



Heartland ITS Pulse

Annual Meeting Agenda Now Posted!

The ITS Heartland Board of Directors has a great line up of informative and entertaining sessions for our Annual Meeting coming up April 25-27 in Des Moines.

The preliminary [Agenda](#) is available on our Annual Meeting page! National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training, State ITS Updates, Connected Corridors and more are filling up the preliminary Agenda!

The Student Competition is a great opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge of current ITS research. The three chosen winners will receive \$500, \$300 and \$200. The [Student Competition](#) submittals deadline is Friday, March 4th, 2016!

[Registration](#) is open and you can book your hotel room at the [conference rate](#)!

Look forward to the Monday Night Social event at The Tavern II located in close proximity to the conference center and hotel. The event will include food, drinks AND a musician!

Best of ITS Heartland



This is last year's [Best of ITS Project Award](#) that went to the City of West Des Moines. We look forward to giving out more awards at our next Annual Meeting 2016! To submit, fill out the Easy Form link at the bottom of the Best of ITS award page by Friday, February 5th!



Cities Need to Plan More for Autonomous Vehicles -

- Cities and Urban Planners need to resolve a number of questions about how the future will respond to technology and transportation. The questions center around Autonomous Vehicles and how they will affect our day-to-day lives on the roads.

Iowa's Upgraded DOT: Ready for Increased Traffic and Road Hazards --

The operators at the Iowa Department of Transportation Traffic Management Center (TMC) are tasked with informing the public about incidents, congestion and construction. It is the "Nerve Center" for highway operations in Iowa.

The Future of Bicycling for Seattle is Envisioned for 2016 --

As 2016 begins, bicycling's future in Seattle is being discussed. The city has seen the merging of two very influential bicycling advocacy organizations. There are still some unknowns for the city as it moves forward with bicycling initiatives.

The ITS Joint Program Office has released the [*ITS Strategic Plan 2015 - 2019*](#).

It outlines the US DOT's plans for the future of ITS research. Download or view it!



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