



Roundabout Committee

Date: May 5, 2022 (8:00 – 9:15 AM)

Location: TexITE Spring Meeting

Omni Hotel – Aransas Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

2) Welcome and Introductions

Number of meeting attendees: 9

3) New Committee Officers (Jason Vaughn: City of Sugar Land)

- Thank you to Sam Fries (Kimley-Horn) & Stephen Ratke (FHWA)

Sam Fries served on the TexITE Roundabout Committee since 2016. She developed and managed the committee's Facebook page and has served on the Education Subcommittee. Stephen Ratke served as one of our original Awards Subcommittee members and assisted with the Norman Hogue Roundabout Award development process.

- Abraham Villalabos: Facebook Manager
- Chris Debaillon (Fort Bend County): Joins the Education Subcommittee
- Amanda Austin (TxDOT): Joins the Awards Subcommittee

4) Activities Report (Jay Von Ahsen: Kimley-Horn)

- Awards Subcommittee Activities

*Jay mentioned that the award nomination call for the **2022 Norman Hogue Roundabout of the Year Award** is currently open. Texas agencies can go to <http://texasroundabouts.com/norman-hogue-award/> to download the award submittal form. Roundabout project nominations will need to be submitted by May 15, 2022. Roundabout projects that have been in operation for at least one year (since May 15, 2021) are eligible for submittal. Jay also thanked the Award Subcommittee members for assisting with this year's award process.*

- Education Subcommittee Activities

*Jay mentioned that the Education Subcommittee met in April and developed a plan for providing **stock roundabout public education flyers**. (In addition to FHWA's roundabout materials) the TexITE Roundabout Committee will make the stock flyers available to Texas public agencies (at their request); through the Roundabout Committee's website. The Education Subcommittee will present the draft flyers to the Roundabout Committee; for review and comments at the TexITE Fall Conference. Jay thanked the Education Subcommittee members for their assistance with the subcommittee tasks.*

*Jay and Jason also mentioned that the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has recently contacted us about approving some of our Roundabout Section recommendations in the next edition of the **Texas Driver's Handbook**. Wade Odell (TxDOT) and Education Subcommittee members have been coordinating with the DPS for about six years. We are excited to hear that the next edition of the Texas Driver's Handbook will provide more information to drivers on navigating single and multi-lane roundabouts.*

5) 6th International Roundabout Conference (Wade Odell: TxDOT)

*Wade provided updates on the upcoming **6th International Roundabout Conference** between May 15-18, 2022 and in Monterey, California. The Transportation Research Board provides the following conference website: <https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/Roundabouts>. Wade mentioned that conference registration is open. The conference will be held at the Portola Hotel in Monterey. The conference website provides the registration rates, hotel and travel information, and has the current program (which starts Monday morning May 16 through Wednesday noon May 18).*

6) Additional Information

➤ NCHRP Project 03-130

*Jay Von Ahsen mentioned that the **NCHRP Project 03-130** (for developing the new roundabout guidance) is currently under review. The new roundabout guidance is anticipated to be released and published in 2023.*

➤ Innovative Intersections Session

Gary Schatz mentioned that he was presenting on Considering Modern Roundabouts in Planning for Community Resiliency during the Innovative Intersections session on Friday May 6. Gary discussed the temporary roundabout analysis for Broadmoor and Nash in Bryan, Texas. He also discussed the temporary roundabout setup at traffic signals in Wilmington, North Carolina during hurricane evacuations. A local police officer developed the “cone-about” to keep traffic moving when the signals went dark (had no power). Gary discussed the aesthetic improvements to the surrounding neighborhood; when the roundabout corridor was implemented for La Jolla Blvd in San Diego, California.

7) Jason’s Announcement

[Will be provided in a separate email to the TexITE Roundabout Committee members]

8) Adjourn

- a) For comments or questions, contact Jason Vaughn at:
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