

YOUNG MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

SAMUEL HARRIS, P.E.



ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is pleased to announce that **Samuel Harris, P.E. (M)** has been selected as ITE’s 2024 [Young Member of the Year](#). He was named earlier this year as one of ITE’s 2024 [Young Leaders to Follow](#), which recognizes talented members under the age of 35 who have already made a mark on ITE and the transportation industry and are leaders to follow in the years to come. Sam was selected as the Young Member of the Year from among this outstanding and talented group.

Sam Harris, a traffic engineer with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), is a recognized leader in the field of transportation engineering, particularly noted for his contributions to traffic safety and operational improvements across Georgia. His dedication is reflected in his leadership roles within ITE and his proactive involvement in various high-impact projects at the GDOT. Sam has served in multiple capacities including as the Secretary of the ITE Safety Council and the ITE Georgia Section President. His leadership extended to managing significant campaigns such as the ITE Safety Campaigns Resource Hub, which he presented at the ITE Virtual Spring Conference.

Within the Southern District of ITE, Sam has been an active member of the Leadership Committee since 2017, contributing to the development of leadership training modules and writing for the *E-Connector* newsletter.

Sam has led numerous projects aimed at enhancing road safety in Georgia. Noteworthy among these is the implementation of the Grooves of Guardianship project, which involved the installation of rumble strips to reduce roadway departure crashes significantly. He spearheaded the Safe Driving Summits and the new Keep Georgia Safe initiative to educate young drivers on safe driving practices, significantly impacting road safety awareness among this high-risk group. Under his direction, GDOT adopted the AASHTOWare Safety platform, improving the efficiency of crash data analysis and enhancing the overall traffic safety management in the state.

Sam's efforts have been formally recognized through several awards, including the 2023 Marsha Anderson Bomar Young Member of the Year Award and the John D. Edwards, Jr. Individual Achievement Award, highlighting his outstanding contributions to the transportation engineering community. Sam exemplifies leadership, technical expertise, and a deep commitment to improving transportation infrastructure and safety. His strategic initiatives and successful project management have not only advanced the operational standards within GDOT but have also fostered a safer driving environment in Georgia. His ongoing work continues to influence best practices in transportation engineering both locally and nationally.

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