

2022 Summer Seminar Recap

What a fun filled week of learning more about latest trends in the industry, participating in sports and social events with fellow transportation professionals, friends, and families right on the beach! We really appreciate your participation in the 2022 GAITE Summer Seminar and I hope you enjoyed the conference. For those of you who registered online and attended virtually through our YouTube Channel, please reach out to Bing Zhang (bing.zhang@kimley-horn.com) for PDH certificates. Anyone who has missed the conference can watch all technical sessions here (Please note that Session 6B Resiliency Planning is not available due to technical difficulties): ([30](#)) [Georgia ITE - YouTube](#). This year's conference was a great success, here's a recap of the technical sessions and social activities.

TRANSFORMING THE PARADIGM

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1. Technical Sessions

Around the theme of “Transforming the Paradigm,” this year’s technical program included many emerging topics such as electric vehicles and infrastructure, impacts of e-commerce in transportation, safety, resiliency planning, long term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the IIJA.

Monday, 7/17/22 – Opening Session, Sessions 1 & 2

Monday was a great start of the conference including our Keynote Speaker, **Clyde Higgs**, CEO & President of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. He opened the conference highlighting the huge economic impact of the BeltLine and other important elements such as quality of life, equity, and affordable housing. After Clyde, we jumped into one of the hottest topics right now where **Mark Smith II** of GDOT, **Laura Rogers** of The Ray, and **Glenn Halliday** of Georgia Power to talk about electric vehicle infrastructure, charging, and transportation electrification. Our afternoon sessions included municipal updates from **Joe Allen** of Gwinnett Place CID, **Sylvia Smith** of DeKalb County, and **Joe Gillis** (AECOM) where he summarized ongoing initiatives from various CIDs in the metro Atlanta. To sum up our session Monday, we had such a great roundtable discussion with transit agency leaders in Georgia: **Cain Williamson** from SRTA/The ATL, **Manjeet Ranu** from MARTA, **Oliver Page** from Augusta Transit, and **Faye DiMassimo** from Chatham Area Transit Authority.



Tuesday, 7/19/22 – Sessions 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, and 6B

With the three (3) pairs of concurrent technical sessions back-to-back, Tuesday was jam packed with technical content including the topics of Impacts of E Commerce on Transportation, Signals/ITS, Bike/Ped/Active Transportation, Safety, and Resiliency Planning. In addition, the Young Professionals Roundtable discussion was one of the favorite sessions for many people! Discussion included topics such as what motivates young professionals and what they would change about our industry, to name a few. I've seen so many industry leaders and managers closely engaged, taking notes and waiting in a line to ask questions. This session quickly became by far the most watched upload ever on our YouTube Channel and that within the 48 hours (+1,800 views as of 7/28/22). If you have missed it, you can watch it here: ([\(30\) 2022 Summer Seminar Session 4B - Young Professionals Roundtable - YouTube](#)).



Thanks to all the 26 speakers who contributed to this “technically robust” Tuesday! Here is the list of speakers: **Stacy Watson** from Georgia Ports Authority; **Aubrey Brown** from CSX Railroad; **Hope White** from HD White Logistics; **Poonam Patel** and **Jared Wall** from Kimley-Horn; **Chris Moultrie** from AECOM; **Raul Viera**, **Kelli Robert**, **Justin Hatch**, **Alan Davis**, **John Hibbard**, **Jesse Russell**, **Ron Knezevich**, **Sam Harris**, **Scott Zehngraff**, **Habte Kassa** all from GDOT; **Marci Early** from Keck & Wood; **Dee Taylor**, **Mike DiSanza**, and **Kyle Huffman** from AECOM; **Shaun Green** from Atlanta BeltLine; **Rob Dell-Ross** from City of Milton; **Danny Anderson** from Numetric; **Adjo Amekudzi-Kennedy** from Georgia Tech; **Stephen Bourne** from Atkins; and **Kyung-Hwa Kim** from ARC.

Wednesday, 7/20/22 – Sessions 7 and 8

We finished the conference strong with two robust technical sessions discussing the topics of Ethics/Lessons Learned/Liability and Funding Mechanisms related to IIJA. We had **Christy Tarallo** from ACEC speaking on HB 476: The PEs and Land Surveyors Act, **Roz Tucker** from ARC speaking on the Status and Implications of the World’s Largest Telework Experiment, and **Lee Edmond** from Risk Strategies talking about Ethics and Liability. Our speakers in the final session included **Andrew Heath** from GDOT, **David Haynes** from ARC, and **Sabrina David** from FHWA highlighting their organizations’ perspectives and implications of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL, also known as IIJA).



2. Dinners, Family-Friendly Social Events, and More

This year’s conference offered many of the family-friendly activities that make this conference so unique, including the golf tournament, Sunday Welcome Buffet Dinner, the family corn-hole tournament, a 5K run/walk, kids obstacle course, Mölkky tournament, kids sandcastle challenge, volleyball competition, and tennis tournament.

Pictures from Sunday, 7/17/22 – The golf tournament took place first thing Sunday morning. These cool guys beat the heat and even won the tournament: Brandon Dye, Drew Long, Wes Smith, and Thomas Ziegler! The Welcome Reception and Dinner was just lovely, happened under the tent and oceanside on the lawn, followed by the family corn-hole tournament. The heated competition was briefly suspended by a heavy thunderstorm, but the team quickly moved all corn-hole boards under the tent and continued the game. Alex Simmons and Clay Smith became the champion two years in the row!



Pictures from Monday, 7/18/22 – The 5K Run/Walk draws many talented runners/walkers every year, and Andrew Heath was the fastest runner again this year at 16:18 (I did a quick math, and it is 17.2 feet/second, wow)! While their parents were busy attending the technical sessions, kids had a lot of fun at the beach playing various fun games during the kids obstacle course. The 2nd annual Mölkky tournament took place Monday night. With 80s music playing in the background whole time, Mölkky Polkies (Kevin Deal, Ruben Gallegos) beat Team Z (Scott & Eric Zehngraft) in a thrilling Championship!



Pictures from Tuesday, 7/19/22 – What an eventful day it was! Kids competed to build most creative, most impressive, and best transportation theme sand castles. After the technical sessions and lunch, sports-loving folks enjoyed the volleyball tournament and the tennis tournament until they got suspended by a severe thunderstorm. Then John Moskaluk Scholarship Reception and Live Auction raised over \$7,300 for the student scholarship fund! Thanks to all the donators and bidders! The auction was followed by the annual dinner and awards banquet and the dessert social and dance party! Some of us who were still not done after the dance party continued to hang out chatting, mingling, and playing more Mölkky on the oceanside lawn until early Wednesday morning.

