ITE San Diego,

I’d like to thank you for such an incredible end to an amazing year! I’d be lying if I didn’t say that I’m glad to hand off responsibility to our incoming president: Mr. K.C. Yellapu... It takes a lot of effort from the entire board to make everything work smoothly and I’m lucky that I had the support of a great people to accomplish the things I had envisioned for our Section. So for that, I thank them. I also thank all of YOU! Thanks for coming to the meetings, for spending time with us at social events, and for supporting us with your sponsorships and participation.

Here’s a little wrap-up of our final months in 2016...

September featured a special guest and seasoned ITE alum from Los Angeles: Zaki Mustafa. He spoke at our joint meeting with the SDSU Student chapter in front of a gathering of students and professionals alike, talking about networking and using ITE to develop leadership skills. He’s also retiring this year, although I highly doubt if you think you’ll see less of him at ITE functions. October brought about a hundred attendees to our Technical Workshop and mini Vendor Show (Technically, I don’t think we can call it ‘mini’ anymore, with 24 sponsors with tables there with members buzzing around them). Presentations on smart streetlights, developing traffic signal controller guidelines, and the City of San Diego’s Communications Master Plan. The energy was high and the raffle prizes were just icing on the cake! November was our annual awards program and the big election reveal for our newest board member: Mohammad Amin. It was
an upscale lunch setting, where Zoubir Ouadah received the ITE Member of the Year for all of his contributions and continued presence in the San Diego Section – it was well deserved and a long time coming! Then it was December before we knew it. The Joint Transportation Lunch at the Prado and the Holiday Party both had great turnouts – but the Holiday Party did something different this year... a night of Bollywood, Indian cuisine, and an open bar. I don’t remember the rest, do you? Ah, 2016, you will be remembered.

Anyway, Happy New Year!

Ryan Zellers, over and out.
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Approximately 50 students and professionals attended the luncheon meeting at SDSU campus to hear Mr. Zaki Mustafa, the Principal Transportation Engineer of the City of Los Angeles, talk about professional development and leadership in ITE.
Approximately 100 people were in attendance for the ITE October Workshop and Vendor Show. There were over 20 vendors that were presented at the vendor show and five speakers for the workshops: Doug Bilse presented on BluTOAD, Bill Hein presented on Smart Lighting, Ralph Boaz presented on ITE Standards for Signals/ATMS, Dr. Tian presented on Signal Coordination, and Danny Veeh presented on iBOT. The event was held at the Sheraton of Mission Valley.
Approximately 65 people attended the 2016 ITE Awards Luncheon, held at the Sheraton Mission Valley, where the following was awarded:

- Member of the Year: Zoubir Ouadah
- Technical Paper of the Year: Downtown Mobility Plan
- Large Project of the Year: Blue Line Trolley Renewal Project
- Small Project of the Year: 12th and D Roundabout
- ITE Scholarships: Mikayla Montoya ($500) and Alidad Ahmadi ($200)
This year’s annual Joint Transportation Organization Lunch was held again at the Prado on Tuesday, December 13th. The packed house was filled with engineers and planners from the public and private sectors, as well as officials that support transportation initiatives here in our region. Highlighted included speaker City of San Diego Council President Pro Tem: Mark Kersey, a visit from Mrs. Claus for her raffle prize drawings, and brief thank yous from ASCE, SDTDS, APWA, WTS, and our own ITE. Proceeds benefitted the Emilio Nares Foundation, giving again to a good cause during this season.

Approximately 80 people attended the ITE San Diego Annual Holiday Dinner and Dancing at the Royal India Royal Banquet in San Diego. The festivities included an open bar, dinner, casino night, Bollywood Dancers, Belly Dancers, Fire Show, and many awesome raffle prizes to win.
WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I grew up in Morongo Valley, CA a charming town of 1,500 people located near Palm Springs. As a desert kid, I spent lots of time in Joshua Tree National Park.

WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND FOR YOUR DEGREES?

I am a proud UC Davis Civil Engineering graduate. Go Aggies.

WHAT/WHO INFLUENCED YOU TO CHOOSE TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING?

My career in transportation planning/engineering stems fairly directly from ITE and a chance I took at the beginning of my junior year at U.C. Davis. The Sacramento ITE chapter was offering a scholarship to attend the District Conference…guess where…Palm Desert. As a starving student looking for an opportunity to learn and a free trip home I applied and was selected. The conference was great and opened my eyes to transportation engineering and planning. At Davis there is an introduction to civil engineering course that gives an overview of the civil engineering disciplines, which was my first real exposure to transportation engineering. I was very interested in it, but I knew that it would be until my junior or senior year where I would really get to take transportation engineering electives. Attending the ITE District conference in Palm Desert solidified my interest and actually led to me being one of the founding members of the UC Davis ITE Chapter. I also attended the California Transportation Foundation Student Symposium, and I was hooked on transportation engineering!

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST ABOUT YOUR ITE MEMBERSHIP?

I value the opportunity to share and learn from a group of transportation enthusiasts.

DESCRIBE A MEMORABLE/UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE/EVENT IN YOUR LIFE

I have had some awesome life experiences, marrying my wonderful husband and the birth of my son Quincy are both high on the list. The most unusual/memorable/scary experience I have had was in high school. A group of friends went camping in the Grand Canyon and we made a series of bad decisions including hiking about 10 miles into the canyon from the rim. At about 4:00 in the afternoon we realized that the hike back would be grueling and to top it off, it started to snow. There was no one else on the trail to help us. At about midnight we made it out but were quite ill. I haven’t been back to the Grand Canyon since.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?

I love sewing, scrapbooking, and cooking. If I am choosing the TV programming it is likely going to be something on the Food Network. Despite the Grand Canyon debacle, I love camping and being outdoors!

WHAT IS THE CRAZIEST (OR THE SCARIEST) THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE?

See answer to most memorable experience.

WHAT INTERESTING TALENT DO YOU POSSESS?

I love to hula hoop. I am quite out of practice but I still love it.

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I know you’re aware that the 2017 ITE Western District Annual Meeting is coming to our own backyard here in sunny San Diego! We’re expecting a gathering of up to 500 professional from all over the western United States. This year’s meeting will take place from June 17th to June 21st at the gorgeous Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa on Mission Bay. Early bird registration ends April 30th, so sign up now to get the best deal. First time attendees also get a break on full registration, so pass it along to your friends and colleagues who might be considering attending! Here’s the link to registration: http://sandiegoite2017.com/

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