



Roundabout Committee

Date: November 4, 2021 (7:30 – 8:30 AM)

Location: TexITE / ITS Texas Meeting

Dallas Sheraton Hotel – Lone Star C4 Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

2) Welcome and Introductions

Number of meeting attendees: 16

3) Data Resource Updates (Minh Le, TTI, Data Resources Chairperson)

Minh mentioned that the TexITE Roundabout Committee currently has 79 members (with one new member added). The Roundabout Committee also has eight (8) friends of the committee, whom are international roundabout professionals involved with the TexITE Roundabout Committee.

Minh also mentioned updates to the committee website (TexasRoundabouts.com) maintained by Abram Van Elswyk; which includes our recent work for roundabouts updates with Lee Rodegerdts and Kittelson & Associates. Minh then discussed updates to the committee's Facebook page (facebook.com/TexITERoundaboutCommittee) maintained by Sam Fries and Abraham Villalabos.

4) Activities Updates (Jay Von Ahsen, Kimley-Horn, Activities Chairperson)

Jason provided the subcommittee report on Jay's behalf. Jay mentioned that he will schedule meetings with the Awards Subcommittee and Education Subcommittee soon. Jason stated that the 2021 Norman Hogue Roundabout Project of the Year Award will be presented to the City of Meadows Place at the Dallas conference. Jay stated that the Awards Subcommittee will start the Year 2022 award process next month. The TexITE Awards Committee typically sends the awards application call by mid-February. Jay stated that the Education Subcommittee will discuss the status of our roundabout information submittals to Texas DPS and other education material opportunities at their meeting.

5) Upcoming Committee Meetings (Jason Vaughn, City of Sugar Land, Presiding Chairperson)

*Jason provided updates on the upcoming TexITE Roundabout Committee meetings. After the in-person meeting in Dallas, Jason received final confirmation on the meeting date and presentation speakers. Amanda Austin (with the TxDOT Houston office) and Mark Lenters (with the Kimley-Horn Atlanta office) will co-present on a truck navigation at roundabouts topic. **The Winter online meeting will be scheduled for 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Tuesday February 15.***

Jason then mentioned that the next in-person meeting (for the TexITE Roundabout Committee) will be held during the TexITE Spring Conference in Corpus Christi during May 4-6, 2022. Our committee will also have an online meeting scheduled in either July or August 2022. Jason will look for a speaker and presentation on a local roundabout project in the Texas area (which can be a single roundabout or corridor of roundabouts).

6) National Roundabout Committee Activities (Wade Odell, TxDOT, Liaison Co-Chairperson)

Wade invited the international roundabout committee chairpersons to provide updates through a MS Teams session at the meeting:

➤ ITE Roundabout Standing Committee (Ken Sides and Joe Balskus)

Ken mentioned that the ITE Roundabout Committee received 32 nominations for their Innovative Roundabout of Merit Award contest. The award selection was based on the innovative merit of the nominated roundabout. The committee's panel of judges reviewed the applications and selected the City of Sarasota, Florida as the award recipient for their Art in the Roundabout program.

Joe mentioned their next ITE Roundabout Committee webinar is based on roundabout simulation software programs, which is scheduled for 2:00 pm Eastern / 1:00 pm Central Tuesday December 7, 2021.

➤ TRB Committee on Roundabouts and Other Design and Control Strategies (AKD80) (Brian Walsh)

Brian provided information on the TRB AKD80 Committee and encouraged participation in TRB activities by becoming a friend of the committee (which you can find more at trb.org, search the directory for AKD80, and establish a My TRB account to receive the latest updates on TRB Committee Activities). Brian also mentioned that the TRB Annual Meeting will be in-person and held between January 9-14, 2022 at the Walter Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. The AKD80 Committee is sponsoring the following meetings and sessions:

- 8:00 am – 9:30 am Eastern Time, January 12: Noteworthy Practices in Innovative Intersection and Roundabout Designs
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Eastern Time, January 12: How Safe are Your Innovative Intersections and Roundabouts
- 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Eastern Time, January 12: Roundabout and Other Intersection Design and Control Strategies Committee Meeting

Last, Brian mentioned that the 6th International TRB Roundabout Conference is scheduled for Monterey, California between May 15-18, 2022. Registration will open as early as January 2022, and updates are provided at this website: trb.org/calendar/blurbs/182121.aspx.

7) Adjourn

a) Vortex Roundabouts

Dan Elko provided a short discussion about their roundabout product. Vortex Roundabouts uses prefabricated modular units to assemble roundabout elements like the central island and splitter islands. The modular units are made from recycled plastic materials. You can learn more about Vortex Roundabouts and their roundabout installations at vortex-roundabouts.com.

b) For comments or questions, contact Jason Vaughn at:

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