

GA ITE Roundabout Subcommittee | MINUTES

Meeting Date 6/20/2023 Time 11AM | Microsoft Teams

Attendees

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Non-Attendees

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Randy Parker

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Kelli Roberts

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Subcommittee Goals: To provide resources on roundabouts, such as research, guidance, and manuals at the state and national levels to promote networking among transportation professionals involved in roundabouts.

Reminder

There is a Roundabout Research email group that you can email to subscribe to: ROUNDABOUTS@LISTSERV.KSU.EDU This listserv is to allow for communication between people all around the world about different roundabout-related topics.

Agenda topics

This Meeting

- In-person meeting. Hosted at TMC. Virtual Option available for those who could not attend in person. 3rd-floor conference rooms.
 - Ate food for lunch meeting (thanks to ITE for providing funding for lunch)
 - Before summer seminar at TMC

Website Updates

Newly released website, <https://gaite.org/Roundabouts> (any thoughts/suggestions).

- Got imbedded map for website (some data was from Laura at GDOT)
- Sign up subscription for newsletter or to be friend of sub-committee
- Blog post history
- Photo slideshow
- Links to live videos
- Public outreach resources

HOMEWORK: all members to review website and provide comments to Mojtaba

Upcoming Events

Roundabout related presentations at GAITE Summer Seminar:

- RAID Team – Oladimeji Onabanjo

Upcoming Training

- Is there any interest in training? Yes – roundabouts & alternative intersections training
 - **Team up with Technical Committee**
 - What type of class? Either online or in-person, hybrid.
 - How can we pay for it? The estimated cost would be \$400/person for a 2-day class.
 - Potential for funding to make it more affordable? Partial funding from ITE?
 - Can we get PDHs out of it?
 - Daniel Spann will ask Justin B about availability this year; Mark L could possibly do one next year?

Other Ideas

- Roundabout of the Year award
 - **Provide criteria to GAITE Board**
 - **Hopefully get a plaque**
 - Preference: Opened to traffic or completed construction that calendar year,
 - or recent upgrades to the RBT (ISR driven)
 - Or recent study: safe roundabout of the year, or best landscaping, or operations (before and after studies)
 - Make sure it was well designed (small committee for judging...)
 - Ask for local government and designer / reviewer
- Get update from TRB on tri-annual RBT international meeting
- Provide more support for locals and district
 - Photos
 - Written resources (literature)
 - Show up to public meetings if possible
- Subcommittee can provide free reviews?
- Repository of Hot Topics, could go on website? Technical forum? Questions email portal?
- Provide training / resources to school age children (pair with safety)
 - Mojtaba provided link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaCk_1q5xng
- Peer exchange with another states' roundabout committee
- NCHRP 1043 has been published <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/read/27069/chapter/1>

Next Meeting

- roundabout presentation - ISR's by Barge (20-30 min presentation)

Future Meetings

- Pro-bono classes or presentations could be done in conjunction with future meetings
 - Roundabout "tune up"
 - Workshop
 - Solicit presentation topics
- Summer Seminar future Topics
- Monthly Meetings future topics (three presenters)

Potential Host Site for TRB International RB Conference (Spring 2025)

- Previous conferences have been Northern central or West coast, this could cover the East coast and South
- Atlanta – largest airport (large market)
 - East coast location: easier return travel, return trips for leaving ATL at noon can get back West coast at 5pm
- Multiple hotels with conference space with MARTA straight from airport to hotel
 - What hotel has a direct link to MARTA? <https://martaguide.com/hotels/>
 - Including hotels connected to GDOT's main office
 - Anticipating ~500 people
 - Walking distance to multiple restaurants
- Reasonable costs in Atlanta area
 - Travel (MARTA straight from airport to hotel)
 - Hotel – Omini Hotel, Westin, Marquis Hotel
 - Meals
- Large number of roundabouts and alternative intersections on the ground in GA
 - Pursuing multilane with turbo features
 - Multiple roundabouts to tour within metro Atlanta area
 - Separate tour of CFIs & DDIs is plausible
- Activities
 - May sports: Atlanta Braves (baseball), Atlanta United (soccer)
 - GA Aquarium
 - World of Coke
 - Centennial Olympic Park
 - Center for Civil & Human Rights
- Favorable weather
- Proximity to Georgia Tech
 - Student attendants
 - Research attendants
- Volunteers to assist with conference preparations:
 - GA ITE
 - Active Georgia Chapter based out of Atlanta
 - Roundabout Subcommittee (# members)
 - GDOT