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Why Certification Will Matter More—Not Less—in the Future

Greetings, Transportation Professionals! One question I get asked on a regular basis is whether technological advancements and artificial intelligence (AI) are going to make certifications like our PTOE, PTP, and RSP less relevant in the future.

Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping transportation, with impacts ranging from adaptive signal control and predictive safety analysis to real-time system optimization and advanced scenario planning. But I stand firm in my belief that AI will elevate the value of certification—not diminish it in any way.

To begin with, transportation decisions carry real consequences. Signal timing affects crashes. Corridor design influences mobility and equity. Policy choices shape entire communities. AI can analyze data, identify patterns, and generate recommendations—but it cannot take responsibility for outcomes. That responsibility still rests with professionals (and hopefully always will).

TPCB certification continues to serve as a trusted validation of competence, judgment, and accountability. As AI-generated insights become more common, agencies and the public will increasingly rely on certified professionals to interpret those insights and make sound decisions.

The differentiator is shifting from **what you know** to **how you apply it**.

For TPCB-certified professionals, this means the ability to:

- Evaluate whether AI-generated recommendations make sense in real-world conditions
- Recognize limitations or bias in data and models
- Integrate outputs with engineering judgment, field context, and community needs

And while AI can streamline certain tasks, it is also increasing the complexity of transportation systems:

- More data from connected vehicles, sensors, and ITS infrastructure
- More dynamic operations through adaptive and real-time systems
- Greater integration across planning, operations, and technology

With this complexity comes risk—particularly when tools are misunderstood or over-relied upon. In this environment, TPCB certification becomes even more valuable. It signals that a professional not only understands transportation fundamentals but can also navigate complexity responsibly and effectively.

When FHWA released its updated MUTCD two years ago, the headline coming from many industry professionals was the incredible number of times that engineering judgment was referenced in this long-awaited update. I've already forgotten the number, but it was in the hundreds.

And that's because AI does not replace engineering judgment—it amplifies the need for it.

Consider a few common scenarios:

- A signal optimization tool improves vehicle delay but creates new pedestrian conflicts
- A safety model identifies a high-risk corridor that doesn't align with local experience
- A mobility algorithm prioritizes efficiency while overlooking equity impacts

These are not purely technical decisions. They require context, trade-offs, and professional responsibility. TPCB-certified professionals are uniquely positioned to make these calls—balancing data-driven insights with real-world understanding.

As we continue to update our existing certifications (and perhaps create new ones), AI awareness will be increasingly integrated into knowledge areas such as operations, safety, and planning. But not just

awareness of the tools, but how to use them responsibly (e.g., stronger focus on ethics and public responsibility, particularly around data and equity).

That's also why we maintain our continued emphasis on lifelong learning, as tools and technologies rapidly change. Not a month goes by that someone doesn't complain to me about those pesky PDH or CM hours needed to maintain your credential every three years. But there is no way we will ever do away with those requirements because it's clearer than ever that they are critically important to one's individual capabilities.

In an AI-enabled profession, TPCB certification becomes more than a credential—it becomes a mark of trust. It represents professionals who can:

- Translate complex data into actionable decisions
- Apply technology responsibly and effectively
- Balance efficiency, safety, and equity

Lead in an increasingly dynamic and uncertain environment

And as agencies adopt more advanced tools, the question will not be whether AI is being used—but who is qualified to use it well.

Last year at this time my newsletter article talked about the demographics of those who hold TPCB certifications. So I felt I needed to at least include one new nugget of information this time, and it underscores how our professionals have had to adapt to multi-disciplinary needs, scenarios, and solutions.

The RSP certification remains our fastest growing credential, but what I found fascinating is how many RSPs have either a PTOE or PTP already:

- Percent of RSP1 holders with either PTOE or PTP = 44%
- Percent of RSP2 holders with either PTOE or PTP = 65%

Becoming a safety expert benefits from having a multi-disciplinary background, and likewise having the RSP1 or RSP2 credentials are making our PTOEs and PTPs even more valuable within the industry.

Hard to argue with data like that.

Our profession is evolving. AI is transforming transportation. Neither outcome is replacing the need for certified professionals. If anything, they are reinforcing it.

The tools may change. The data may grow. But the need for credible, accountable, and capable transportation professionals remains constant. TPCB certification will continue to play a critical role—ensuring that as the industry evolves, the people guiding it are prepared to do so responsibly.

Steve Kuciamba
Executive Director and CEO

Message from the TPCB Board Chair

Update on the New RSP2A Certification Pathway



Greetings, Transportation Professionals! I hope your spring is off to a good start so far.

Your TPCB Board has met twice virtually since our last in-person meeting in Washington, DC, in September. At our most recent meeting on March 27, your board voted unanimously to approve the development of a new certification which is for road safety auditors! After research into best practices across North America, as well as a detailed market and financial analysis, the board determined that there was a definitive need for this type of certification. TPCB is therefore pleased to announce the development of the new RSP2A: RSA Certified Professional designation, with a tentative launch date of early 2028.

As a new credential within the Road Safety Professional (RSP) certification family, the RSP2A will function as the “RSA Certified Professional” designation, recognizing practitioners who demonstrate advanced skills in conducting and leading road safety audits and in applying the highest level of formal safety analysis.

- RSP2A will fall within the RSP2 family, but it will be a new certification pathway distinct from RSP2B and RSP2I.
- Requirements will be identical to those for RSP2B and RSP2I, including requiring RSP1 as a prerequisite. The RSP1 test will need to be passed before taking the RSP2A exam. In other words, the two exams cannot be taken within the same exam window.

When certificants pass the RSP2A, they will be able to state that they are road safety audit (RSA) professionals and that the certification validates their knowledge and experience in leading a team conducting a road safety audit.

Again, thank you for your interest in the advancement of our transportation profession with certifications. If you have any questions or comments about TPCB, please feel free to reach out to me directly at jvoss@cts-bc.com or the TPCB team at certification@tpcb.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Jan O. Voss, P.Eng., PTOE
TPCB Chair

Ethics Training Requirements for All Renewals Beginning January 1, 2027

At its recent Board of Directors meeting, the Transportation Professional Certification Board (TPCB) reviewed a proposal to require 1 PDH in ethics training per three-year renewal for all certificants (PTOE, PTP, and RSP), beginning with the 2027 renewal cycle. The board approved this proposal unanimously.

If your TPCB certification is up for renewal on January 1, 2027, or later, you will need to complete one hour of ethics training before renewing. **If your renewal date falls early in 2027, please plan to complete this requirement within the next nine months.**

Implementation of the ethics training and required PDH is as follows:

- **Counting Rule:** One ethics hour satisfies all TPCB credentials held within the same renewal period. You will not need one ethics hour for each certification.
- **Ethics Training:** Ethics training means general ethics training, not specifically engineering ethics, for non-P.E., PTP, and RSP certificants.
- **Renewal Form:** An attestation checkbox indicating that you have completed this training will be included on the revised renewal forms.
- **Training Options:** ITE/TPCB will offer a free ethics webinar annually, but numerous low- and no-cost options for general ethics training already exist.

Please note: There is an workshop on professional ethics being held on Sunday, July 19, during ITE's Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Detroit.

Questions? Reach out to [Ann O'Neill](#).

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PTOE

Meiwu An	Linda A. Majeed
Ahnaray B. Bizjak	Mark Friend
Alexa Marie Janikowski	Md Abu Sufian Talukder
Alexander Hobart Gerondelis	Md Masharul Kabir
Alison Bickett	Md Nasim Khan
Allison Ragan Charles	Michael J. Sarazen
Amy Forsythe	Michael Kim
Amy Restelli	Michael Littman
Amy Salisbury	Mustafa Muhammad Wali
Andre Fernando Lower	Patrick Fitzsimmons
Andrew James Starling	Paul Joseph Dezii
Andrew Kurt Rinella	Phillip David Johnson
Ashleigh Robb	Rajib Saha
Ayman I. Mansour	Richard Owen Barbee, III
Azadeh Heydari	Ryan John Hilgendorf
Benjamin Acimovic	Ryan T. Roberts
Brendan James Mulvihill	Sarah Grice
Christopher DiPalma	Sarah Hemler
Cody Michael Edwards	Sayantan Biswas
Corinne S. Tobias	Sean Laffey
Daniel Joseph Schandel, Jr.	Spencer Raish
Daniel Robert Eybs	Starke W. Hipp
David Rizk	Steven J. Russo
Duke Amponsah Dodoo	Tanvir Iqbal
Essie Cheyenne Whitmore	Tarcisio Muratori, Jr.
Frank A. Filicetto	Trevor Hanson
Frederick J. Dodds	Trevor Heap
Gowtham Cherukumalli	Ty Parham
Haile Amare Gebretsadiq	Tyler Smith
Hien G.D. Nguyen	Ulrich Sounkoua
Hojjat Barati	Vincenzo Solomon Corazza
Jacob Brandon Lewis	Vivek Mahadi
James Sampson Martha	Weston Lee Mitchell
Jeffrey A. Pulver	Will Hogarth
Jeffrey Mathew Vasquez	William A. Bird
Joshua Alan Mitchell	Yu Cui
Karch Bickham	Yuan Chu
Kyle Darren Morris	Zachary James Grapentine
Leo James Johnson	Zachary Kane Abrams



RSP1

A K M Abir	Joshua Killian
Javier Aguilar	Doyeon Kim
Alma Al Fawal	Michael M. King
Tammer Motasem Al-Turk	Jacqueline Ann Knight
Reza Aminghafouri	Sahitya Kotagiri
Joseph V. Amorosa	Alimurtaza Kothawala
B M Tazbiul Hassan Anik	William Grant Kresic
Alireza Ansariyar	Janeen Laaser-Webb
Gaurav Aryal	Daniel Lamere
Joseph William Atwater	Steven M. Lavrenz
Maksim Bahdanovich	Christine Aiselgi Bairan Lazaro
Eric Bentzen-Bilkvist	Devon Mackie
Emily M. Brunsen	Lauren Maenhout
Colin Thomas Burnell	Md Shakir Mahmud
Sean Carney	Francis Mainville-Pannese
Giorgios Anastasios Christakos	Ben Anthony Manibog, Jr.
Devin Clarke	Amirarsalan Mehrara Molan
Thomas Ryan Cook	Catherine Jane Mills
Hameed Dagher	Shane E. Misztal
Jenna Darrah	Hojr Momeni
Alec Delmerico	Santiago Morano Peccoud
Bishal Dhakal	Maroia Mumtaz
Michael W. Dion	Sahar Nabae
Mark Anthony Doctor	Shelby Nadin
Nourhan El Salhat	Wilmer Nauman, IV
Veronica Maria Figueroa-Chanza	Jacob Naumann
Kraig Finstad	Thanmai Nerella
Christina Fogt-Boulnois	Alexis Nevarez Pagan
Tyler Fosnes	Anusha Patel Nujjetty
Benjamin Fosu-Saah	Kenneth Ofose-Kwabe
Brett Fuller	Sitenikechukwu Onyejekwe
Christian Viado Galiza	Darshan Padmanabha
Maria Zofia Gora	Jagrav Mukeshbhai Pandya
Renato Guadamuz	Soo Ho Park
Md Tarek Hasan	Michael D. Pawlovich
Sarah Hemler	Lyndsey Denae Penner
Robert J. Henderson	Andrew Perez
Dylan Hudson Hewitt	Corey Michael Phillips
Alexander William Hinkle	Angela Prescott
Mehdi Hosseinpour	Abigail Rains
Mohammad Nasir Hotak	Jack Ready
Collin Hurler	Kate Emily Reichard
Mohiuddin Imran	Amy Restelli
Randy L. Johnson	Adam Rosenfeld
Janet Jones	Sophia Roth
Erin Jordan	Ananya Roy
Greg E. Karssen	Madison Lynn Seef
Brian Allen Kennedy	Sina Semmarshad

Maryam Shaygan
Khulud Sheeraz
Christopher R. Silver
Brandon C. Simpson
Samuel Adam Smith
Tamara Soltykevych
Mx. Evan Springer
Abirami Subramanian
Hannah Thelen
Franklin Dennis Thomas, III
Brandon Tiner
Celeste Toyofuku
Sara Sohaee Urbina
Mahyar Vahedi Saheli
Jasmin Alejandra Valles
Max McCleary Wilcox
Troy Williard
Jonathan S. Wood
Timothy Joseph Wright
Dan Xu
Chennan Xue
Chi-Hao Yuan
Le Zhang
Lin Zhang
Sheena Marie Zimmerman

RSP2 – Behavioral

Michael Scott Shea

RSP2 – Infrastructure

Abdulai Abdul-Majeed
 Esra'a Alrashdah
 Anik Das
 Carl P. Duesler
 David Guttentplan
 Steven M. Lavrenz
 Peter M. Lemke
 Donna Lewandowski
 Imalka Matarage
 Jonathan Milton Mize
 Olivia Polinsky-Rose
 Eric Tang
 Matthew D. Weir

RSP1 – Saudi Arabia

Essam Said Hafez Mansour
 Elsayed
 Hesham Samir Mohamed
 Salama, Sr.

PTP

Erick John Aune	Joshua Jaeschke
Jean Hee Park Barrett	Jill Juhlke
Uppaiah Bonagiri	Ajit M. Makhija
Tosh Ramon Chambers	Prathyush Mukkadekkat
Alexander William Dally	Herbert Edward Reinhold, IV
Riya Debnath	Matthew Sumpter
Jonah Zachary Farran	Jordan Whisler
Christopher Bunker Fellerhoff	Benjamin L. Worsham
Jared Michael Feser	Siqing Yi
Clifton Hall	Monir Zaman
James Lawrence Hubbell	Xiaoxia Zhu



View Certificants

TPCB Seeks Discipline Director Expressions of Interest

The Transportation Professional Certification Board has three vacancies for Discipline Director positions on its volunteer board and is seeking expressions of interest from certificants who are willing to be considered by the nominations committee for placement on the ballot.

An individual will be selected by the nominations committee from among those who express interest and are subsequently elected by the certificants. The term of office will begin at the conclusion of the current director's term on December 31, 2026, and run for three years.

The successful candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by certificants. To be eligible for nomination, you must have held your certification for at least one year before nomination.

The volunteer Board is comprised of twelve voting directors and one ex-officio director. The board typically meets face-to-face once a year—a full-day annual meeting at ITE headquarters in Washington, DC, in the fall (travel expenses are reimbursed)—and holds three to four board conference calls throughout the year.

If you wish to express interest in being considered for nomination to stand for election to the Board, please submit the following:

- Send a one-page resume listing the professional positions you have held, including the starting and ending dates of those positions and your education;
- Provide a one-page statement explaining why you would like to serve as a Discipline Director and what you will bring to that office; and
- Provide a statement of consent, signed by your employer, indicating that you may hold the position of director if elected.

Please send these materials to [Kathi Driggs](#) by August 1, 2026.

TPCB Board Member Profile – Jason Crawford, P.E.

Jason Crawford, P.E.

TPCB Public Director

TPCB: Tell us a little more about where you currently work and what you do in your day-to-day job.

CRAWFORD: I work at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, my professional home for 35 years. As a Division Head, I manage teams of researchers and support staff across five offices in Texas. As a researcher, I conduct state and national research on a wide variety of topics ranging from air quality to cash forecasting to work zone operations. Locally, I support agencies in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

TPCB: How does your experience in the public sector shape the way you view transportation planning and certification?

CRAWFORD: Certifications are critical to demonstrate candidate’s or holder’s core competencies in the areas certified and project these competencies through the public work our profession performs. As a licensed professional engineer in Texas, I understand the value of those competencies and working within my expertise areas.



TPCB: Why do you believe it’s important for the public to have a voice on a certification board like TPCB?

CRAWFORD: Including a public voice on the board extends transparency and a voice to those our profession serves, ensuring that the certification board continues to act both ethically and with the highest degree of professionalism and accountability.

TPCB: What are you most looking forward to about serving on the TPCB board?

CRAWFORD: The TPCB has a tremendous group of dedicated and esteemed experts leading efforts for re-certification and pursuit of new certification programs. I am certain to learn much from these new colleagues in our joint service to the profession.

Don’t Miss an Update—Keep Your Contact Info Current with TPCB



Make sure you're getting the latest updates, reminders, and essential information about your certification. If your email, address, or employer has changed, you can log in to your profile to confirm that TPCB has your most current contact details on file.

Unsure whether your information is up to date? Reach out to certification@tpcb.org to verify or update your record.

Staying current ensures you never miss renewal notices, policy updates, or lose access to your record-keeping system.

Future Certification Exam Periods and Application Deadlines

Computer-based exams for PTOE, PTP, and RSP may be taken during the following three time frames:

October 1 to 31, 2026: Applications must be received by midnight on July 20, 2026

February 1 to 28, 2027: Applications must be received by midnight on November 20, 2026.

June 1 to 30, 2027: Applications must be received by midnight, March 20, 2027.

For a list of available exam cities, please visit the [TPCB exam locations page](#).

Keep Your Certification Current—Here's What You Need to Know

Your certification is a mark of professional excellence—don't let it lapse! Each TPCB credential requires renewal every three years. Requirements vary by certification, so be sure to review the specifics:

Important Certification Maintenance Requirements:

- [PTOE Renewal Requirements](#)
- [PTP Renewal Requirements](#)
- [RSP1 Renewal Requirements](#)
- [RSP2B Renewal Requirements \(behavioral\)](#)
- [RSP2I Renewal Requirements \(infrastructure\)](#)

Tracking Your Activities for Certification Maintenance

The Professional Development Record-Keeping System (PDRKS) is available for free to ITE members. (Note: The UN/PW to log in to the PDRKS is the same as the UN/PW you use to log in to the members only area of the website.)

[Instructional Video on the System](#)

Not an ITE Member?

Not an ITE member? [Join today!](#)

Non-members can purchase a three-year subscription to the Professional Record-Keeping System for \$75. To purchase access, [click here](#).

For non-members of ITE who have TPCB certifications, use the username and password you use to process your TPCB certification renewals when you purchase the subscription. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW RECORD.**

Share the Opportunity: Informational Webinar on June 25

Do you know a colleague who's ready to take the next step in their career? Encourage them to save **June 25** for an upcoming informational webinar on the benefits of becoming PTOE, PTP, or RSP certified. This session is a great opportunity for transportation professionals to learn how certification

can support both personal growth and professional advancement. Participants will hear directly from certified peers about what these credentials have meant to their careers, get a clear overview of the certification process and requirements, and explore available preparatory resources. Help spread the word and support your colleagues in advancing their expertise and impact in the field. Stay tuned for registration details!

TPCB Board Member Kohinoor Kar Named ITE Fellow

Congratulations to TPCB Board Member **Kohinoor Kar, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE**, on achieving the distinguished status of ITE Fellow. Kar is currently with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as its Research Center Lead. This honor recognizes Kohinoor’s outstanding contributions, leadership, and lasting impact on the transportation profession. We celebrate this well-earned achievement and look forward to continued excellence in advancing our field.



Get Certified, Get Connected: Visit Ann O’Neill at the TPCB Table at ITE Canada

If you’re attending the ITE Canada meeting, May 31–June 3, be sure to stop by the Transportation Professional Certification Board (TPCB) table to connect with **Ann O’Neill**. Certified professionals with PTOE, PTP, or RSP credentials can pick up a ribbon for their badge, while anyone curious about certification can get their questions answered and learn how these credentials can support their career growth. Whether you’re already certified or just exploring your options, it’s a great opportunity to say hello, make a connection, and get valuable insights.



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