

ITE SECTION MOMENTUM AWARD

Southeastern New England Section



ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is pleased to announce that the Southeastern New England Section (SENEITE) has been awarded the 2024 [Section Momentum Award](#), which recognizes the ITE Section that experienced the most growth or momentum in the previous year. SENEITE’s remarkable growth and innovative initiatives truly embody the spirit of the award.

Established on January 1, 2023, the Southeastern New England Section emerged from the dissolution of the New England Section, incorporating members from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The newly formed Executive Board, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and two Directors, has worked tirelessly to guide the Section towards becoming a fully operational entity, ensuring member engagement, education, and networking opportunities.

Innovations and Positive Impacts. The Section quickly established itself by addressing several key hurdles, including obtaining an Employee Identification Number (EIN), incorporation, and non-profit status. They also created eleven committees to serve the membership effectively, with a strong focus on the Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to ensure inclusivity.

A significant innovation was the creation of a new Section logo through a member contest, featuring the Boston and Providence skylines. This initiative fostered a sense of identity and community among members.

The Section demonstrated financial responsibility by establishing a bank account and budget that included allocations for social gatherings, technical presentations, site tours, trainings, and meetings. They also initiated a scholarship fund, raising over \$2,000 to support undergraduate and graduate students within local student chapters.

Events and Member Engagement. The Southeastern New England Section hosted several successful events over the past year:

- **Providence Bruins Game and Pre-Game Social:** In April, a pre-game social and Providence Bruins game fostered networking among members, particularly younger ones.
- **Summer Event and Worcester Red Sox Game:** In June, technical presentations followed by a social and ballgame, offering members both professional development and networking opportunities.
- **Boston Red Sox Game and Pre-Game Social:** Despite rainy weather, the August event at Lucky Strike Lanes and Fenway Park provided a fun and engaging experience for members.
- **I-495/I-90 Technical Tour and Social:** September’s collaboration with MassDOT included a site tour of a major interchange reconstruction project, focusing on engaging emerging professionals.

- **Fall Section Meeting:** October's meeting featured roundabout training, technical presentations, and a keynote address by Phillip Eng, General Manager and CEO of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Scholarships were awarded to student members, further supporting their development.

The Southeastern New England Section's achievements exemplify its commitment to fostering professional growth, facilitating meaningful exchanges for members at all phases of their careers, and embracing best practices in governance.

Pictured right: Roundabout Training

Pictured below: Technical Tour



Pictured above: Summer networking at the ballgame

Pictured left: Keynote at the Fall Annual Meeting

SENEITE's 2023 Executive Committee

- **President:** Justin Curewitz, P.E., PTOE, RSP1 (M)
- **Vice President:** Kayla Northup, P.E. (M)
- **Secretary:** Alex Siu, P.E., PTOE (M)
- **Treasurer:** Bob Stathopoulos, P.E., PTOE (M)
- **Director – Massachusetts:** Francis Tainter, Ph.D. (M)
- **Director – Rhode Island:** Emily Buck, P.E. (M)
- **Immediate Past President:** Rachel Dooley, P.E., PTOE (M)

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