

MASITE Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, January 18, 2018, 9:00 AM

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Administrative

- **Assign someone to take notes in the “Minutes” Google Doc**
 - Joe took notes during the meeting.
- **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes** (November)
 - November meeting minutes are approved

ACTION: Nik will upload the November minutes to the website

- **MASITE Website (Nik)**
 - Look into only keeping 1 year of minutes on the website

ACTION: Nik will remove minutes older than one year.

Technical Training/Professional Development

- **MASITE Member Survey: Technical Training Interest (Reminder)**
 - Amy has volunteered to lead the effort for the 2018 member survey.
 - Responses:
 - Top 3 Preferred Formats:
 - 83% Webinars and trainings with PDH's
 - 75 % Live workshops on tech subjects 75%
 - 60% Quarterly updates on new tech & information
 - Top Preferred Topics to explore:
 - Transp safety
 - ITS
 - Traffic Eng
 - AV/CV
 - Multimodal Design

ACTION: Amy will begin coordinating the 2018 member survey.

- **Ethics Training (Amy)**
 - Joe's attorney friend would be willing to set-up a free training
 - Instead of a separate training, this will be added to the Mid-Colonial District meeting

ACTION: Joe will pass along his contact information to the district organizers.

- **Traffic Cabinet Training in Pittsburgh/Harrisburg/South NJ/Delaware Areas**
- Desire to replicate the Warminster Township training in other geographic regions:
 - **New Jersey (Jeff)**
 - Mercer County - partnered with Signal Control Products
 - Paul Sherrer = county technician, possible speaker
 - **South Jersey Area (Joe)**

ACTION: Joe will reach out to his contact to see if there is interest.
 - **Central PA Area (Jennifer)**
 - City of Lancaster (Cindy McCormick, McCormick Taylor, Signal Service)
 - Wait to hold this event until after the TESC IMSA training & the February 12, Central Area Technical Lunch, HSM topic
(http://www.masite.org/PDF/Events/2018_02_12_Lunch.pdf)

ACTION: Jennifer will continue coordinating with Mike Davidson (central area).
 - **Delaware (Eric)**
 - DeIDOT & City of Wilmington
 - Brian at the City of Wilmington is interested in hosting a meeting. TBD

ACTION: Eric will continue coordinating with Brian.
 - **Philadelphia Area (Peter)**
 - General Highway Products
 - Training in Broomall, PA is set for Jan. 31. Advertisement already sent to members. Signups completely sold-out, therefore another event will likely be scheduled.

ACTION: Peter will report back on the success of the event at the next meeting.
- **NJDOT HOP 101 Training, (Joe... Reminder. No update necessary for a few months)**
 - New Highway Access permit regulations will be released in the next 6 months to a year... will coordinate with them to share information on their sponsored trainings
- **Tri-Joint (ITE, ASHE South Jersey, ASCE Jersey) Safety Focused Meeting - Feb 7, 2018 (Joe/Amy/Jennifer)**
 - Ethics/Safety Topic : “Engineering Ethics & the Public” (summary below)
 - Update: Speaker was unavailable in February, therefore this event will have a different speaker (selected by ASHE South Jersey)
 - Peter O’Halloran expressed interest in having this event at the Mid-Colonial District meeting in April.

ACTION: Jennifer will instead pass along Dr. Lambrinidou’s contact information/session info to the Mid-Colonial District meeting organizers. Remove from agenda.

- **Signal Inspection Training**

- Consider hosting a training for members
- Amy heard positive response from a G&A construction observer who attended the training.
- Jennifer heard that the training was simply a DVD of lessons being played by the “instructor”

ACTION: No actions this month.

- **Traffic Control/Flagger Training (Joe)**

- Typically available through LTAPs
- Amy suggested that we include this in our member survey to assess the general interest in hosting this training..

ACTION: No actions this month.

- **MASITE Technical Dinner (Amy)**

- To supplement the other regular MASITE events
 - Oct/Feb/April MASITE events....mid-June/August might be a good time
 - Annually repeating meeting
- With PDH's....using the preferred topics
- Partner with ASHE? YTP? ASCE Young Member Forum
- Young Member focus
 - Jennifer recommends that it's more of a distributed event - such as having each geographic area hosting a technical dinner on the same topic in the same month
 - Jennifer got a copy of the MASITE membership spreadsheet from the membership chair
 - Joe received interest from Melissa Mo about coordinating a young member event in the greater philadelphia area.

ACTION: Jennifer will run a quick analysis on the MASITE membership location data to get a better idea of the geographic distribution of our members.

ACTION: Jennifer will follow-up with Melissa to get her added to the Technical Committee email list-serve.

ACTION: Amy will include in the 2018 member survey to assess interest.

Student Outreach

- **Drexel Univ. Student Chapter (Bridget)**

- Will be presenting at a course at the end of Feb. and will share about ITE.

ACTION: Bridget will continue coordinating her presentation.

- **Univ. Delaware (*Amy/Bridget*)**
 - Bridget teaches a class on transp. Eng. careers that could be brought to UD

ACTION: Amy will continue coordinating with Univ. Delaware.

- **Temple University (*Amy/Joe*)**
 - Social event and student technical paper

ACTION: Amy will continue coordinating with Temple.

- **MASITE membership alma mater info**

ACTION: Amy will add this to the member survey (making it clear they don't have to participate in committee, but are looking for alumni to encourage general civil eng. students to choose transp./traffic eng.) .

- **TESC Poster Session : Student Outreach Opportunity (*Brad & Karen*)**
 - Nothing to report - Brad not in attendance

ACTION: No action this month.

Special Requests

- **RRFB Litigation Situation (*Amy/Jennifer*)**
 - Amy has written an update for the MASITE Newsletter (see end of this document)

ACTION: Amy will send this into MASITE for the newsletter distribution.

- **Driver's Ed Educational Outreach (*Dave*)**
 - Dave is trying to gather resources for traffic engineers who have drivers' ed outreach experience

ACTION: No action this month.

- **Update from MASITE Board (*Steve Palmer*)**
 - Steve shared that the regional event coordinators would appreciate it if we could pass along our potential speaker and topic ideas/work with them to coordinate events.
 - Each area has a set budget (and they are rarely utilized fully)

Upcoming Events

- **January - Univ. Pitt/Western Region CAV Topic Event (*Brad*)**
 - Univ. Pitt campus
 - Early January
- **January 31, 2018 - Signal Training in Broomall, PA**
 - Registration completely sold-out!
- **Feb. 7, 2018 Tri-Joint Safety Meeting (Maggianos, New Jersey)**
 - Project topic - led by ASHE SNJ
- ****Feb. 12, 2018 - Central Area Technical Lunch**
 - http://www.masite.org/PDF/Events/2018_02_12_Lunch.pdf
 - Mike Davidson and Chad Martin are coordinating (Jennifer has been kept in the loop)
- **April 15-17, 2018 - Mid-Colonial District Meeting**
 - Philadelphia, PA
- **TBD -- NJDOT HOP 101 Training (*after the new DelDOT regulations come out*)**

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- Thursday, February 15 - Conference Call
- Thursday, March 15 - Conference Call

ACTION: Jennifer will send out the invite for the February conference call.

Attendance

Committee Members	7/20/17	8/17/17	9/20/17	10/19/17	11/16/17	1/18/18
<i>Al Federico</i>		Y	Y			
<i>Amy Kaminski, P.E., PTOE</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Ben Guthrie, P.E.</i>	Y	Y				
<i>Billie Joy Budner, PE</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y
<i>Bradley (Brad) DiCola, PE, PTOE</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y		
<i>Bridget Postlewaite, PE</i>	Y			Y	Y	Y
<i>Christopher Prisk, P.E., PTOE</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y
<i>David (Dave) Petrucci, Jr., P.E., PTOE</i>	Y	Y		Y		
<i>Eric Ostimchuk, P.E., PTOE</i>	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Jeffrey (Jeff) L'Amoreaux, P.E.</i>	Y	Y		Y		
<i>Jennifer Warner, EIT, ENV SP</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Joseph (Joe) Fiocco, P.E., PTOE</i>	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Karen Scurry, P.E.</i>			Y	Y	Y	
<i>Nikhil (Nik) Kharva, PE, PTOE</i>					Y	Y
<i>Peter O'Halloran</i>			Y			Y
Guests	7/20/17	8/17/17	9/20/17	10/19/17	11/16/17	
<i>Pete Terry (spelling?)</i>		Y				
<i>Steve Palmer</i>						Y

MASITE Exec Board Contact Information:

<http://www.masite.org/executive.html>

Amy's RRFB Update for the MASITE Newsletter:

RRFB Update: On December 21, 2017 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [terminated](#) the 2008 MUTCD interim approval granted for the traffic control device Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB); any installed RRFB's may remain in place until the end of the useful life and do not need to be removed. The termination of this effective pedestrian safety device was solely based on [the filed patent](#); not the performance of the device. FHWA does not permit patented devices in the MUTCD and determined the interim approval should be revoked.

In December, 2017, FHWA prepared an [informational brief](#) for alternative methods to enhance pedestrian safety at uncontrolled marked crosswalks and PennDOT has directed municipalities to replace any RRFB's under design and construction with a yellow flashing warning device (FWD Yellow Wig-wag device). There have been significant discussions in the [ITE All Member Forum](#) regarding this termination with a consistent message to ITE that the members would like ITE to reach out to FHWA and request an interim solution to allow approved/designed RRFB's a grace period for installation. In response to members, ITE has prepared and transmitted a letter to [FHWA](#) requesting FHWA reconsider the immediate notice of termination and identify a deadline for planned installations. More recently, the FHWA issued a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) dialogue related to the Termination of Interim Approval No. 11 for the RRFB explaining in more detail FHWA's position.

The Technical Committee will continue to monitor this discussion and provide periodic updates as information becomes available.

Please feel free to reach out to either Jennifer Warner (Jennifer.Warner@mbakerintl.com) or Amy Kaminski (akaminski@gilmore-assoc.com) for additional details or if you are aware of any advance information regarding this topic.