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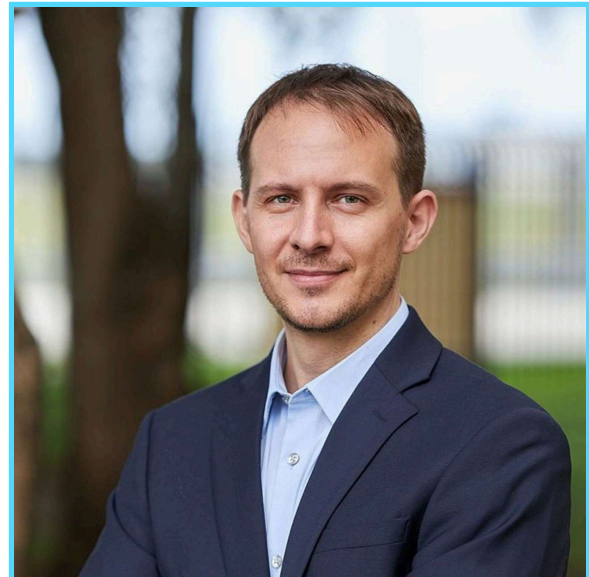
And More!

If you have a project photo you would like featured in the newsletter, reach out to our newsletter committee.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ITE CO/WY Members,

Before looking ahead, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible Multimodal in the Mountains Western Slope Transportation Event, held last week on April 10th at Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs. A sincere thank you to Rae Stephanie and the entire WTS Western Slope team for co-hosting such a welcoming, technical, and well-executed event.



As you will see throughout this newsletter, the remainder of spring is packed with opportunities to connect, learn, and have a great time. Happy hours, technical events, and a luncheon are all still ahead before we roll into the Annual Golf Tournament at Arrowhead Golf Club and the ITE Mountain District Annual Meeting in Flagstaff this June.

Finally, I want to once again congratulate Dr. Wes Marshall on receiving the 2025 Transportation Professional of the Year Award. I encourage everyone to read our recently posted interview with Dr. Marshall, as it offers a fascinating look into his journey, philosophy, and approach to the profession.

Sincerely,

**Stefan Escanes, P.E., PTOE**  
**President**

## ITE ASCE Southern Colorado Technical Tour

Join Us in Pueblo this Week!



### Event Information

#### Important Notes:

- **Visitors MUST wear steel-toe or composite-toe boots.** ENSCO will provide safety vests, hard hats, and safety glasses
- **If you are not a United States citizen** please contact Karen Aspelin as we will need a copy of your passport by April 10
- **Lunch will be provided.** If you have any dietary restrictions, please contact Karen Aspelin at [kaspelin@olsson.com](mailto:kaspelin@olsson.com) before April 15

If you are registered, don't forget to join us for a tour of the ENSCO Transportation Technology Center in Pueblo!

ENSCO supports the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Transportation Technology Center (TTC) as the prime contractor conducting research, engineering, testing, and training while also operating and maintaining this vital US Department of Transportation facility.

We will take a field tour to look at rail track structure, rail tie types, and ballast functions, view the adjustable slab track and learn about its testing capabilities, and then end the morning with lunch and networking.

Although registration is closed if you have any questions, please Contact Karen Aspelin at [kaspelin@olsson.com](mailto:kaspelin@olsson.com)

**When:** April 16, 2026, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Where:** ENSCO Transportation Technology Center, [55500 DOT Rd, Pueblo, CO 81001](https://www.ensco.com/locations/pueblo)

## 22nd Colorado Transportation Symposium

Two Weeks Away!

The 22nd Annual Colorado Transportation Symposium will feature two engaging guest speakers who bring both practical insight and visionary thinking to transportation. In the welcome address, **Peter Koonce** will share *Saved by a Traffic Engineer*, highlighting how implementing the Safe Systems approach can improve roadway safety and save lives. Later, keynote speaker **Tim Jackson**, author of *Dude*,

Where's My Flying Car?, will take attendees on a compelling journey through the past, present, and fascinating future of personal mobility.

**When:** Monday, April 27, 2026, 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Denver, [650 15th St, Denver, CO 80202](#)

**Registration Fee:**

- Private Sector: \$300
- Non-Profit/Public Sector: \$150
- Student: \$45



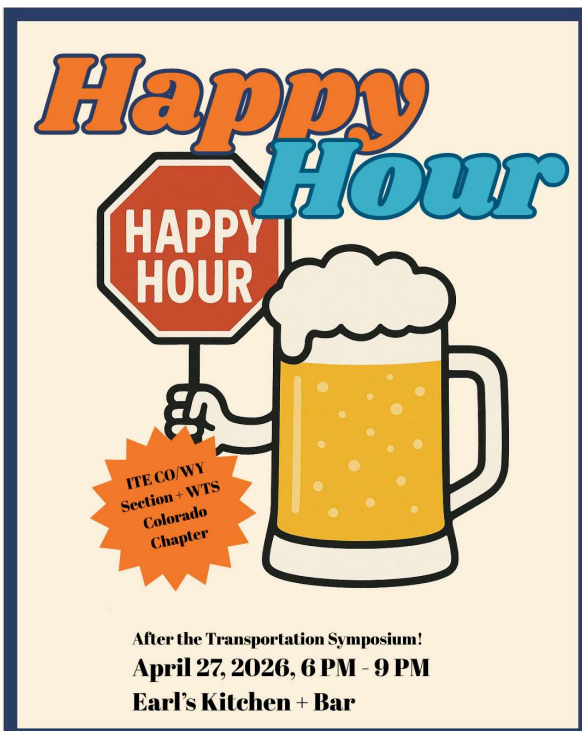
The poster for the 22nd Annual Colorado Transportation Symposium features a blue and purple background with icons for various transportation modes. It lists two speakers: Peter Koonce, a traffic engineer, speaking at 8:00am, and Tim Jackson, author of 'Dude, Where's My Flying Car?', speaking at 11:30am. The event is held at the Hyatt Regency Denver on April 27, 2026. Logos for sponsors like COMTE, ITE, MOVE, and WTS are at the bottom.

Registration

Program

## ITE CO/WY and WTS Happy Hour

Join Our Happy Hour after the Colorado Transportation Symposium



The poster features the words 'Happy Hour' in large, stylized orange and blue letters. Below is a cartoon illustration of a hand holding a 'HAPPY HOUR' sign and a large mug of beer. A starburst graphic identifies the event as 'ITE CO/WY Section + WTS Colorado Chapter'. The text at the bottom states: 'After the Transportation Symposium! April 27, 2026, 6 PM - 9 PM Earl's Kitchen + Bar'.

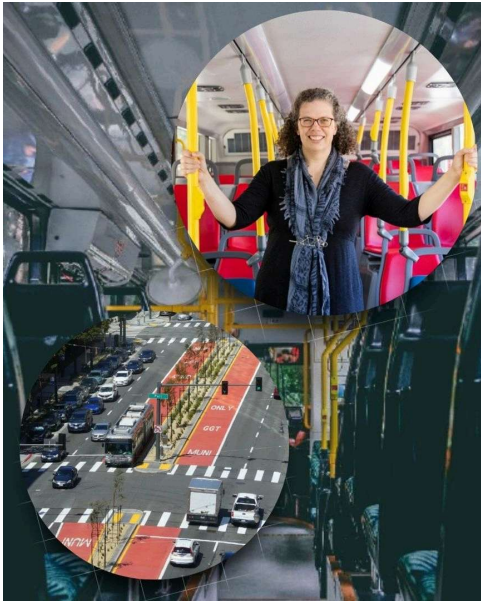
Join us after the Transportation Symposium for a relaxed and engaging networking happy hour hosted in collaboration by the WTS Colorado Chapter and the ITE Colorado/Wyoming Section. This is a great opportunity to continue the conversations sparked during the symposium, connect with transportation professionals from across the region, and build new relationships in a welcoming setting. Whether you're looking to expand your professional network, catch up with colleagues, or simply unwind after a full day of learning, we'd love to see you there.

**When:** April 27 2026, 6:30 - 9 PM

**Where:** Earl's Kitchen + Bar [1600 Glenarm Pl #140, Denver, CO 80202](#)

# ITE CO/WY May Luncheon

Keynote Speaker - Professor Kari Edison Watkins, PhD, P.E.



ITE CO/WY SECTION MAY LUNCHEON

## IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

LESSONS LEARNED IN 20 YEARS OF TRAVEL BEHAVIOR RESEARCH

with Dr. Kari Edison Watkins, PhD, PE

**Thursday May 14, 2026  
11:30-1PM**

**\*Doors open at 11AM  
at Ace Eat Serve**

501 E 17th Ave, Denver, CO 80203

Join us for a very exciting and inspirational luncheon where Professor Kari Watkins will be presenting. Professor Watkins is a leading transit researcher focused on improving mobility through better transit systems and multimodal travel. Her work examines travel behavior, supports real-world agency innovation, and advances transit, walking, and bicycling. She is best known for creating the award-winning OneBusAway program, which transformed access to real-time transit information. This presentation will show how research can directly inform transportation decision-making, highlight key findings from Dr. Watkins' work, and offer practical lessons agencies can use to improve mobility, accessibility, and the overall traveler experience across multiple modes.

**When: Thursday, May 14, 2026 11:30 - 1:00  
PM, Doors Open at 11:00**

**Where:**

Ace Eat Serve [501 E 17th Ave, Denver, CO  
80203](https://www.aceeatserve.com)

**Cost:**

\$25 - ITE Members

\$40 - Non-ITE Members

\$25 - Public Agency Employees

\$5 - Students

Registration

## Transportation Professional of the Year

2026 TPoY will be announced during the May Luncheon - Get to Know the 2025 TPoY Recipient - Wes Marshall



Before we reveal the 2026 Transportation Professional of the Year, take a moment to get to know our 2025 honoree, Dr. Wes Marshall, through an exclusive interview. Go beyond the headlines of his industry-shaking book *Killed by a Traffic Engineer* and discover the perspectives, experiences, and motivations that shape his work. This feature offers a behind-the-scenes look at the professional behind the ideas—don't miss the full interview at the link below.

[Full Interview](#)

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## Forging Connections - ITE CO/WY and WTS Northern Colorado

### Multiorganization social event

ITE CO/WY Section is excited to join the multi-organizational social event, **Forging Connections**, initiated by the WTS Northern Colorado Chapter to strengthen networking across Northern Colorado.

**When:** **May 20, 2026**

**Where:** Forge Event Center [815 14th St SW bldg b120, Loveland, CO 80537](#)

**Cost:**

\$10 - ITE / WTS / Participating Org. Members

\$20 - Non Members

Free - Public Agency Employees, Students, Retirees



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## ITE CO/WY 2026 Golf Tournament

### Registration is Closed!

This year, our tournament returns to beautiful Arrowhead Golf Club. Registration is closed. Thank you very much for your



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very large interest in participating in this community-favorite event. Cost includes golf, carts, range balls, luncheon, and prizes! Refunds are not available for no-shows. Don't forget that - foursome players can be changed or added after registration, but must be finalized by 5:00 PM on May 15th.

**When:** [May 22, 2026 6:15 AM MDT - 2:00 PM MDT](#)

**Where:**

Arrowhead Golf Club [10850 Sundown Trail Littleton, CO 80125](#)

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## 2026 ITE Mountain District Annual Meeting

### Technical Program is Out!

The ITE Mountain District and ITE Arizona Section are excited to welcome you to Flagstaff, AZ, for this year's ITE Mountain District Annual Meeting.

#### Highlights

- A Robust Technical Program
- Opportunity to Visit Beautiful Flagstaff, AZ
- Excellent Hotel Accommodations
- Family Night at the Lowell Observatory & Astronomy Discovery Center

With the meeting two months away, we encourage everyone to register before May 10th to avoid late fees! Hotel accommodations can also be found in the registration link.

**When:** [June 10 - 12, 2026](#)

**Where:** High Country Conference Center, [201 West Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001](#)



[Program](#)

[Register](#)

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## Technical Committee Latest News

## FTA posts FY 2026 transit apportionments totaling \$20.6 billion

The Federal Transit Administration announced \$20.6 billion in FY 2026 funding for public transportation programs, with tables posted on March 31, 2026. For agencies, consultants, and local governments, the release provides a clearer picture of near-term funding available for planning, fleet replacement, state-of-good-repair work, and other capital priorities in the current fiscal year.

Current Apportionment

## USDOT launches FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant round

USDOT has opened the FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant cycle, with nearly \$1 billion available for planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to reduce roadway deaths and serious injuries. The program continues to support local, regional, and Tribal efforts focused on all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators. The deadline for applications is May 26, 2026.

Grant Information

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## Recap: ITE CO/WY Hike and Happy Hour

March 20, 2026

The ITE CO/WY Section Activities Committee hosted a Spring Happy Hour and Hike that proved to be a great success. Seventeen participants joined us for a scenic hike along the North Table Loop in Golden, Colorado, enjoying both the views and the opportunity to connect with fellow professionals.

Following the hike, we cooled off with well-earned cold drinks during an unseasonably warm March afternoon and enjoyed delicious offerings from a local Mexican food truck. Thank you to the Activities Committee for organizing such a fun and engaging event that continues to strengthen our community of transportation professionals. Below are photos from the event.



# Recap: ITE CO/WY - WTS Western Slope Luncheon

## Multimodal in the Mountains

April 10, 2026

The ITE CO/WY Section & WTS Western Slope event, focusing on Multimodal in the Mountains, was held at the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs. The event included an optional technical tour of the area, luncheon, presentations, and networking opportunities.

The event brought together transportation professionals, local agencies, and community leaders to share lessons learned and practical strategies tailored to Colorado's Western Slope's unique context.

Rae Stephani, representing ITE, and Marijean Frymoyer, representing WTS, welcomed attendees. Presentations included an [Introduction to eBikes](#) by Benedict Wright with Bicycle Colorado; [Eagle Valley Case Study](#) by Claire Noble with Eagle County, Kim Greene with Vail Health, and Dominik Scriver with the Town of Eagle PD; [Aspen Case Study](#) by Brian Long with City of Aspen, Aaron Pool with City of Aspen, and Lee Malik with Aspen PD. There was also a funding and implementation panel featuring presentations by the City of Glenwood Springs, Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office, Eagle Valley Trail, CDOT, and DOLA.

A huge thanks to Rae Stephani, Kari (McDowell) Schroeder, P.E., PTOE, Chloe Ward, P.E., and Marijean Frymoyer for being on the planning committee and making this event happen. ITE CO/WY is in the process of establishing its own Chapter on the Western Slope, and thanks WTS Western Slope for co-sponsoring this great event. Below are some photos from the event.







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## New Open Positions! Check it out below!

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