



2017 Brazos Valley Section Report

Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers

Report Date: March 1, 2018

This report is a summary of activities of the Brazos Valley Section of the Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. This report covers the activities performed by the section from January 2017 through December 2017. Beverly Kuhn, with the assistance of Raul Avelar and Marcus Brewer, prepared this section report.

1.0 Leadership

Below is a listing of the 2017 Officers and Committee Chairs for the Brazos Valley Section.

2017 Officers

President – Karen Dixon
 Vice President – Beverly Kuhn
 Section Representative – Raul Avelar
 Immediate Past President – James Robertson

Appointed Positions

Webmaster – Gary Thomas
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2.0 Finances

As of 12/31/2017, the balance of the Brazos Valley Section account is \$2,252.64.

3.0 Membership

The composition of the membership of the Brazos Valley Section is shown in the table below.

Membership Grade	2017
Member	45
Local Section Affiliate	2
Student	41
Total	88

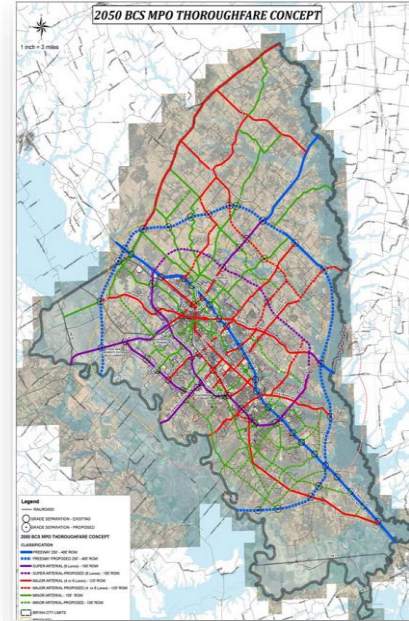


4.0 Activities

In 2017, the Brazos Valley Section engaged in many activities. Summarized below is a list of the monthly meetings, social activities, and committee activities in the Section.

4.1 Monthly Meetings

The Brazos Valley Section hosts regular monthly meetings on the last Thursday of each month. At these meetings, the chapter hosted speakers on a variety of engaging topics. The table below summarizes the list of speakers and their topics. Due to its location in a college town, it is the standard practice of the BVITE Section to suspend meetings during the summer months. During the summer months, the BVITE Section traditionally hosts an annual summer social with the Texas A&M University student chapter.



2050 BCS MPO Thoroughfare Concept (March 30th)

2017 Schedule of Meetings and Speakers

Date	Speaker and Topic	Attendance
Jan 26	Raul Avelar, P.E., Texas A&M Transportation Institute. <i>Too Old? Too Young? The Influence of Age on Safety Performance - A Case Study Using Crash Data</i>	12
Feb 23	John Barton, P.E., Texas A&M University System. <i>RELLIS Campus Initiative</i>	28
Mar 30	Dan Rudge, Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization. <i>2050 Major Thoroughfare Concept - Recent Changes for Brazos County Roads</i>	29
Apr	<i>No Meeting</i>	-
May 18	Gary Schatz, P.E., Consultant, City of Bryan. <i>The Bryan Quiet Zone Initiative</i>	21
Jun 24	Joint Social: Brazos Valley ITE Section and Texas A&M ITE Student Chapter	30*
Jul	<i>No Meeting</i>	-
Aug	<i>No Meeting</i>	-
Sep 28	Lance Simmons, TxDOT. <i>Bryan District Hurricane Harvey Response</i>	30
Oct 26	Ron Steedly, Texas AM University Transportation Services. <i>Campus Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans</i>	14
Nov 16	Troy Rother, P.E., City of College Station. <i>City of College Station Traffic Signal Performance Measures.</i>	18
Dec 14	Bob Brydia, PMP, Texas A&M Transportation Institute. <i>The Role of Connected Vehicles / Automated Vehicles on the TAMU Campus</i>	17

* Attendance at Social Event Estimated (no sign in sheet)



4.2 New Section Logo Contest

During spring 2017, the Brazos Valley ITE Section held a contest among its members to design a new logo for the section. The winner was Section vice-president Beverly Kuhn, whose design is now featured in all documentation, social media platforms, and events by the BV ITE section. The section also set up a Lands End online store for members to order merchandise with the new logo.



Prior BVITE Logo



New BVITE Logo

4.3 Social

The Brazos Valley ITE Section and Texas A&M ITE Student Chapter organized a joint social event held on June 24, 2017 at the residence of Jerry and Brooke Ullman in Bryan, TX. The Ullman's graciously invited the BVITE and TAMU ITE for what has become an annual event at their residence (for the fifth consecutive year). Approximately 30 members of the BVITE and the TAMU ITE chapters attended.

4.4 Social Media Launch

The Brazos Valley ITE Section launched a Twitter account this year. The Section uses the format to promote section, district, and ITE Headquarters events and activities. The Section website features the embedded Twitter feed, and all officers have access to the account to be able to post messages.





5.0 Fiscal Summary

The following is the financial report for the Brazos Valley Section at the end of 2017.

BRAZOS VALLEY SECTION OF ITE 2017 Financial Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	(January 1, 2017)		\$ 2,113.64
Checking Account		\$ 1,813.64	
Cash Box		\$ 300.00	
INCOME			
Section Member and Affiliate Dues		\$ 404.50	
Meeting Income			
Meeting Income		\$ 1,232.00	
Socials		\$ -	
Donations		\$ 30.00	
Total Meeting Income		<u>\$ 1,262.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 1,666.50
EXPENSES			
Bank Charges		\$ -	
Meeting Expenses			
Attendee and Speaker Lunches		\$ 1,185.93	
Socials		\$ 218.67	
Parking		\$ -	
Total Meeting Expenses		<u>\$ 1,404.60</u>	
Miscellaneous			
Supplies		\$ 122.90	
Photocopies		\$ -	
Postage		\$ -	
Total Miscellaneous		<u>\$ 122.90</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 1,527.50
ENDING BALANCE	(December 31, 2017)		\$ 2,252.64
Checking Account		\$ 1,952.64	
Cash Box		\$ 300.00	



6.0 Other

The following sections provide additional information about the activities of the Brazos Valley section during the past year.

6.1 Goals

For 2018, the Brazos Valley section aims at achieving the following goals:

1. Continue having great speakers at our monthly meetings on current topics that are of interest to the membership.
2. Continue supporting the TAMU student chapter.
3. Continue to promote section, district, and national activities, issues, and events through social media platforms.
4. Seek opportunities to increase membership in the section.

6.2 Awards/Honors Received/Bestowed

Several BVITE members received recognition for their achievements this year:

- BVITE chapter member Robert Wunderlich was recognized at the 2017 TexITE Spring Meeting in Frisco for his work in developing the ITE Traffic Safety Resources Toolbox. ITE International President Shawn Leight was on hand to present the certificate. The Safety Resources Toolbox is a collection of practice-ready resources intended to aid transportation professionals in managing their own safety planning and programming.



Shawn Leight, ITE International President and Robert Wunderlich



- The Public Agency Council Award for 2017 went to the City of College Station, Texas for their Traffic Control Center project. The City was selected for their innovation in several areas: their ability to implementing their Traffic Control Center with internal staff and saving 50% the cost; their ability to deliver the project on-time and on-budget by using various departments to aid their project; and for implementing the first signal performance standards in the state of Texas. One hundred and thirty thousand people attending football games at Kyle stadium benefit from this Traffic Control Center with zero freeway surrounding it, as well as the daily traffic in and around College Station on a daily basis.



*Paula Flores – ITE Past President; Troy Rother;
Jeff Young – Public Agency Council Chair*

- ITE recognized Beverly Kuhn during the ITE Annual Meeting in Toronto for her service to the Coordinating Council. She completed her term as Chair of the Coordinating Council (3 years) in December of 2017.

6.3 Changes to Section Bylaws

In 2017, there were not any changes to the section bylaws.