

**OUTSTANDING SECTION/CHAPTER AWARD**  
**For the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

Submitted By:  
ITE Hawai'i Section



## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

*List your regular member meetings.*

### Meeting # 1

Date of Meeting: January 20, 2021

Location: Virtual, 40 attendees

Topic: HDOT's 2021-2022 initiatives, goals and values, which include their dedication to safety, accountability, community, innovation and teamwork.

Speaker: Ed Sniffen P.E., Deputy Director for Hawaii Department of Transportation Highways Division

### Meeting # 2

Date of Meeting: February 20, 2021

Location: Virtual, 20 attendees

Presentation: FCC safety band ruling, its impacts on connecting vehicle projects and how it affects the innovative technology landscape and the future of CV.

Speaker: Keoni Wasano, Director of ITS Engineering for Goldwings Supply Services, Inc.

### Meeting # 3

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2021

Location: Virtual, 26 attendees

Presentation: City's response to Oahu residents' needs during the pandemic, and a past, current, future look at mobility on our island.

Speaker: Jon Nouchi, Deputy Director for City & County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services

### Meeting # 4

Date of Meeting: June 23, 2021

Location: Virtual, 21 attendees

Presentation: W-Tran's partnership with the City of Menlo Park and their recently completed Transportation Master Plan.

Speaker: Mark Spencer P.E., Senior Principal and Vice President of W-Trans



### Meeting # 5

Date of Meeting: September 22, 2021

Location: Virtual, 33 attendees

Presentation: HECO's shift toward clean energy and electrified transportation including their support of electric city and school buses, electric fleet vehicles and improvements to the state's infrastructure. She also demonstrated how the Charge Up Hawaii website allows for public input to make sure EV charging stations are reliable, conveniently located, and accessible to everyone.

Speaker: Aki Marceau, Director of Electrification of Transportation for Hawaiian Electric Co. (HECO)



Meeting # 6, Section's Annual Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2021

Location: Virtual, 25 attendees

Presentation: Climate Action and Resilience Plan and the continued focus on supporting a successful multi-modal system. Featuring the Climate Adaptation Strategy which lists 5 primary hazards: sea level rise and coastal erosion, increase in temperature, significant rain events, decrease in precipitation, and hurricanes.

Speaker: Nicola Hedge, Deputy Director and Alex Yee, Coastal and Water Program Manager for the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency.

**STUDENT/YOUNGER MEMBER SUPPORT**

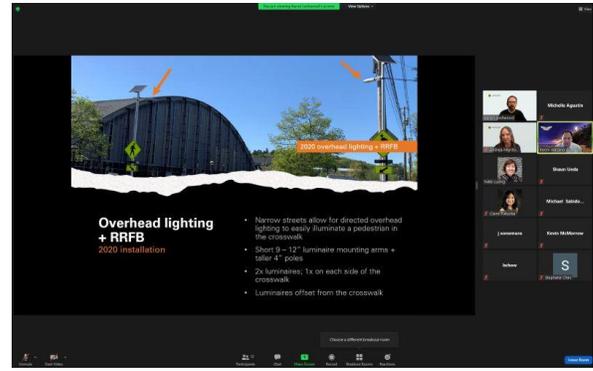
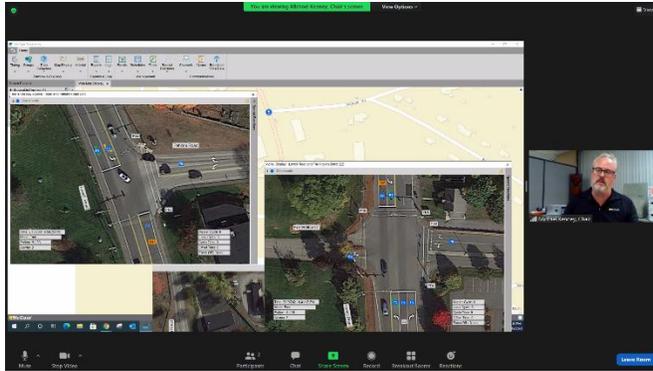
*Describe how your Section supported your ITE Student and Younger Members last year.*

At the beginning of each semester, Section Administrator Cathy Leong and Student Chapter Professional Liaison, Michelle Agustin do presentations at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) Civil Engineering classes to talk about ITE. In September 2021, Hawaii Section ITE joined with ASCE and SWE to assist in the University of Hawaii at Manoa Resume and Interview Workshop. The event was a success with 19 professionals helping 55 students prepare for the upcoming Career Fair. In November, Hawaii Section ITE provided a STEM video for high school students about traffic signals. In December, the Hawaii Section officers met with the new Faculty Advisor at the UHM to ensure that transitioning and communications continue between the section and the University.

**APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE**

*Did your Section address local transportation issue or collaborate with industry on a project or program?*

On May 19, 2021, The Hawaii Section ITE held our first virtual Technical Solutions Event featuring transportation industry partners who provided attendees with innovative solutions for transportation issues and share lessons learned. There were 52 attendees. Each company hosted a breakout session focused on projects outside of Hawaii but highlighted how the solution could be applied locally. The companies who participated include Carmanah, Econolite, Iteris, McCain, PedSafety, and Q-Free. This meeting was well-received by our members and the section will continue this as a yearly event hoping to bring new partners and new solutions each year.



## **NETWORKING EVENTS**

*Did your Section hold any networking events? Describe any events that would have led a particularly meaningful experience for members.*

2021 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that local mandates limited in-person indoor and outdoor gatherings. As such, the Hawaii Section has continued to hold all its meetings online. Since virtual meetings allow more convenience with signing in instead of time wasted traveling to a meeting site or finding parking, we found that more members were actually able to attend meetings. This format allows our members to see and talk to one another with the first 10-15 minutes of our meeting often serving as what we like to call in Hawaii “talk story” time.

## **K-12 STEM OUTREACH**

*Did your Section participate in any K-12 STEM Outreach events?*

November 8th was national STEM day and was established to encourage kids to explore their interests in the field of science, technology, engineering and math. Due to on-going COVID-19 restrictions, an in-person event was not feasible. As an alternative, the HI ITE section supported high school students by developing a pre-recorded technical tour about traffic signals. Hosted by the current vice president of the UH Manoa ITE Student Chapter, Jonah Lorica, the video showcased the main structural components of the traffic signal system and then later meeting up with a local industry partner Phoenix Pacific. This video was made available to partner local high schools and may be viewed on [YouTube](#).

## **NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

*Did your Section have a member recruitment event or another method of attracting potential new members?*

The Hawaii Section has been working to incorporate diversity within its membership by recruiting transportation partners in the industry sector. This year, we elected Mike Motoki, Planner at the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services to serve on our Executive Board. We continue to work with him to explore ways to engage other industry professionals and develop Section events that can feature their contributions to our profession.

## **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

*How did your Section or Chapter attempt to both diversity participation and encourage an inclusive environment?*

The Hawaii Section continually strives to foster an inclusive environment through its officer nomination process so that the executive board, which is comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director, reflects the diverse background of its membership. At our Section Annual Meeting in October, members elected this upcoming year's Executive Board which is comprised of individuals representing government agency, private-consulting, and industry sectors. Mike Motoki's position in the Transportation Planning Division of DTS also provides a "planner's" point of view as well as an "engineer's" position, as Mike is both.

In addition, as previously discussed, the Hawaii Section has also taken advantage of telecommunications technology to bring in speakers from outside of Hawaii including Mark Spencer from W-Trans in California. Having speakers from outside of Hawaii provides our members opportunities to keep abreast on emerging topics and network with other professionals from other parts of the country. This also allows the speakers to share lessons learned both positive and negative of recent projects in their state.

Holding virtual meetings also allows members from the other islands to join our meetings and hear about what's happening on the other islands. It also gives them an opportunity to reach out to other members to ask questions about recent or future projects. In addition to Oahu members, we have had members from Kauai, Maui and the Big Island join our meetings.

## **FIELD TRIPS/TECHNICAL TOURS**

*Did your Section go on any field trips or technical tours?*

The Hawaii Section did not have any in-person field trips or technical tours due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we did create the video tour that was later used for the STEM week presentation.

## **LeadershipITE**

*How does your Section support members interested in LeadershipITE? How does your Section integrate its Alumni?*

The Hawaii Section currently does not have any members enrolled in the *LeadershipITE* program or alumni to the program; however, the Hawaii Section promotes *LeadershipITE* by disseminating information to its membership.

## **ADVOCACY**

*Did your Section engage in any activities to educate and inform members about issues, legislation, and/or regulations that might impact the transportation industry?*

The Hawaii Section has standing committees including a Legislative Committee and an OMPO CAC Committee. The Chair of the Legislative Committee keeps abreast of the legislative sessions and issues that may be of interests to the transportation industry, and provides periodic updates during Section meetings so that members are aware of what legislative actions to look out for and its implications to the profession. The Chair of the OMPO CAC Committee attends monthly meetings of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's Citizen Advisory Committee as the representative of the local ITE Section. The OMPO CAC consists of representatives from community organizations, professional associations, neighborhood boards, and the private sector to solicit input on transportation planning issues. Participation with the OMPO CAC provide the ITE Hawaii Section opportunities to find out about current transportation topics under discussion, as well as provide input when solicited.