Hello!! I hope everyone is doing awesome and had a great summer. I enjoy a good sunny, warm day just as much as I enjoy a cool winter evening. Hopefully no Halloween chocolate will melt from our warm Southern California weather. Is anyone waiting for the cooler days to roll in or is that just me? With winter being right around the corner, we have lots of positive updates to report from our eventful summer.

In July, we had our annual Summer Social at Ski Beach in Mission Bay. People showed up with their families and friends by their side. Lots of tacos were consumed, people relaxed, socialized, and participated in some fun games. There was even a bounce house for the kids. Overall it was just a lot of good company. Shout out to Mario Flores and his beautiful wife for securing a great spot for us and organizing this annual event.

August was “dark”, and no meetings or socials were scheduled. I hope this allowed everyone time to relax and have fun over the summer.

This September, there was the joint luncheon meeting with the SDSU Student Chapter, held in the student union at SDSU. Greg Shannon, from Sedona Pacific, presented on the SDSU Mission Valley Campus (currently where Qualcomm is located). It was a very intriguing presentation about all the different factors that needed to be addressed to make the new development plan work, while satisfying all the needs of the school, its students, and focus on satisfying all modes of transportation. Mr. Shannon’s presentation can be found on our website.

As mentioned before, the Board has noticed a cost increase to reserve venues. We, the Board, try our best to minimize the costs to the members. Unfortunately, we have moved forward by increasing the registration fees.
Our Sponsors help us out a lot and we are extremely appreciative of their generosity and support. Where we can minimize the costs, we will do so. The Board will continue to make every effort to keep our luncheon meetings as positive an experience as possible.

ITE (on the international level) has been working on various items such as operational improvements at the Headquarters, constitutional changes approved by members, and the ONE ITE initiative which redefines the District regions, and works to rebrand ITE to include all Transportation Professionals, not just “engineers”. I feel like ITE San Diego focuses on all professionals that have their hands in some form of transportation, but I am glad that ideology is being spread throughout the entire organization.

The November Awards Ceremony is right around the corner. Thank you to those of you who sent in nominations, we look forward to recognizing the hard work and dedication that our colleagues have shown this past year!

Future events to make note of in your calendars are:

- October 10th Vendor Show and Workshop
- November 14th Luncheon Meeting: Awards Ceremony
- December 7th Annual ITE Holiday Party

Please be on the lookout for these events, meeting information, and job announcements via email announcements or by checking out our website at: sandiegoite.org

Lastly, I want to give a shout out to ITE’s own Zaki Mustafa. Zaki has a big presence within the ITE family, having served many roles including Southern California ITE Section President, Western District President, and ITE International Director. He has won many awards, the most recent being the 2019 Western District Lifetime Achievement Award. Even though he has retired after 35 (plus) years of working, he is still involved with ITE. He and his wife, Loretta, are very involved in giving back to the community and have started a non-profit charity organization, “Transforming a Life”. The goal of the organization is to provide the necessities of life to the needy and homeless through the provision of warm clothing and food. One of the main things that are donated to the homeless are jackets. With help from many, over 8,650 jackets have been given to those in need. For more information or if you just want to donate to the cause, please visit the website www.transformingalife.org. All contributions go 100 percent to fulfilling the goal of this organization.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next ITE meeting. Please don’t forget to reach out to me if you have any suggestions on future topics. I have received a handful so far and feel like we are onto a good start for next year, all ready.

Cheers!

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July
Summer Social

The San Diego ITE Section hosted our summer social at Ski Beach in Mission Bay on June 20th, 2019. The summer social was hosted by Mario Flores with over 45 members and family in attendance. Thanks to the nice weather, all members and their family enjoyed a nice relaxing sunny day at the bay with jumpers, tacos, and lawn games. Thank you again to our generous sponsors, who make the event possible!

September
Joint Luncheon with SDSU Student Chapter

Greg Shannon introduced the attendees to the concept behind San Diego State University’s Mission Valley Campus (SDSU West). Greg first reviewed the background, including the flooding history surrounding the stadium site. In redeveloping the site, the first thing that the project team had to take into consideration was how to handle the flooding. It was a conscious decision to place the stadium on the highest ground and raised the surrounding sites out of the floodplain. Other considerations for the site included trolley station access, the multi-modal network, the future purple line alignment, and vehicular access to the site. The project EIR is currently out for public review until October 3rd, 2019. The EIR is anticipated to be approved by early 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
Join us next year at 2020 Western District Conference, Hawaii!

June 28 – July 1, 2020

LET’S GET SOCIAL
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

OCT 10 – VENDOR SHOW / WORKSHOP
NOV 14 – LUNCHEON: AWARDS CEREMONY
DEC 07 – HOLIDAY PARTY

CALL FOR NOMINATION

Nominations are now being accepted for the position of Secretary for 2019. For ITE members, the only prerequisite is being willing to serve. If you are a member and interested in volunteering for this position, please contact our Voting Chairperson, Mark Jugar at (619) 291-0707, mjugar@rickengineering.com, or feel free to contact any of our current ITE San Diego Section Board members.
Nick Mesler

WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND FOR YOUR DEGREES?

I attended San Diego State University for a BS in Civil Engineering. I was also the ITE SDSU president for a short stint.

WHAT INTERESTING TALENT DO YOU POSSESS?

Although I am huge into music and play several instruments – I do not know the words to almost any of my favorite songs. Outside of traffic engineering, I enjoy reading, biking, beaching, road tripping across the US, and finding out cool facts about numbers.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?

- Music
- Reading
- Biking
- Beaching
- Road tripping
- Finding out cool facts about numbers

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

I have a lot of family in Florida and I visit them about every other year. A few years back we took a boat out to the St. John’s River and went swimming through some hot springs. About one minute after getting back in the boat we saw a 12-foot alligator float by…

WHAT/WHO INFLUENCED YOU TO CHOOSE TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING?

A culmination of many influences drove me toward a career in Transportation Engineering.

1. Self-Preservation: My grandfather was a NJ rail worker and was killed by a derailed train. His father was killed by a cross town bus walking out of a bar. These things are seen as preventable in today’s world. With Positive Train Control, pedestrian landscaping, and other safety mechanisms has made the world a safer place to live and work in. Safety is by far one of my biggest areas of interest.

2. Having grown up in two dense metro areas, I had a better-than-most experience with efficient public transportation, but even these places had their share of difficulties. Whether it was a cancelled bus service that made me late for class - or a traffic jam that made me late for a job interview – these things were preventable, or at a minimum less impactful. Providing the best means of getting around allows for everyone to prosper.

3. I love to travel, especially road tripping. Seeing through that cross-country roads and rail lines grow and prosper supports my own interests.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST ABOUT YOUR ITE MEMBERSHIP?

I value that ITE pushes the industry into the future, constantly striving for innovation, improving processes, enhancing communication between sectors, and setting the standards for the future. All of these things have the goal improving the lives of ordinary citizens, which is unmatched by any other transportation organization.

Describe a memorable/unusual experience/event in your life.

An unusual experience I had was visiting Monument Valley when no one was around. This national landmark is almost always packed with people.
Kimley-Horn assisted the La Jolla Music Society (LJMS) in entitling their new 500-seat concert hall, cabaret room, and society offices in La Jolla’s downtown village. LJMS had been holding similar sized events in nearby Sherwood Hall so trip generation was not new, but parking was a constraint. Only five parking sites could be accommodated on site. Historically, LJMS guest relied on available on-street parking. LJMS and the City didn’t want the potential for event parking spilling into adjacent residential areas. A Parking Management Plan was developed to establish procedures for identifying parking locations for each major event and notifying guests where to park. The study demonstrated that ample parking was available within garages to serve all events; however, many of the spaces were beyond 600’ of the venue, requiring a deviation from the City’s Shared Parking Ordinance. The Parking Management Plan was critical in allowing the project to be approved and took great partnership with the consultant team, LJMS, community groups, and the City of San Diego.
Thank you to our Sponsors!