

2017 Annual Report



Greater Dallas Section
District 9 (TexITE)
Institute of Transportation Engineers

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1.0 Leadership

Elected Leadership

President: Jignesh Thakkar, Othon, Inc.

Vice-President: Josh Smith, Lee Engineering

Secretary-Treasurer: Matt Tilke, City of McKinney, Texas

Section Representative: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

Past President: Cameron Williams, Binkley & Barfield, Inc.

Appointed Positions

Younger Members Committee Chair: Chad Ostrander, BGE

Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee Chair: Chad Ostrander, BGE

Scholarship Award Selection Committee Chair: Pamela Alummoottil, Walter P Moore

Professional Development Committee Chair: Rama Dhanikonda, City of Plano, Texas

Webmaster: vacant

Administrative activities undertaken by the leadership included:

- The officers met every month on a conference call prior to the monthly section meetings to discuss the meeting plan, catering, etc.
- Outside of the monthly section meetings, the officers held three additional meetings (including the kick-off meeting) to discuss various items such as hiring the attorney to register the Section as a non-profit organization with the IRS.

2.0 Membership

Membership Grade	Year 2017	Year 2016
Section Member ¹	111	78
Life Member	43	24
Agency Member ²	58	44
Student	0	1
Local Section Members ³	--	37
Total	212	184

¹Section Member Count includes only international members who have full voting privileges

²Agency Memberships through ITE; Section dues are paid by ITE at 80% of the standard dues rate

³Local Section Affiliate membership was discontinued after 2016 at the request of ITE International

The Section undertook the following efforts to increase membership:

- Promoted ITE’s membership drive (announcements during meetings, distributed fliers, etc.)
- Developed diversified yearly meeting presentation program (Traffic Operations, Safety, Planning, Autonomous Vehicles, Design Build projects, etc.) to attract various professionals including transportation engineers, planners, and designers to participate in the Section meetings.
- Organized professional development activities which included a field visit and test ride of the City of Arlington’s “Milo” autonomous vehicle and a webinar on “Connected Vehicles, Signal Timing & the Future.”

3.0 Finances

Federal Tax ID Number: 74-2848619 (old) 2017 Annual Section Dues: \$10.00
82-2323903 (new)

2017 General Operating Budget:

Balance as of 12/31/2017: **\$1,575.42**

2017 Income

Section Dues	\$1,665.50
Monthly Luncheon Fees	\$14,301.52
Half Day Joint Meeting	\$5,395.00
<u>Future Cities Contribution from FTW Section</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total Income	\$21,612.02

2017 Expenses

Monthly Luncheon Catering	\$15,464.05
Pay Pal Credit Card Processing	\$388.33
Constant Contact Event Management	\$429.48
Half Day Joint Meeting	\$3,125.00
Annual Meeting Door Prizes	\$255.00
Contribution to Future City Competition	\$250.00
Joint Meeting Share to Fort Worth Section	\$684.00
Supplies	\$127.55
Officer Meetings	\$92.45
Local Section Leadership ITE Stipend	\$500.00
Legal Fees & 501c(3) Expenses	\$2,135
<u>P.O. Box Rental</u>	<u>\$102.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$23,552.86
2017 Net Income	(\$1,940.84)

2017 Section Scholarship Budget:

Balance as of 12/31/2017: **\$5,151.61**

2017 Income

<u>Golf Tournament Revenue</u>	<u>\$12,245.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$12,245.00

2017 Expenses

Golf Tournament Expenses	\$6,892.04
<u>Scholarships Awarded</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$12,892.04

2017 Scholarship Account Net Income **(\$647.04)**

4.0 Activity

4.1 General Technical

The Greater Dallas Section holds a regular monthly meeting typically on the second Friday of each month. The Section usually does not hold a meeting during the same month as a District 9 meeting. The Section also holds a joint meeting with the Fort Worth Section one month of the year, resulting in a total of 10 monthly meetings. During each Section meeting, general Section business is discussed and a technical presentation is given. The dates, topics, speakers, and attendance of each meeting or technical event are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Monthly Meetings

Date	Topic	Speaker	Attendance
1/13	I-30 Planning & Environmental Linkages Study	Rama Dhanikonda Kathy Kleinshmidt <i>Garver</i>	87
2/10	Texas AV Proving Grounds Partnership	Dr. Christopher Poe, P.E. <i>Texas Transportation Institute</i>	93
3/17	Plano Legacy Business Area Mobility Study: A Paradigm Shift	Tom Grant, P.E., PTOE <i>Kimley-Horn</i> & Matt Tilke, P.E. <i>City of McKinney</i>	98
4/7	Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament	n/a	-
4/19 4/21	TexITE Spring Meeting Frisco, Texas (NO LOCAL SECTION MEETING)	n/a	-
5/12	The changing landscape of traffic safety: Updating the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan and adoption of Safety Performance Measures	Stephen Ratke, P.E. <i>Federal Highway Administration (Texas Division)</i>	60
6/16	North Tarrant Express – Segments 3A & 3B	Michael Gage, P.E. & Jaime Aparicio, P.E. <i>Texas Department of Transportation</i>	67
7/14	Dallas – Fort Worth Joint Meeting	n/a	-

Basic SHSP Requirements

- ▶ Data-driven problem identification
- ▶ Performance-based
- ▶ Proven effective strategies and countermeasures
- ▶ Five-year updates
- ▶ Regular evaluation
- ▶ Collaborative
- ▶ Coordinated
- ▶ Multidisciplinary
 - ▶ Engineering
 - ▶ Enforcement
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Emergency response

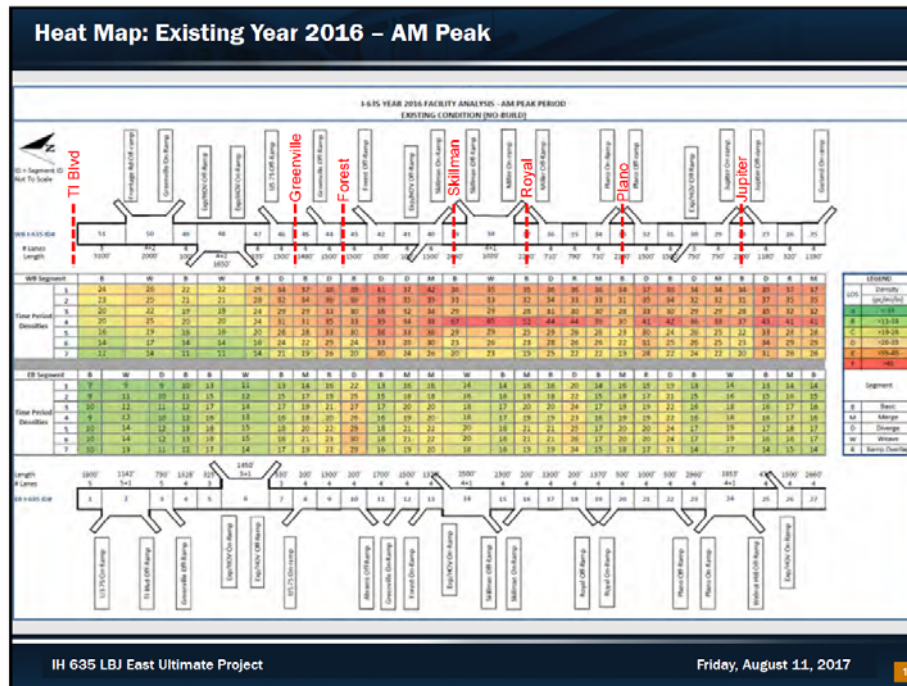


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Stephen Ratke spoke about Vision Zero and the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan in May.

Table 2 (Continued): Monthly Meetings

Date	Topic	Speaker	Attendance
8/11	The I-635 East Project: Tolls, Walls and Everything in Between	<u>Younger Members from Project Team:</u> Maria Guerra, P.E. Cara Rouvaldt Melanie Cleavelin, P.E. <i>Halff Associates</i> Meghan Karadimos <i>Civil Associates</i> Danh Nguyen <i>Jacobs</i>	96
9/6-9/8	TexITE Fall Meeting San Marcos, Texas (NO LOCAL SECTION MEETING)	n/a	-
10/13	Building Arlington	Mayor Jeff Williams, P.E. <i>City of Arlington</i>	82
11/10	Implementing Complete Streets in Dallas	Mark Brown, AICP, PTP <i>City of Dallas</i>	94
12/15	4 th Annual TexITE Greater Dallas Section Traffic Bowl	Dallas TexITE Membership	66



Danh Nguyen and other younger members shared about the I-635 East project in August.

Current Complete Streets Projects

Knox Street

- 4 to 3 Lane Road Diet between Travis and McKinney
- About 8' of additional sidewalk width on south side of street
- Conversion of head in to angle parking
- Broad community engagement & coordination with PID

Mark Brown spoke in November about complete streets projects in Dallas.

Presidential Motorcade	Mark my Words	Jumbled UP!	Control Issues	Walk this Way
100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200		
300	300	300		
400	400	400		
500	500	500		

Presidential Motorcade for 200

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You might pay \$6.35 in tolls for this former President to speed you around Dallas

Six teams comprised of members from Kimley-Horn, Walter P Moore, Halff Associates, BGE, the City of Frisco, and the City of Dallas competed in the 4th Annual Traffic Bowl. One of the two City of Frisco teams emerged as the champs.

A couple of years ago a new meeting activity called the “International Minute” was created for the regular section monthly meetings. During this portion of our monthly meetings a member would provide a brief presentation highlighting their intriguing, interesting, and fun transportation experiences from their international travels. During 2017 several members participated in this activity and presented on their unique experience from around the world. Summarized in **Table 2** are the “International Minute” segments from our 2017 meetings.



AV. DEL LIBERTADOR AT AV. SARAMIENTO & AV. IRAOLA

- 5-leg signalized traffic circle
- 3 reversible lanes east-west
- 2-way cycle track crossing
- Surrounded by popular parks and gardens



Among several “International Minute” presentations, Mark Kranz discussed some observations from San Jose, Costa Rica (left) in October, and Josh Smith shared in November a large signalized traffic circle with reversible lanes he saw in Argentina.

Table 3: International Minute

Date	Topic	Speaker
2/10	Engineers without Borders Experience in Bolivia	Matt Craig, <i>Halff Associates</i>
6/16	Qatar	Edgar Perez, <i>Parsons</i>
8/11	Northern Ireland & Germany	Chad Ostrander, <i>BGE</i>
10/13	San Jose, Costa Rica	Mark Kranz, <i>Stantec</i>
11/10	Buenos Aires & Iguazu, Argentina	Josh Smith, <i>Lee Engineering</i>

In 2016 a new segment was introduced which was named “Tech Byte”. In this segment a short video/presentation highlighting a new or upcoming technology in transportation was shared with the members. This activity was presented alternatively with the International Minute segment.

Table 4: Tech Byte

Date	Topic	Speaker
5/12	Uber Elevate	Jignesh Thakkar, <i>Othon</i>
12/15	Flying Taxi	Jignesh Thakkar, <i>Othon</i>

In addition to the technical presentation and the other regular Section related business, updates from International ITE were regularly shared and promoted during monthly meetings that included:

- Promotion and distribution of handouts for the ITE membership drive
- Presentation on ITE Constitutional Amendments by Jason Crawford (ITE International Director)
- Updates on the International Meeting in Toronto and the *LeadershipITE* program by John Denholm, who represented the Section as a participant in *LeadershipITE*. Various ITE committees provided by the Section members who attended/participated.

4.2 Committees

The **Younger Members Committee** was chaired by Chad Ostrander (BGE). The Younger Members Committee was responsible for publicizing the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship and helping host the scholarship golf tournament. The committee also organized the August technical meeting with a large number of younger members from the I-635 East project team each speaking for short segments on their involvement in the project.

The **Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee** was also chaired by Chad Ostrander (BGE). The Committee planned a successful scholarship golf tournament held on April 7, 2017 to raise money for transportation engineering scholarships.

The **Scholarship Selection Committee** reviewed applications and made a recommendation of the students most worthy of receiving a Greater Dallas Section Scholarship. This Committee was chaired by Pamela Alummoottil (Walter P Moore) with the Greater Dallas Section Vice-President – Josh Smith (Lee Engineering) Fort Worth Section President – Marisa Conlin (City of Fort Worth), Younger Members Committee Chair – Chad Ostrander (BGE), and a volunteer from the Younger Members – Hamza Khan (Kimley-Horn) serving as the other members. [NOTE: Section President, Jignesh Thakkar was unavailable due to a family medical emergency].

The **Professional Development Committee** was made up of Rama Dhanikonda (Garver), Sarang Vasishth (Othon), and Mark Kranz (Stantec).

The **Nominating Committee** nominated candidates to run in the 2017 election for Section Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, and Section Representative. The nominating committee was chaired this year by Mark Titus (City of Richardson) with Matthew Craig (Halff) and Cameron Williams (Binkley & Barfield) serving as members.

The **Tellers Committee** confirmed tabulation of the online and paper ballot voting in order to determine winners of the 2017 election. This committee was made up of Mark Titus, Matthew Craig, and Cameron Williams.

4.3 Professional Development Activity

The Greater Dallas Section Professional Development Committee has a goal of providing additional training and learning opportunities outside of our monthly meetings. The Committee works to find local firms and agencies to sponsor and host an event. They are also expanding the scope of their efforts to include identifying professional development opportunities available in the Region (outside of ITE) and sharing these with our membership. This includes opportunities that may be available through such organizations such as NCTCOG, ASCE, ITS Texas, ITS America, TxDOT, CEC, TSPE, and others. The following four events were publicized and/or hosted by the professional development committee this year:

- The committee worked with Transoft Solutions to publicize a Lunch & Learn Session on “Turning Simulation Tools & Tips” – June 6, 2017, 12-1 PM
- ASCE Live Webinar on *“Connected Vehicles, Smarter Cities, & Modern Signal Timing: How Traffic Engineering Strategies Will Change in the Years Ahead”*
 - Wednesday, July 26, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Hosted by HDR in their Dallas office
 - Attendance – 40 (approximately)
- Publicity was provided for NCTCOG’s Parking Symposium on August 2, 2017 in Arlington.
- Site visit to the Automated Vehicle (AV) proving ground in Arlington, TX
 - Friday, September 22, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

- Brief presentation about the technology and deployment of the AVs by Dr. Ann Foss from the City of Arlington
- 10-minute ride on the AV (Milo)
- Attendance – 32 (approximately)

Pictures from the Automated Vehicle tour in Arlington are included below.



Dr. Ann Foss, Principal Planner at the City of Arlington, discusses the particulars of the City's autonomous vehicle program prior to the test rides.



TexITE Dallas members get to know Milo, which started running this year on City trails adjacent to AT&T Stadium and Globe Life Stadium before and after Cowboys and Rangers games.



4.4 Future City Competition

Similar to last year, the Greater Dallas Section teamed up with the Greater Fort Worth Section to sponsor a “Special Award Category” at the North Texas Future City Competition. The Future City competition is a project-based educational program for sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students that engages and challenges them to develop their vision of a livable city of the future. In partnership with the Fort Worth Section we sponsor the **"Excellence in Transportation Integration"** award. This year the award went to **Paradise Bay - Pearson Middle School, Frisco.**



4.5 Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Greater Dallas Section hosted our fifth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on April 7, 2017. The golf tournament serves as the Dallas Section’s only fundraiser for the traffic and transportation engineering scholarships. The younger members and volunteers involved in the

planning of the golf tournament dedicated many hours and exchanged hundreds of emails related to the event. Ultimately, the Greater Dallas Section Scholarships raised a grand total of **\$5,352.96**. Pictured below are some of the fun-loving golfers who contributed to the event’s success.



Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award

Due to the success of the Golf Tournament, we awarded a total of **\$6,000** in scholarships to the following students in August 2017:

- Allison Cline, Texas A&M University - \$2,000
- Mynor Jacome, Texas Tech University - \$1,500
- Sheida Khademi, University of Texas at Arlington - \$1,500
- Connie Xavier, Texas A&M University - \$1,000

Each of these students was awarded the scholarship based on their application and demonstration of financial need while pursuing a degree in civil engineering. One of the recipients, Sheida Khademi, was able to attend the monthly meeting and is pictured at right with Section Vice President Josh Smith.



5.0 Other Business

5.1 Officer Elections and Appointments

For the 2018 term, the nominating committee selected candidates for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and Section Representative. Scott Booth (Halff Associates) and Pamela Alummoottil (Walter P More) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Josh Smith (Lee Engineering) was nominated for Vice President. For the position of Section Representative, Sean Merrell (BGE, Inc.) and Gabriela Tassin (Alliance Transportation Group) were selected by the Nominating Committee. A third nomination of David Halloin (Kimley-Horn) for Section Representative was added through the petition process outlined in the Section's Bylaws. The results of the election were presented at the December 15, 2017 Section Annual Business Meeting and the new officers were sworn in for their 2018 terms. Matthew Tilke was elected to the position of Vice President, Pamela Alummoottil was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, and David Halloin was elected as Section Representative.

5.2 Changes to Section Bylaws

No changes were made to the Section Bylaws in 2017.

5.3 Resolutions Passed by the Section

No new resolutions were passed by the Section in 2017.

5.4 Filing Taxes

An attorney was retained to obtain a new EIN, register the Section with IRS and obtain a non-profit (501c3) organization status with IRS and the State.

The Section will begin filing federal and state taxes beginning in 2018 (for the year 2017).