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Dear **MOVITE** Members:

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer! During this past Labor Day holiday weekend, I was reflecting upon how much has happened within MOVITE so far during 2018 and thought that a brief mid-year recap might be in order.

In early April, the LOCATE chapter hosted our membership for an outstanding and well-attended Spring meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. The technical program was extremely comprehensive, and the numerous networking / social opportunities provided were enjoyed by our members in their usual fashion – even when playing the golf scramble in near-freezing temperatures! With the new ITE awards schedule, we had the opportunity to present our student awards a bit earlier this year. We also recognized LOCATE as the best MOVITE chapter during 2017. ITE International Past President Shawn Leight attended and provided us all with an update of ITE's strategic planning efforts during our business meeting. All in all, it was a great event and was personally gratifying for me to preside over the meeting back in my home state of Nebraska.

As the designated MOVITE representative on the MWITE Executive Board for 2018, I was involved in the District's planning efforts and was then fortunate to attend the ITE International Meeting, which was hosted by the North Central Section (NCITE) and held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from August 20-23. This was a rare opportunity for me and other MOVITE members to interact with the ITE community of transportation professionals from around the world. Aside from the outstanding sessions and networking, there was important work accomplished during my meetings with the MWITE District as well.

On behalf of MOVITE, during a signing ceremony on the afternoon of Monday, August 20th I executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Executive Boards from both the Midwestern and Great Lakes Districts. This MOU sets in motion a process by which MOVITE will become a new DISTRICT within ITE effective on January 1, 2021. The remaining Sections within the existing MWITE District (NCITE, Wisconsin, and Illinois) will be joining the existing Great Lakes states (Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio) to form the "New Great Lakes" District going forward.

The MOVITE Executive Board was extremely diligent in reviewing the proposed language and setting acceptable terms within the MOU agreement to protect our interests. There will be some issues resulting from this OneITE initiative that will directly affect our existing chapters and student chapters, as well as a few membership impacts resulting from ITE's bylaw changes made in 2017. Much work will be needed over the next two years to successfully accomplish this transition, but we already have a plan to do so. Vice President Andy Swisher and I, along with Section Administrator Tom Swenson and MWITE officer Martin Gugel, will lead an internal MOVITE transition team to address these issues and

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prepare us to fully operate as an independent ITE District in 2021. We are just beginning this process following the ITE International Meeting last month, but hope to share more details with the full MOVITE membership at our upcoming Annual Meeting.

With that said, registration is still open for our upcoming Fall meeting in Lenexa, Kansas on October 3-5, 2018. Our KCITE Local Arrangements Committee has assembled another great technical program with a diverse set of speakers and topics. There has already been a tremendous response from attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors, but there is always room for more! Enhance your experience by planning to participate in the afternoon golf tournament or take a walking tour of the City Center mixed-use development, and then attend the Welcome Reception to kick off the conference in style on Wednesday evening. Please go to <http://www.movite.org/meetings/2018-fall-meeting/> to register online, reserve your hotel room, and download the full meeting program. We look forward to seeing you in Lenexa!

I'm looking forward to successfully finishing off what has already been a great year for MOVITE! I would welcome any comments or questions that you may have about ITE in general or the OneITE initiative specifically, as well as about our remaining MOVITE Section activities in 2018.

Best Regards,


David J. Mennenga, P.E., PTOE
2018 MOVITE President



*Execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
August 20, 2018 – Minneapolis, MN
L-R: Dave Mennenga (MOVITE), Mike Bittner (MWITE), Scott Knebel (GLITE)*