

ITE Western District Connections Grant Post Event Report

1. Description of the Event

On November 21, 2024, the ITE student chapters from Oregon State University (OSU) and University of Washington (UW) collaborated for a successful and engaging event in Portland, Oregon. The proposed event was to include the students from the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) to join OSU for the walking tour before the Traffic Bowl. However, OIT was unable to make the walking tour due to weather conditions delaying their arrival. Instead, the students from UW were able to join OSU on the walking tour.

The day began with an informative walking tour of Portland's transportation infrastructure, led by Peter Koonce, an experienced engineer from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT). This tour was very valuable for students as it provided them a valuable opportunity to observe real-world transportation projects and gain insights from a seasoned professional in the field. The hands-on learning experience also allowed the students to see the practical applications of what they have been learning about in their classrooms, deepening their understanding of transportation engineering.

Following the tour, the students attended the 28th Annual Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl, hosted by the Oregon ITE Section. OSU and UW both fielded competitive teams, while OSU ultimately won and brought the Oregon ITE Traffic Bowl trophy back home to Corvallis. Those not on the Traffic Bowl teams cheered their colleagues on, and all students were able to engage in networking with transportation professionals from across the region. The Traffic Bowl offered a spirited and educational competition, and was able to foster camaraderie and professional connections between the students from different chapters.

This collaboration between OSU and UW student chapters, along with the involvement of the Oregon ITE Section, underscored the importance of inter-organizational partnerships in providing powerful educational experiences for students. The event successfully combined practical learning, professional networking, and competitive fun, leaving participants with a greater appreciation for the field of transportation engineering.

2. Number of Participants from Each ITE Organization

- Oregon State University Student Chapter – 11 students on tour, 17 at the Traffic Bowl
 - There were an additional 6 OSU students who did not attend the walking tour that met the rest of the group at the Traffic Bowl.
- University of Washington Student Chapter – 3 students on the walking tour
- Oregon ITE Section – 3 members on the tour, many members at the Traffic Bowl

3. Spending Summary

- \$10 registration fees * 17 OSU students = \$170
- \$150 van rental = \$150
- \$15 lunch * 12 OSU students = \$180
- Total = \$170 + \$150 + \$180 = **\$500**

The total cost of the trip for the OSU student chapter was \$500. The breakdown of these costs can be seen above.

4. Photo of the Event

A photo of all 17 of the OSU students who attended the Traffic Bowl can be seen below.



17 ITE @ OSU students attended the 2024 Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl