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MOVITE MINUTE

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello MOVITE Members! Happy December!

This month's edition includes our annual sponsors, highlights from the Fall Meeting in Manhattan, Kansas, a student chapter spotlight, celebrations, and past events around the district. For those that attended the Fall Meeting back in October, I hope you all had a positive experience and look forward to seeing you at the next one.

Additionally, I would like to thank our 2024 MOVITE President, Kendra Miller, for her years of commitment and leadership to serving on the MOVITE District Board and to the organization as a whole. As she transitions out of presidency, we wish all the current and new board members success as they start their new duties for 2025.

As always, if you all have any section and/or student chapter updates/photos or upcoming events that you would like to share on social media or in an upcoming journal, please feel free to reach out to our Social Media Director, Tawny Denzer, or I at our contacts below. We are always looking for new content to share on our platforms.

Thank you to everyone that continues to read and share content for the journal. As the holiday season kicks off, I hope everyone enjoys some time off with friends and family. Happy reading!

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2024 Annual Sponsors

Thank you to our current 2024 Calendar Year Sponsors for generously donating to help support the mission of MOVITE:



Announcements

The 2025 MOVITE Spring Meeting will be held jointly with the Southern District (SDITE) in Memphis, TN. For additional information and continued updates on the event, please visit the [website](#). Furthermore, the Call for Abstracts is now open and are due January 31, 2025. Submit [here](#).

Also, the LAC is looking for MOVITE reps to participate in the following committees:

Technical Program, Sponsorships, Publicity, Catering/Meals, Session Arrangements, Spouse Program, Young Member Activities, Golf Outing, and Speaker Gifts

If interested in joining a committee, please contact Carrie Falkenrath at carrie@tsquaredtt.com or Amanda Brauer at abrauer@sccmo.org



2025 MOVITE Scholarship Fund

MOVITE offers the opportunity for individuals and companies to contribute to the MOVITE Scholarship Fund. Generous donations have allowed many students in the MOVITE area to pursue various educational opportunities in the Transportation profession. We would appreciate your consideration to contribute to this important cause at any level you can.

The continued support from our members and sponsors is impactful and appreciated. To donate to the scholarship fund, please make payments [here](#).

For questions, please contact MOVITE at movite@itedsc.org



MOVITE Fall Meeting

October 16 - 18, 2024

Manhattan, KS

Hosted by the Kansas Section of ITE (KSITE), the 2024 Fall Meeting took place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan, Kansas. Nicknamed “The Little Apple”, Manhattan offers a variety of parks and attractions to explore and is home to the Kansas State University Wildcats.

About 150 professional members and student members across the MOVITE District came together and were provided an opportunity to attend multiple technical sessions and build relationships with other transportation professionals. The meeting’s theme was “Planting Seeds of Innovation from the Little Apple”. Members of the Kansas Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) coordinated the planning efforts and worked hard for many months to make this meeting successful.



Local Arrangements Committee

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Amanda Brauer

Kristie Drury

Ashley Fillback

Jason Frericks

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Michael Hare

Rob Herrick

Matt Kruse

Paige Martz

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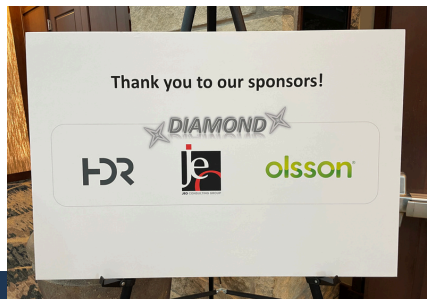
Brandy Sutherland

Brian Willham

2024 Fall Meeting

The MOVITE Board kickstarted the conference with their monthly board meeting to discuss various initiatives and next year's budget. In the afternoon, attendees had the option to participate in a golf tournament held at the Colbert Hill Golf Course or a visit to Kansas State University for a tour around campus. The day concluded with a welcome reception where guests networked and enjoyed some tasty appetizers.

The second day of the conference started with some breakfast and presentations from our keynote speakers. The conference offered attendees a variety of technical sessions that were split into two tracks and opportunities to network with exhibitors and other attendees. Sessions included topics on local projects, traffic analysis, multimodal networks, and ethics. Additionally, a younger member and student track was provided that included a Professional Exam Panel and Young Professional Town Hall.



Keynote Speakers

Matt O'Keefe
Gerald Nunziato Jr.

Technical Presentations

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Khondhaker Al Momin
Timothy Adams
Trey Bebee
Nathan Becknell
Amanda Brauer
Lonnie Burkland
Janelle Clayton
Thomas Evers
Ashley Fillback
John Fitzpatrick
Adam Gleason
Austin Hostettler
Jim Hubbell
Alexandra Huddleston
Jenny Kramer
Angie Laurie
Brian Marshall
Paige Martz
Taylor McHenry
Sean Partain
Beth Peterson
Eric Petersen
Todd Pfitzer
Paul Plotas
Doug Ripley
Gelene Savage
Dave Schwartz
Payton Smith
Jared Tremblay
Matthew Volz
Ray Webb
Peyton Weiss
Alex Zarate

2024 Fall Meeting

At lunch, the MOVITE Board held their Business Meeting where an international update was provided and awards were handed out to professionals and students. **Kyle Anderson** was awarded the 2024 MOVITE Distinguished Member Award for his dedication to the transportation field and active participation in ITE. Furthermore, **Earl Newman** and **Tom Swenson**, MOVITE's current District Administrator, were recognized for their dedication and commitment to both MOVITE and ITE. The Arkansas Section of ITE (ARITE) was also awarded the Section Momentum Award. Lastly, the following students were handed awards for their student poster presentations:

1. **Anchala Badal (Iowa State University)**
2. **Aparna Joshi (Iowa State University)**
3. **Anurag Verma (Iowa State University)**



Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you to all the students that participated in this year's poster presentation contest. Upon the conclusion of the afternoon technical sessions, the day ended with a fun trivia event at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Professionals and students put their knowledge to the test with Team Mermaid coming out on top.

The final day of the conference included the Past President's Breakfast and a few more technical presentations. Members adjourned around noon, said their goodbyes, and headed home.

We thank all the members and students that attended this year's Fall Conference and hope to see you at our 2025 Spring Meeting that will be jointly held with the Southern District of ITE (SDITE) in Memphis, TN. Also, thank you to all of the speakers and vendors that volunteered their time to share their industry knowledge with everyone.



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JOHNSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

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Through Paving for Progress, the City of Cedar Rapids improved intersection and corridor operational efficiencies and safety via the reconstruction of more than one mile of Johnson Avenue.

After completing traffic and engineering analyses, the existing 4-lane roadway was converted to a 3-lane with bike lanes, sidewalks, and roundabouts.

The corridor improvements both provide the desired operational capacity as well as reducing the crash risk by more than 35 percent.



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Student Chapter Spotlight

Kansas University - ITE (KU-ITE)



KU-ITE Student Board

Faculty Advisor - Dr. Steven Schrock
Professional Advisor - Nikhila Gunda
Kansas Liaison - Payton Smith



Moses Azu
President



Hannah Poe
Vice President



Aayush Karki
Secretary/Treasurer



Catherine Kipp
Outreach Coordinator

Founded in 1974, the University of Kansas Student Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (KU-ITE) went defunct in the early 2000s. However, the chapter re-emerged on May 21, 2007, when strong-willed students collaborated to restore it and help connect students to the transportation engineering community. Remarkably, more than 30 students signed up by the end of the 2007-2008 academic year.

KU-ITE has remained active since 2021 after bouncing back from the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last three years, the chapter has held several career sessions with speakers from engineering firms, participated in the 2022 Collegiate Traffic Bowl, and organized an expo workshop to introduce elementary and middle school students to engineering.

Furthermore, KU-ITE has had a fruitful 2024, which kickstarted with a winter photo competition. Not only did its members attend the MOVITE Spring and Fall Meetings this year, they also co-hosted a joint meeting with KSITE, introduced the chapter to prospective freshmen at an open house, and shared pizzas at a social event in November.

MOVITE recognized KU-ITE as its Outstanding Student Chapter this year, an accolade they also won in 2023. In 2025, the chapter aims to expand their membership and continue to share the goals of ITE.



Social Media
Instagram - [KU_ITE](#)
Facebook - [KU-ITE](#)
Website - [Link](#)

Celebrations

Welcome the Newest MOVITE Members!

Shanjeeda Akter
Dalya Al Akam
Nicholas Aldridge
Sudhir Bharati
Jace Cheatum
Jake Comstock
Amrita Goswamy
Jacob Head
KarlUdo Heinrichs
Ryan Leeper
Jordan Meritt
Grant Quick
Brandon Simpson
Corson Smith
Abbey Teubel
Jeremey Vortherms
John Windlow

New TBCB Certifications

Congratulations to MOVITE's newest Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOEs) and Road Safety Professionals - Level 1 (RSP1s) who passed certification exams in October 2024. To find more information on these certifications and exam resources, please visit tpcb.org.

Yazan Abukhalil (RSP1)
Carla Anderson (RSP1)
Amrita Goswamy (RSP1)
Tia Griffin (PTOE)
Robert Johnson (PTOE)
Rijesh Karmacharya (PTOE)
Xiang Yu (PTOE)



Celebrating Remarkable

GBA's partnership with the City of Olathe on the **Kansas Avenue Streetscape** was the recipient of both the MOVITE and International ITE awards.



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ITE Annual Meeting

July 21 - 24, 2024 - Philadelphia, PA

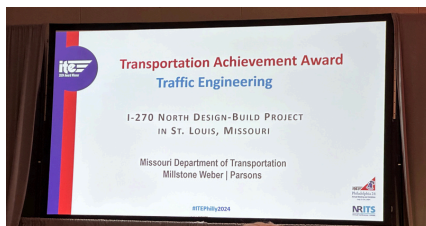
Several MOVITE members attended the annual ITE Meeting held in Philadelphia, PA at the end of July. MOVITE's Traffic Bowl winners, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, participated in the competition at the international level.



Additionally, current MOVITE board member, Ashley Fillback, graduated from the LeadershipITE program. MOVITE and its members celebrate her continued engagement and devotion to the ITE community and support her as she grows and excels professionally in the transportation industry.



Members had multiple opportunities to network and engage with other professionals across different district sections all while attending meaningful and inspiring technical sessions.



Philadelphia 24
Annual Meeting and Exhibition
July 21-24, 2024



Around the District

MOVITE Section Updates

The Iowa Section of ITE (ISITE) recently gathered at the Big Grove Brewery in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids to celebrate the holiday season and collect toys for their annual Toys for Tots drive.



The section also held their 4th Annual ISITE Meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Ames, IA at the beginning of November. They hosted around 70 transportation professionals and offered a variety of technical sessions for attendees.



Other MOVITE sections have continued member engagement through a variety of speaker events and activities throughout the year. The Gateway Section (GSITE) hosted their 29th Annual Partners Golf Tournament fundraiser at the end of September to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Nebraska Section (NITE) recently held their Annual Meeting at Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland. The Ozark Section (OSITE) has had a busy year with hosting their 2024 Technical Conference in August, Golf Tournament in September, and joint Business Meeting with MSPE in November. The Arkansas Section (ARITE) and Kansas Section (KSITE) are also going strong and have held several membership meetings this year.





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