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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

ITS Texas Members and Friends,

I hope you had a nice summer and are enjoying the start of cooler weather. As summer comes to a close, the ITS Texas Board of Directors is finalizing presentations for an exciting, entertaining and enlightening 2019 ITS Texas Annual Meeting. The pre-conference activities begin on the morning of Wednesday, November 13 with ITS Training on “Improving Highway Safety with ITS” and an evening TopGolf outing, which have been scheduled to allow participants to attend both events.



The conference begins with a Plenary Session on Thursday morning and includes breakout sessions, lunches and an extended Vendor Reception until 8:00 pm on Thursday evening. The Annual Meeting will close at 1:30 pm on Friday, November 15 with the Business Luncheon, which will include awards presentations and the always popular drawing for door prizes (you must be present to win!). Please plan your schedule to take advantage of all that this conference offers.

Please note that **early registration ends at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 11**, so register soon to get the best price. For additional information or to register, please visit:

<https://events.tti.tamu.edu/conference/2019-its-texas-annual-meeting/>.

Please be sure to make your **hotel reservations now** with the Omni Mandalay Hotel. If you call the hotel to make reservations don't forget to mention that you are with the 2019 ITS Texas Annual Meeting to book at the conference rate. Please see the link below to purchase a membership in ITS Texas.

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/PD65TMBNURIG3P7U3JOI2SJ5>

Is there a person or project you think is especially deserving of an ITS Texas award? We'd like to hear about it. Please see the last page of this newsletter for more information.

I look forward to seeing you at the Omni Mandalay at Las Colinas in Irving, Texas from November 13 to 15.

Marian Thompson, P.E.
2019 ITS Texas President



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If you haven't already, do it now!

Register for the 2019 ITS Texas Annual Meeting.

We'll be in beautiful Las Colinas this year at the luxurious Omni Mandalay Hotel located in the heart of the Las Colinas Urban Center. This 4-star hotel is close to the Irving Arts Center and Zero Gravity Thrill Amusement Park.

Enjoy one of the hotel's 421 rooms featuring minibars and LCD televisions, enjoy a meal at one of the hotel's dining establishments, which include 3 restaurants and a coffee shop/café or treat yourself to a visit to the spa, which offers an array of massages and body treatments. Please be sure to make your [hotel reservations now](#) with the Omni Mandalay Hotel and don't forget to mention that you are with the 2019 ITS Texas Annual Meeting for the conference rate.



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ITS Texas Annual Meetings truly have something for everyone, providing an exciting and energetic environment to learn, network and have fun. If you have not been to an ITS Texas Annual Meeting in the past, we want to encourage you to come out and experience the 2019 Annual Meeting in Irving on November 13th – 15th. Early registration is available until 5:00 pm on **October 11**. The cost is only \$295 for ITS Texas members, and \$25 for students. For additional information or to register, please visit: <https://events.tti.tamu.edu/conference/2019-its-texas-annual-meeting/>.



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The meeting continues with a Wednesday evening TopGolf event, which includes networking opportunities, a great fajita dinner, and a very important opportunity to contribute to the ITS Texas Scholarship, supporting deserving graduate students at Texas universities in ITS-related studies and research. And, of course, it includes a fun evening of golfing and socializing at TopGolf Dallas. The TopGolf cost is \$100. Conference registrants can include training or golf or both in the registration. The schedule allows participants to join in both the training and TopGolf activities. Note that training and TopGolf registration can be added later, but registrants will need to contact TTI directly to add those items after completing their registration.

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The meeting's technical agenda includes sessions on Arterial Traffic Management Systems, Performance Measurement, Connected Vehicles, TSMO, Professional Practice/Ethics, Incident Management & Special Events, ITS Data & Research and ITS on the Road to Zero. As always, the Exhibit Hall and reception will provide not just an opportunity for wonderful food and drinks, but also a great opportunity to see the innovations and new products being offered by our vendors. Add to that dynamic keynote speakers and the conference promises to be another must-do for ITS professionals.

The ITS Texas Annual Meeting continues to grow each year. As always, the success of our Annual Meeting relies primarily on our members. Thank you in advance for your attendance, participation, presentations and energy at this year's ITS Texas Annual Meeting. **We look forward to seeing you in Irving.**

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Conference and Session Sponsorship Opportunities

- Session Sponsor – \$1,250.00
Sponsors have the opportunity to sponsor the training for the annual meeting. In addition to the recognition at the platinum level below, ITS Texas will provide special recognition at the event. The sponsorships for training are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. This sponsorship will include attendance for two attendees to the pre-conference workshop.
- Platinum Sponsor – \$1,000.00
Recognition in ITS Texas Annual Meeting program and ITS Texas website; company logo on display at registration desk; co-sponsor of break with company logo on display during breaks; and company logo on display during lunches. This sponsorship will include attendance for two attendees to the pre-conference workshop.
- Gold Sponsor – \$750.00
Recognition in ITS Texas Annual Meeting program and ITS Texas website; company logo on display at registration desk; and co-sponsor of break with company logo on display during breaks. This sponsorship will include attendance for one attendee to the pre-conference workshop.
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TopGolf Sponsorship Opportunities

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ITS TEXAS STUDENT CHAPTER CHALLENGE



ITS Texas is very enthusiastic to invite all ITS Texas Student Chapters to showcase their projects at our **Student Poster Presentation** at the 2019 ITS Texas Annual Meeting.

ITS Texas Student Chapters:

- Texas Southern University
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas at El Paso

Student Chapters, you are invited to present ideas, research or designs for developing projects or products supporting traffic and ITS solutions. Posters will be displayed during our 2019 ITS Annual Meeting being held in Irving, Tx.

Don't miss this chance to display your knowledge in ITS and meet nationally known ITS professionals with an opportunity to connect for future employment.

All poster presentations need to be confirmed with Victor De la Garza at victor.delagarza@aecom.com by November 1, 2019.

If you are interested in starting an ITS Texas Student Chapter, please contact Victor De la Garza.

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SUMMER ITS TRAINING

Our summer event at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) was great, with over 40 attendees.

SwRI gave a terrific CAV overview, good demos and an unexpected look at the automated aircraft paint stripper. SwRI was exceptionally generous in their hosting and put out a beautiful spread for breakfast and light refreshments throughout the day. All the materials that SwRI presented throughout the day are available on the ITS Texas website. Keep an eye out on the ITS Texas website for future training opportunities.



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VENDOR WEBINAR PRESENTATIONS

ITS Texas is continuing our vendor webinar series in 2019 and into 2020 to highlight the products and transportation solutions offered by many of the vendors that are members of ITS Texas. These free webinars offer a great opportunity to learn about new and innovative products. Additional details on each webinar will be sent out to our members prior to the webinar. Please continue to check the [ITS Texas Website](#) for updated information on the vendor webinar series. Archives of past vendor webinars, if available, are also located on the [Webinar Archive](#) section of the ITS Texas Website.



ITS TEXAS ON THE WEB

Have you visited the ITS Texas Website recently? Located at <http://itstexas.org>, the website is your source of information for what's going on in our state chapter of ITS America. We are always working to improve the website and make it a source of information for you. Here are just a few highlights:



[2019 Membership Application](#) – The application form for membership is electronic. The annual cost of individual membership is \$25 and payment can be made on-line with a credit card or you can send a check. If you prefer to send a check, please contact Joe Hunt, Treasurer to create an invoice for you. If you become a member, you receive discounted rates at the annual meeting and at ITS Texas training events.

[Membership List](#) will be on-line. You can use this list to check your membership status prior to submitting a membership application. The list is dynamic and pulls directly from our membership database. You can also access the list under the membership section.

[Student Chapters of ITS Texas](#) - Visit this section to learn more about the student chapters of ITS Texas, links to their websites, their annual reports, and requirements for starting a student chapter at your school!

Updates to the web site – Did you know that all major information updates to the website are being added to the [Home Page](#)? You can visit the site and see at a glance if there's new information that you'd like to read.



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The ITS Texas newsletter is a great way for you as an ITS professional to **share your projects, plans, initiatives or other ITS related items with the ITS community**. If you would like to share something with the ITS Texas members through the newsletter, please contact any of your ITS Texas Board members. They are listed at the end of the newsletter and you can send an email to any by simply clicking on their name.



We are anxious to hear about your ITS-related projects, training, and activities.

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ITS IN THE NEWS

The following are news events and other items of interest that have occurred in the ITS arena since our last newsletter. Please click on the story name to take you to the full story:



[ITS America and ITS World Congress 2020](#) for information about next year.

[Wyoming Connected Vehicle Pilot Develops Open-Source Applications for Roadside Unit Operations and Maintenance and Stakeholder Viewing](#)

[Launch of the Tampa CV Pilot data on ITS DataHub becomes the platform's most successful launch to-date](#)

[The Tampa Connected Vehicle Pilot's Passive Pedestrian Detection System Offers an Alternative Way to Use LiDAR for Traffic Safety](#)

[Tampa \(THEA\) Connected Vehicle Pilot Detected and Resolved Wireless Interference](#)

[Driverless Cars and Accessibility Whitepaper](#)

[TxDOT Breaks Ground on Innovative Intersection Project at I-35 and Parmer Lane](#)

[TxDOT Advances LBJ East Project](#)

[Texas Transportation Commission Clears the Way for Two Major I-35 Improvements in Travis County](#)

[Signal Lights to be Upgraded at Four NE Texas Intersections](#)

[Virgin Hyperloop One National Roadshow Offers Students Hands-On Look at Tomorrow's Transportation](#)

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REMINDERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Reminders

Please register for the ITS Texas 2019 Annual Meeting.

Early registration closes at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 11, 2019.

Can't register early? Online registration is available until 5:00 pm on Monday, October 28. After that time registration will only be available on site at the Omni Mandalay.

The ITS Texas Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you at the 2019 Annual Meeting! Please contact any one of us if you have any questions.



Award Nominations

ITS Texas invites you to submit nominations for the 2019 ITS Texas Annual Awards Program. The awards program was created to recognize an individual or group (e.g., a city, agency or company) for a project or other contribution in the fields of ITS policy, planning, design, deployment, research or education. The nomination should identify and include contact information for the individual or group being nominated (name and agency), and should describe the unique innovation, distinctive service or outstanding leadership making the nominee worthy of statewide recognition. Please also include contact information for the nominator and limit nominations to 300 words or less, but applicable photos and graphics are welcome.

Please submit your nominations to mthompson@nctcog.org by Friday, October 18, 2019 with "Invitation to Nominate for ITS Texas Award" in the Subject Line. Awards will be presented at the ITS Texas Annual Meeting in Irving, TX at the Business and Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 15, 2019.