

SECTION MOMENTUM AWARD

The Metropolitan Section of New York & New Jersey



The Metropolitan Section of New York & New Jersey has received ITE's Section Momentum Award, which recognizes the ITE Section who has experienced the most growth or momentum in the previous year. The Section's year was marked by successful in-person events and notable technological advancements.

The Metropolitan Section of New York & New Jersey (ITE Met Section) achieved remarkable milestones in 2022, transitioning from virtual to In-Person meetings and enhancing its technological infrastructure. Spearheaded by a collective Section board decision in a 2021 "Reorganization meeting," the year was dedicated to revitalizing in-person engagement.

In-Person Meetings and Strategic Speaker Selection: ITE Met Section had boldly navigated challenges, postponing events when necessary, to safely hold events in-person rather than simply going virtual. The focus on having local guest experts and leadership from New York and New Jersey transportation agencies rekindled interest among Section members.

Engaging Discussions and Knowledge Exchange: Meetings delved into vital topics, including capital plans of transportation departments, ethics in engineering licenses, multimodal technology, traffic engineering data hubs, virtual reality in construction inspection, Highway Capacity Manual updates, major redevelopment programs, and digital twin technologies.

Networking and Professional Development: The Young Professional Group organized five successful happy hours across the region, fostering connections. The ITE Met Section's Mentorship Program thrived with in-person meetings and monthly mentor/mentee interactions, while a virtual career fair facilitated interviews with 15+ companies.

Insightful Site Visit and Technological Advancements: A tour of the Traffic Management Center at New York City Department of Transportation provided valuable real-time traffic monitoring insights.

Technological Innovation: Glueup and Website Platform: The integration of Glueup (Event Back) streamlined email communication, event management, and contact management. The Met Section's website transitioned to Wix, enhancing user experience, integration, and security.



2023 Award Winner

2023 Excellence in Transportation Awards

Revamped Sponsorship Program: A redesigned sponsorship program attracted increased participation and added a Small, Minority, Disadvantage Business category. Perks included prominent recognition, logo visibility, free registrations, and more. The program has steadily grown year over year, with 2022 being the most successful.

The ITE Met Section's achievements exemplify its commitment to fostering professional growth, facilitating meaningful exchanges, and embracing innovative technologies. For further information and engagement, visit [ITE Met Section's website](#) or for a summary, see its Section Momentum nomination submission [here](#).



Congratulations to the 2022 Leadership of the ITE Met Section on a job well done!

Left: Taking office

Below: 2022 Leadership roster



2022 Leadership



						
Farukh Ijaz, P.E. President	Tom Pagano, P.E., PTOE Vice President	Asheque Rahman, ENV SP Secretary	Brad Miller, P.E., PP, PTOE Treasurer	Marvin Souza, P.E. Past President	Lu Ding, P.E., PTOE Jr. Section Director	Steven Eisenberg, P.E. Sr. Section Director
President and Managing Partner at Consulting Services USA	Associate at Sam Schwartz	Senior Traffic Engineer at The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey	Associate Vice President at Michael Baker International	Director Systems Engineering at MTA	Project Engineer at New Jersey Turnpike Authority	Associate at L.K. McLean Associates
						