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Amir Rizavi, P.E., Honored with the Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award and the Signal Timing Webinar Series Named 2023 Council Project Excellence Award Winner

WASHINGTON, DC – The Institute of Transportation Engineers' (ITE) Council Leadership Team (CLT) provides leadership and coordination of activities across ITE's technical and employer Councils to help provide value to the Councils' members, Committees, and the ITE membership at-large. Each year the CLT awards two prestigious honors-- the Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award and the Council Project Excellence Award. The awards take into consideration the tenets of the GAVE culture adopted by the CLT, focusing on Growth, Accountability, Value, and Esteem.

"The ITE Councils are experiencing the highest levels of volunteer involvement and productivity in the past 15 years, and the selection of these two awards was very competitive. The Council Leadership Team is proud to recognize **the Traffic Engineering Council** and **Amir Rizavi** for outstanding contributions and for exemplifying our GAVE culture," said Eric Rensel, Chair, CLT.

JEFF LINDLEY PERSONAL AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award recognizes an individual for impactful volunteer involvement with ITE's Councils and Committees and their contributions to the greater transportation community. Amir Rizavi, P.E., has been actively involved with each of the Consultants Council's key initiatives since 2007 and served as Vice-Chair from 2016 to 2018 and Chair from 2019 to 2021. Amir took on a third year as Chair to lead the Consultants Council through the transition from an individual membership Council to an organization-based, dues-paying membership. He worked with

leadership to create an executive committee and restructure the Council, which has resulted in increased participation by industry firms. Under Amir's leadership, the level of engagement across all Consultants Council initiatives has been greatly enhanced, creating connections among members, and adding value to ITE.

Amir is regarded as a "servant-leader" who is admired for his work ethic, diligence, professionalism, and reliability. His drive, enthusiasm, and collaboration skills contribute to the success of Council endeavors, and his accountability and responsiveness are contagious. He is steadfast in his commitment to diversity in recruiting and mentoring younger members and women and then giving them opportunities to join and co-lead initiatives, such as technical webinar planning, newsletter content, and the Sandbox Competition. Under Amir's guidance, the Consultants Council fully sponsors ITE's annual Sandbox Competition that culminates at the Annual Meeting. His involvement with the competition has attracted private sector firms as well as students, who bring their best and brightest ideas to the forefront to solve day-to-day transportation problems.

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His colleagues note that in all Amir's endeavors, he keeps ITE's best interest in mind, which is evident from his actions and from the testimony of fellow ITE community members at the Section, District, and International levels who have lauded his leadership and commitment over the years. Congratulations, Amir!

2023 COUNCIL PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD



The **Council Project Excellence Award** recognizes the best technical project resulting from work developed, completed, and sponsored by an ITE Council or Committee. The 2023 award recognizes the exceptional **Signal Timing Webinar Series** developed and

delivered by members of ITE's **Traffic Engineering Council** with the **Traffic Signal Design and Operations subcommittee** spearheading the effort. Effective signal timing is critical for efficient and safe movements of traffic – not only for motor vehicles, but also pedestrians and bicyclists. The eight-part series provided a comprehensive understanding of traffic signal timing for both novices and seasoned professionals, offering a solid foundation as well as examining cutting-edge topics.

The Signal Timing Webinar Series is an excellent example of the value of ITE's Councils and Committees, and the power of professional collaboration. Well done to all those involved, including the following individuals!

Adam Allen Pete Yauch Joshua Wolfgram Marissa Tarallo Nathan O'Kane Cynthia Peck Lynn LaMunyon Rahul Jain Jim Harris Tyler Krage John Albec Angelo Rao Jonathan Hu Kevin Lewis Matt Luker Matthew Picanso Angela Dempsey Mark Yedlin Walter Okitsu Charles Askar Shelby Coke Kendra Rowley Burak Cesme Peter Furth Peter Koonce

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