

# ITE's Newest Honorary Members

## ITE Involvement

Chair, Transportation Forensics and Risk Management Committee, 2021-2023  
 Complete Streets Council  
 Pedestrian and Bicycle Standing Committee  
 Safety Council  
 Presenter, Implementing the Safe System Approach Course  
 Traffic Bowl Committee  
 ITE Recommended Practice Co-Author, *Guidelines for the Activation, Modification, or Removal of Traffic Signal Control Systems*  
 Annual Meeting, Anaheim, Co-Chair Local Arrangements Committee, 2016  
 Annual Meeting, Anaheim Vice Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, 2008  
 ITE Western District Registration Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, 1991

## Professional Associations

Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals  
 American Society of Civil Engineers  
 U.S. Transportation Research Board – Bicycle Research Committee  
 U.S. National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
 Congress for New Urbanism

## Awards

2021 ITE Southern California Section Lifetime Achievement Award  
 2018 WesternITE Lifetime Achievement Award  
 2002 WesternITE Editors Award, In Pavement Flashing Crosswalks – State of the Art  
 2005 43rd Annual Meeting Best Technical Presentation, How Does the Chicken Cross the Road?

## Rock Miller, P.E., PTOE (H)

Rock Miller is a champion for active transportation and has served as a technical expert across North America. His contributions to ITE throughout his career are exemplary, earning him the designation of Honorary Member. He has been involved at the local, District, and International levels of ITE for more than 45 years. Rock's combination of technical expertise, professional integrity, contributions to advancing the knowledge base of the profession, and dedication to improving the transportation engineering field distinguishes among his peers. He has been a dedicated volunteer, supporting the advancement of bicycle access and safety.



Rock has completed a wide variety of unique transportation projects, including traffic signals, signing and striping, street lighting, work site traffic control, traffic impact analysis, and the design of street and highway improvements. He has also prepared numerous transportation policy plans and completed controversial and complex transportation studies, including projects anticipating litigation by other public agencies and projects with intense public opposition. He is well regarded for his ability to apply strong fundamental traffic engineering knowledge to custom situations. He has frequently been invited to speak at regional and national conferences and committees on many topics, including pedestrian circulation and safety, urban bikeway design, traffic calming, traffic safety, and transportation policy. He is thoroughly familiar with the latest capabilities and requirements available to and expected of cities and municipal governments. For more than 35 years, Rock has been a consultant at the senior or principal level in the fields of traffic engineering, traffic safety, and circulation design.

Rock has served in numerous ITE leadership positions, including serving as Southern California Section President (1991), Western District President (2002), International Director (2004-2006), and on the ITE International Executive Committee, culminating in his role as International President in 2012. Rock has also served on Local Arrangement Committees, including as Chair of 2016 ITE Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, USA. Highlights of his more recent contributions include serving on the Traffic Bowl Member Program Committee, as the Transportation Safety Council TFARM Standing Committee Lead and Committee Chair, and as an active contributor on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Executive Committee and the ITE Grand Crossing Committee.

Rock is a registered Traffic Engineer in California and is a Registered Civil Engineer in California and Hawaii. His experience includes a decade of work as a municipal traffic engineer and the remainder of his career with various consulting firms. He is currently self-employed, dividing his time between pedestrian and bicycle enhancement, safety policy, and forensics. Rock teaches several one-day courses for the UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies, including Bikeway Design and the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*. He is currently Vice Chair of the Bicycle Technical Committee and a voting member of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He also serves on the California Traffic Control Devices Committee and on the Transportation Research Board Bicycle Research Committee. Recently, he worked toward the passage of speed limit reform legislation in California (AB 43).

## Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E. (H)

Jeff Paniati has had a remarkable career in transportation, and his unique contributions to ITE as both a member and Executive Director and CEO have earned him the title of Honorary Member. Jeff's journey with ITE began in 1986 when he joined as a member. He served in a variety of ITE volunteer leadership positions, including as President of the Washington, DC Section and as Chair of the Traffic Engineering Council. After a long career with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Jeff joined ITE as Executive Director and CEO in 2015. During his 8 years of leadership in that capacity, Jeff successfully guided the organization through a period of substantial change, including the COVID-19 pandemic.



Jeff's expertise helped modernize the organization, leading the ONE ITE effort which unified the ITE member experience and created a new District and 20 new Sections. Under his guidance, ITE experienced record membership growth. He also ensured the financial success of the organization and established a strategic direction for ITE. Jeff oversaw a staff of 25 professionals responsible for providing a variety of member services, including the development of technical guidelines and standards, delivery of professional development opportunities, organization of meetings and conferences, and advocacy on key transportation issues. During his tenure at ITE, Jeff also served as Executive Director and CEO of the Transportation Professional Certification Board, leading the establishment of the Roadway Safety Professional certification.

Prior to being Executive Director and CEO of ITE, Jeff had a 32-year career with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) FHWA, where he held leadership positions in the areas of highway safety, intelligent transportation systems, and system management and operations. His positions included Chief of the Safety Design Research Division, Deputy Director of the ITS Joint Program Office, and Associate Administrator for Operations for FHWA.

From 2008 to 2015, Jeff served as Executive Director of FHWA, the highest career position within the agency. As Executive Director, he was responsible for 2,900 employees in 65 offices nationwide and an annual operating budget of \$400 million. He also served as Senior Advisor to the FHWA Administrator on programs, policies, and priorities for the then \$40 billion annual federal-aid highway program. In 2009, Jeff served as Acting Deputy Administrator during the presidential transition and led the early implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Jeff's professional involvement includes AASHTO, ITS America, the World Road Association, and the Transportation Research Board. He has received numerous honors and awards, including the prestigious Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive and the FHWA Richard D. Morgan Leadership Development Award. He has been inducted into the University of Connecticut Academy of Distinguished Engineers, the ITS America Hall of Fame, and the ITS World Congress Hall of Fame. He serves as an advisory board member for both Transoft Solutions and Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.

### Professional Associations

ITE – Washington, DC Section  
President, Traffic Engineering Council  
Chair, Legacy Committee Chair  
American Association of State  
Highway and Transportation Officials  
– Standing Committee Secretary  
ITS America – Board of Directors-ex-officio  
World Road Association – U.S. First Delegate,  
Executive Committee, Commission Chair  
Transportation Research Board – Committee  
Chair, Executive Committee-ex-officio  
University of Maryland, Civil Engineering  
Department – Board of Visitors  
University of Connecticut, Civil Engineering  
Department – Advisory Committee

### Professional Recognition

ITS World Congress, Hall of Fame, 2018  
World Road Association,  
Honorary Member, 2017  
ITS America, Hall of Fame, 2015  
FHWA, Richard D. Morgan Leadership  
Development Award, 2015  
Road Gang, Lester P. Lamm Award, 2012  
University of Connecticut – Academy  
of Distinguished Engineers, 2011  
Presidential Rank Award –  
Distinguished Executive, 2010  
USDOT, Secretary's Gold Medal, 2007  
ITE, Management and Operations Council-  
Individual Achievement Award, 2006  
Presidential Rank Award –  
Meritorious Executive, 2004  
WDCSITE, Morris J. Rothenburg Award, 2003  
USDOT, Secretary's Gold Medal, 2000  
University of Connecticut – Distinguished  
Engineering Alumni Award, 2000  
USDOT, Secretary's Silver Medal, 1999  
WDCSITE, Young Engineer of  
the Year Award, 1989

**ITE Involvement**

- President, Florida Section ITE, 2014
- District Administrator, Florida Puerto Rico District ITE, 2016-present
- Emcee, Traffic Bowl, Florida Puerto Rico District ITE, 2015-present
- Co-Chair, Professional Development Committee, 2021-2023
- TSMO Council
- International Board of Directors Member, District 10, 2011-2013
- President, Florida Section ITE, 2006
- Executive Committee Member, ITE Traffic Engineering Council, 1999-present
- President, Georgia Tech Student Chapter, 1977

**Honors and Awards**

- Burton W. Marsh Award for Distinguished Service, ITE, 2021
- Sherwood H. "Woody" Hiller Distinguished Service Award, Florida Section, 2013
- Nathan H. "Nat" Rambo Fellowship Award, Florida Section, 2012
- John R. Freeman Transportation Professional of the Year Award, Florida Section, 2001
- Bill Gartner Role Model Award, FDOT District Seven, 1990

**Peter Yauch, P.E., PTOE, IMSA, RSP2I (H)**



Peter Yauch's sustained contributions to ITE and the transportation industry make him an outstanding choice for Honorary Member. He is Vice President Emeritus at Iteris, Inc., where he supports strategic priorities and workforce development efforts, leads TSMO activities, and oversees arterial operations, performance monitoring, and safety related projects. He has more than 47 years of experience in traffic operations, ITS, and safety.

As a consultant, Pete has served as Project Manager on numerous traffic engineering projects, including feasibility studies, designs, and implementation efforts for Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) and computerized traffic signal control systems. His work also includes traffic operations studies, signalization designs, signing and marking plans, roadway lighting plans, traffic safety studies, area-wide traffic signal timing projects, and corridor improvement studies. He developed and presented several training courses on traffic signal design, equipment, operations, as well as research projects related to traffic flow. His experience encompasses both national and regional involvement, with major participation in the design and management of projects in 18 states, and a strong knowledge of multiple Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) districts. Pete also has served as the District Signal Systems and Safety Engineer for FDOT District Seven, the City Traffic Engineer for the City of Clearwater, Florida, and as the Director of Transportation and Assistant County Administrator for Pinellas County, Florida.

Pete has held several leadership positions within ITE and has been recognized with numerous awards. He is the author of several papers on TSMO topics and a frequent presenter at ITE conferences and webinars. He currently serves as District Administrator for the ITE Florida Puerto Rico District and served on the Executive Board from 2003 to 2007 and again from 2014 to 2015. In 2021, he was honored with the ITE Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award. The Florida Puerto Rico District has recognized him with the Sherwood "Woody" Hiller Distinguished Service Award, the Nat Rambo Fellowship Award, and Transportation Professional of the Year, among other accolades. The Tampa Bay Chapter also named him Transportation Professional of the Year in 2006. He served on the ITE International Board of Direction from 2011 to 2013. Pete is Co-Chair of the ITE Professional Development Committee and has also served on the Traffic Engineering Council, and the TSMO Council.

His contributions were vital to developing the ITE TrafficWiki, a one-stop-shop for knowledge on all-things traffic engineering. In 2022, he developed a major update to the ITE

training course for the Professional Traffic Operations Engineer program. In addition, he has been a peer reviewer for *ITE Journal* for more than 35 years. Pete is a member of the ITE delegation to the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD). He and his wife Linda live in Largo, FL, USA, and have two daughters and four grandchildren. [itej](#)

**ITE Honorary Membership**

The highest recognition of notable and outstanding professional achievement ITE presents to an individual is election to ITE Honorary Membership. Since 1933 when the first Honorary Member was selected, only 97 individuals have been honored this way. Visit [www.ite.org/aboutite/history/honorary-members](http://www.ite.org/aboutite/history/honorary-members) to read about past winners. Congratulations to these three individuals upon receiving ITE's highest honor!