

Agreement to Collaborate

Memorandum of Understanding

Between



The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

and



The Council of University Transportation Centers

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets the terms and understanding between the **Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)** and the **Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC)** to form a collaborative working partnership to advance their common interests and initiatives and to support both student-run activities and technical cooperation. The common understanding and commitment to action that underlies collaborative action includes:

- ITE has a long and successful history of fostering transportation careers at the university level through its over 150 established student chapters. Likewise, CUTC's membership, comprised of over 90 University Transportation Centers (UTC's), is committed to promoting university research, education, workforce development, and technology transfer as essential to the nation's transportation system.
- Both ITE and CUTC have identified commonalities between existing ITE Student Chapters and University Transportation Centers where collaboration on research and communication makes sense and opportunities to strengthen these ties should be encouraged.
- Both ITE and CUTC would benefit from promoting the work of one another to a larger audience of peers working in transportation. This includes communicating updates on products and

services that ITE and CUTC have available, to each other's members and making each other's members aware of opportunities to collaborate with one another.

- Fostering career development for students and connecting UTC's with transportation practitioners are two specific areas that both ITE and CUTC can work together to promote both students in transportation and transportation professionals.

Background

ITE is an international educational and scientific association of transportation professionals who are responsible for meeting mobility and safety needs. Founded in 1930, ITE is a community of transportation professionals including, but not limited to transportation engineers, planners, consultants, educators and researchers. ITE promotes professional development of its members, supports and encourages education, stimulates research, develops public awareness programs and serves as a conduit for the exchange of professional information.

The CUTC was established in 1979 by the major transportation research centers and institutes in the United States. The CUTC provides a forum for the Universities and Centers to interact collectively with government and industry. The CUTC works to raise the profile of university research and education, so that university transportation centers are recognized and called upon for the knowledge creation, innovative research, and education necessary to have the best transportation system in the world.

Purpose

This MOU provides the foundation for ITE and the CUTC to formally engage and work toward common goals. ITE and CUTC anticipate that some collaborative work efforts may include but are not limited to:

- To promote career development opportunities available through the UTC's to ITE's Student Chapters and young professionals.
- Collaborate on identifying possible sites and student leadership for ITE's Student Leadership Summits and work together to promote the ITE Student Leadership Summits.
- Help UTC's connect with practitioners on technical issues and research related projects.
- Make each other's memberships aware of ongoing projects and opportunities to work together.

Guidelines

This collaboration will be initiated with the signing of this MOU, and both partners agree to establish a formal working arrangement to:

- Establish a representative point of contact between ITE and the CUTC
- Meet (in-person or virtually) at least twice a year to establish priority actions, review progress and revise strategic goals with input from representatives.
- Collaborate on promotion of ITE's Student Leadership Summits
- Develop connections between UTC's and ITE's professional members to identify technical issues that may become research opportunities for the UTC's.
- Establish a regular communication channel between ITE and CUTC to cross-promote ITE and CUTC products and events

Policy

This MOU is a collaborative agreement that is non-binding; it is not intended to and does not create any contractual rights or obligations with regard to signatories or any other parties. This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from ITE and the CUTC with the written consent of all signatories; including the addition of new partners, and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. Participation in the **Collaborative Partnership Agreement** may be terminated by any signatory upon written notice to the others.

Duration

This agreement shall become effective immediately upon execution by both parties, and shall remain effective until such a time as the signatories decide individually or collectively to terminate it.

AGREEMENT TO COLLABORATE

Agreement Signatories & Key contacts

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Date

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Date