11:45 AM | Sponsor Presentations
12:00 PM | Lunch Begins
12:30 PM | An Advanced Signal Priority System with No New Infrastructure
         Avery Rhodes, Fourth Dimension Traffic Developers
1:00 PM | CVAG Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Building A Smart Transportation Region
         Carlos A. Ortiz, ADVANTEC Consulting Engineers

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Note: Program subject to change
Speaker Biographies

Escondido Creek Bikeway: Missing Link Project | Miriam Jim, City of Escondido

Miriam Jim is an Associate Engineer with the City of Escondido, a registered Civil and Traffic Engineer in California with 14 years of experiences in both the public and private sectors. She joined the City in 2016 and had the privilege to serve as the Project Manager for the design and construction of the Escondido Creek Bikeway Missing Link Project. She also manages the annual Traffic Signal Synchronization Program and the Traffic Management Projects that provides traffic calming solutions to speeding and school safety concerns in the neighborhoods. Prior to joining the City, she was a Lead Engineer with WSP and served as the traffic task lead for the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension Project. Miriam is the Meeting Location Chair of the local ITE Chapter responsible for venue and meal arrangements for different local ITE events.

Exclusive Pedestrian Crossing Cycle by Time of Day Project | Noely Serrato, City of Santa Clarita

Noely Serrato has a bachelor’s degree in Materials Science Engineering from the University of California, Irvine, and over two years of experience in traffic engineering. Over the last year, Ms. Serrato has been working in the City of Santa Clarita’s Traffic and Transportation Planning division. She is currently working on the City’s first Integrated Corridor Management program, which is set to optimize traffic operations during major unforeseen traffic events.

An experience with 9th Street Closure | Rajeev Seetharam, Port of Long Beach

Rajeev Seetharam is the Port of Long Beach’s Senior Traffic Engineer responsible for managing and directing the Traffic Engineering team of the Engineering Design Division. Rajeev is in charge of the day-to-day operation of existing roadway traffic systems within the Port of Long Beach. Rajeev has 17 years of experience in traffic engineering, traffic operations and urban transportation planning. Rajeev started off working in private consulting for several years before moving on to the public agency side. Rajeev is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer and Traffic Engineer in the State of California. Rajeev is also an Adjunct Faculty at University of Southern California. Rajeev has a Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering with specialization in Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and his Bachelor’s Degree is in Transportation Engineering from Bangalore, India.

Guidelines for TIS in the San Diego Region | Erik Ruehr, VRPA Technologies

Erik Ruehr is Director of Traffic Engineering in the San Diego office of VRPA Technologies. He holds Bachelor and Master’s degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan and is a registered Civil Engineer and Traffic Engineer in California. From 2014 to 2019, Erik served as chair of the California SB 743 Task Force for ITE’s Western District. He is currently chair for the San Diego Section’s Transportation Capacity and Mobility Task Force which was responsible for preparing the San Diego Regional Transportation Impact Study Guidelines.

An Advanced Signal Priority System with No New Infrastructure | Avery Rhodes, Fourth Dimension Traffic Developers

Avery Rhodes, P.E. is a Senior Project Engineer with Fourth Dimension Traffic developers of the D4 controller software. He has over 20 years of experience with traffic signals, controller software and traffic operations including transit signal priority.

Cvag Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Building A Smart Transportation Region | Mr. Carlos A. Ortiz, PE,TE, PTOE

Mr. Carlos Ortiz is the Chief Operating Officer and Principal at ADVANTEC Consulting Engineers. He has 30 years of experience, exclusively in the field of ITS, smart mobility, connected/automated vehicles (CAV), smart cities, system engineering, and traffic engineering. Mr. Ortiz serves on the ITE International Board of Direction as Western District International Director. Mr. Ortiz serves on ITE’s Transportation Systems Management and Operations Council (TSM&O), ITE Transportation Consultants Council, ITE’s Advocacy Committee, and ITS California Board of Direction.