



A COMMUNITY OF TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS

Fall Technical Session – Wednesday, Oct 7th, 2026 Kalamazoo, MI

Hosted by the Western Michigan University ITE Student Chapter

Location:

Western Michigan University
Student Center – 2nd Floor - Ballroom A/B
1070 Student Center Loop, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Parking:

Lot 41 – No permit required, parking paid with registration

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Lot 28 for ADA Accessibility

Meeting Schedule (v2)

Check-In/Registration		
8:00 am	Doors Open: Registration, Coffee & Networking	
Morning Session		
Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
9:00 AM	Welcome & WMU ITE Student Chapter Overview	Ellen Nightingale, ITE Technical Committee Chair Norrn Novat, WMU ITE
9:10 AM	Integrating Generalized Linear Mixed Models and XGBoost for Safety Performance Function Development on Urban Arterials	Diana Al-Nabulsi, Western Michigan University
9:45 AM	Temperature-Driven Structural Response of a Skewed Network Tied-Arch Bridge	Harsha Amunugama, Western Michigan University
10:15 AM	Break	

10:30 AM	I-96 Ionia Project: Maintaining Traffic with a Moveable Barrier Wall	Grant Sorrell, MDOT (Grand Region) Daniel Roberts, MDOT (Grand Region)
	This presentation provides an overview of how the I-96 Ionia project maintained traffic using a moveable barrier wall. It will highlight how the maintenance of traffic plan adapted over three construction seasons, the benefits and challenges of weekly barrier operations, and key lessons learned about mobility, driver behavior, and work zone safety.	
11:10 AM	Poster Session	Western Michigan University Students
12:00 PM	Lunch	
Afternoon Session		
Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
12:45 PM	ITE International Meeting Recap	Julie Kroll, Fleis & Vanderbrink
	Hear about the event that occurred this past July in Detroit. Share the memories in this interactive presentation.	
1:15 PM	Break	
1:30 PM	M-63/I-94 BL in St. Joseph – A Generational Change	Jon Smith, MDOT (Southwest Region) Steve Reschke, Tetra Tech Kyle Ramakers, Tetra Tech
	The City of St. Joseph's last reconstruction project on Main Street was in the mid-1950's (with underlying municipal utilities older than that) and the one-way pair installed in the mid-1970's. Based on the early project discussions, it was understood that this project would require a more intense stakeholder outreach approach and a deep dive into the traffic details to develop the best concept/plans that would balance all modes of transportation. This was achieved through the collaboration between MDOT's Coloma TSC and Innovative Contracting Unit, Tetra Tech design team, City of St. Joseph, stakeholder groups, and CMGC construction team, all while balancing interests of the local community, SHPO, utility companies, costs, and permitting requirements.	
2:30 PM	Break	

2:45 PM	Ethics: A Case Study	Michael Schwartz, Prein&Newhof
	<i>This interactive presentation will focus on why the NSPE Code of Ethics was developed and its evolution. Then we will move into an open discussion on some case studies, published by the NSPE Board of Ethical Review. Attendees will discuss what they would do in a given situation and why. It is hoped that attendees will leave with an understanding of the ethics resources available to support them.</i>	
3:45 PM	Closing Remarks	



Post Session Happy Hour:
The Old Goat Tavern
2731 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Fees:

Includes lunch and continuing education seminars with up to **4.0 hours** of Continuing Education Hours (CEH). CEH records will be available online following the event. Please make sure to sign-in at the event.

Payment Due:	ITE Member/ Public Agency	Non-Member Private Industry	Students
EARLY BIRD PRICE (Ends Sept 16 th)	\$45	\$55	\$10
Regular Payment/Registration	\$55	\$65	\$15

Registration: https://itemichigan.org/?page_id=12580

Continuing education credits: https://itemichigan.org/?page_id=12694

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