Dear Tampa Bay ITE Members and Friends,

I would like to begin by extending our most sincere thanks to you and our sponsors for your patience and support during this first Quarter. Similarly, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all Essential Workers for their work and dedication during these last few weeks.

For the last few months, the Tampa Bay ITE Executive Board has continued coordinating with the Florida-Puerto Rico District and ITE International regarding the final transition to a Section. This is expected to take effect on January 1st, 2021. Thank you to those that participated in the survey to name our new section. The final name by majority of votes was selected as the Greater Tampa Section, which I personally think has nice ring to it.

In addition to this, the Board also appointed Danni Jorgenson as our second Section Representative to the District, and recently met internally to review draft documents of the new Charter and Bylaws that will govern all actions and activities beginning next year.

As with every year, the Florida Legislative Session is a busy season with many legislative proposals brought forward. This year however, there were a couple of them that although well intended, would have made us take a step backwards in the journey to zero fatalities in our roadways. Thank you to those that reached out to your legislators and stood in support of pedestrian and bicycle safety. I especially want to thank the Florida Puerto Rico ITE District that took a dynamic approach and immediately wrote to Legislators regarding their position on Pedestrian Safety Senate Bill 1000 and House Bill 1371. The Tampa Bay ITE Board also took an active approach and quickly came together to email and mail letters stating our position, and our
humble petition to reconsider. Click here to read a copy of the letter we sent to our legislators.

As it is now a “tradition” during our first Quarter, we had our TBITE/CUTR luncheon at USF with the eloquent presence of two excellent speakers, FDOT District 7 Secretary David Gwynn and City of Tampa Administrator of Infrastructure and Mobility Jean Duncan, it was exciting to hear their agencies’ innovative ideas and actions to improve safety and mobility in our region.

Currently, due to our regular calendar of activities put on hold, we have continued to find ways to connect with you and keep you engaged with Tampa Bay ITE. Most recently, Tampa Bay ITE had the opportunity to support CUTR and the USF ITE Student Chapter on the first Mock Interview Event. The event received lots of good feedback and provided the perfect opportunity to connect students with potential employers in our area, in order to retain the incredible talent USF keeps producing. “Go Bulls!”

In the weeks ahead, the Board will be working hard coordinating a community volunteering activity to help those that have been affected greatly during these times. Additionally, we will also be working on the new logos for the Greater Tampa Section and setting up a virtual membership meeting and speaker for the second Quarter. Stay tuned for more details.

Just like you, we are eager to see some normalcy in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, feel free to reach out to me with any ideas or interest in participating in our committees. I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming meeting, either in person or virtually.

Emmeth Duran, E.I.
President
Tampa Bay ITE

RECENT EVENTS

2020 Q1 Luncheon
Our most recent quarterly luncheon was held on Tuesday, March 10. David Gwynn, FDOT District 7 Secretary and Jean Duncan, City of Tampa’s Infrastructure and Mobility Administrator shared their respective agencies’ ongoing and upcoming Traffic Safety Initiatives and Innovations.

USF Student Mock Interviews

Throughout the week of April 20, 2020, TBITE volunteers held virtual mock interviews with members of USF ITE to help them prepare and practice critical job search skills.

Over the course of the interviews, 17 TBITE volunteers made their time available to the students, with 11 total interviews completed.
TBITE Past President Kris Milster, PE, Interviews Sett Thiri Aung.

Thank you to all our professionals who volunteered to take part:

- Paula Flores (GPI)
- Dr. Chunfu Xin (USF)
- John Patrick (Hillsborough County)
- Kris Milster (Cubic)
- Dr. Nikhil Menon (CUTR)
- Dr. Robert Bertini (CUTR)
- Angelo Rao (City of Lakeland)
- Tom Washburn (Pinellas County)
- Nelson Galeano (Manatee County)

- Christopher Hatton (Kimley-Horn)
- Alex Anaya (ESRP)
- Andrew Stastny (Structurepoint)
- Matt Weaver (Element)
- David Wheeler (Element)
- Sarah Templeman (Kittleson)
- Alex Bourne (RS&H)
- Sergio Quevedo (JMT)

Dues collection is now routed through ITE International. In order to be a member of TBITE, you must also be a member of ITE.

This should simplify the process of joining or renewing by implementing a one-stop shop for membership. In addition, membership in the Florida Puerto Rico ITE District is included.

Check out all the benefits of ITE membership.

ITE MEMBERSHIP

ITE Virtual Drop In Sessions

During the COVID crisis, ITE has been hosting Virtual Drop-In sessions as a new forum for discussion and peer technical exchange. These sessions are largely unstructured and include a short presentation by a member followed by a discussion, led by the presenter. The sessions are recorded and will be posted in the ITE.
Community for playback (available to ITE members only). To facilitate conversation, these sessions are limited to 20 participants per webinar.

If you are interested in convening a session, please contact ITE below.

**USF ITE Student Chapter Elections**

The USF ITE Chapter recently held its elections for the upcoming 2020-2021 university term. Congratulations to the winners.

**President:** Hossien Amiri  
**Vice President:** Tobias Coon  
**Treasurer:** Nirup Lingegowda

**2020 TBITE LEADERSHIP**

**Officers**

**President**  
Emmeth Duran, E.I.

**Vice President**  
Jodi Godfrey

**Secretary**  
Brandon Campbell, P.E., PTOE

**Treasurer**  
Alex Bourne, P.E.

**Section Representative**  
Danielle Joyce, PTP, RSP

**Section Representative**  
Danni Jorgenson, P.E.

**Past President**  
Kris Milster, P.E., PTOE

**FLPRITE Seeking Nominations**

The FLPRITE Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for the office of Secretary / FLITE Editor. Have you ever considered expanding your role in ITE by being a part of the leadership of the Florida Puerto Rico District of ITE? Do you know someone who has exhibited great leadership at the local level in your ITE Chapter that would be a great asset to ITE at the next level? If so, please consider nominating yourself or that person to join the FLPRITE Board.

What does it involve to be a part of the Board? It is a commitment to actively participate in making the ITE experience as interesting and useful to the members as it has been for the last 90 years since the founding of the Institute. If elected to the Board, it is a five-year commitment to serve: two
years as Secretary, one year as Vice-President, one year as President, and one year as Past-President.

What we would ask for from the potential candidate are two things:

- A short letter (200 words max.) that expresses your interest and your leadership experience that would be relative to the position.
- A brief resume (two page max.).

The Nominations Committee is headed up by Thuha Nguyen, the Immediate Past President. Please forward your nomination package to the Past President by email no later than June 5, 2020. Please feel free to contact the Past President for more information.

Committee Chairs

**Technical Committee**
Burak Konuk, P.E. PTOE

**Mentoring/Outreach**
Christian Kline, E.I.

**Social Committee**
Addie Kraemer

**Website Committee**
Alex Anaya, P.E., PTOE

**Website Committee**
Sarah Melo

**Chapter Administrator**
Carlos Ramirez, P.E., PTOE

TBITE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Pete Yauch, P.E., PTOE, RSP

TBITE has selected Mr. Pete Yauch for the Quarterly Member Spotlight in honor of his involvement and support of ITE at the local, regional and national levels, most recently, for his swift actions in support of safer roadways against two controversial “RRFB” bills during the last legislative period, in addition to this, his continuous encouragement and mentoring of students and recent graduates at USF is exemplary and deserving of recognition. Many thanks for your incredible work!
Pete Yauch has over 43 years of experience in traffic engineering, ITS, and traffic safety in both the public and private sectors. A native of St. Petersburg, Florida, he earned both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Florida, a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, and a Road Safety Professional, and is the Program Manager for TSM&O at Iteris Inc., in Tampa. He is a Past President of the Florida Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and serves as the Institute’s District Administrator for Florida and Puerto Rico. He is married with two grown children and two (very soon to be three) grandchildren, all residing in Pinellas County, Florida.

If you would like to nominate someone for consideration for an upcoming TBITE Member Spotlight, please email Jodi Godfrey at jodis@cutr.usf.edu.

Upcoming Events

Check the ITE Calendar for upcoming events including ITE International events and District, Section, and Chapter Events from all over. Local highlights are below.

- **TBITE Q2 Luncheon**
  - Date: June 25 (Tentative)

- **Transpo 2020 (Joint Meeting between ITSFL and FLPRITE)**
Stay Tuned! We have a virtual TBITE Luncheon in the works. Registration will open soon.

**2020 ITE Annual Meeting**

Date: August 4-20

ITE Announced this week that the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held virtually and spaced out to allow attendees to meet other professional obligations. Click below for more info.

**FLPRITE Summer Meeting**

FLPRITE’s 2020 Summer Meeting has been postponed, with the intent to reconvene in Summer 2021. The location will continue to be planned for B Ocean Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to USF ITE members Brian Staes, Elzbieta Bialkowska-Jelinska, Rakesh Rangaswamy, and Xiaowei Shi on their team’s selection as regional finalists in the ITS World Congress Global Challenge.

Their paper, "ITS Strategies for Reducing Congestion and Incidence while Improving Mobility for the City of Tampa, Florida" was selected to move on to the next round of virtual presentation and judging next month. Click below for a copy of their paper’s abstract.

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2020 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

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- Logo Display at each TBITE Meeting
- Newsletter Recognition
- Advertisements on the TBITE web page

For more information about sponsorship with TBITE please email Alex Bourne at Alex.Bourne@rsandh.com for any questions relating to sponsorship.

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QUICK LINKS

Check out the latest issue of the ITE Journal here.

ITE is asking for volunteers to become Peer Reviewers for the ITE Journal.
If you are interested in participating, please complete the 6 question survey in the link below by **Friday, June 5 at 5:00 PM**. The survey will gather information about the level of commitment you're willing to volunteer and the areas of expertise for which you'd like to be included.

Peer Reviewer Survey

If you haven't done so yet, please [follow us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).