

President's Space



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MIPA President

In some respects, it is hard to believe it has been almost a year since our last newsletter. On the other hand, there has been quite a bit going on and we can't wait to share those updates along with a look ahead in this edition.

Speaking of sharing, we found that a high percentage of our mailed newsletters from the last edition were returned due to incorrect addresses.

Given the challenges with maintaining that mailing list, starting with this edition distribution will be exclusively via email and our website. We hope that you find the MI Parking Spot a helpful and interesting

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Michigan is Leading the Way in Mobility

By Jack Janiga



Inside the Detroit Smart Parking Lab Photo by DesignNews

Michigan had the first mile of concrete pavement (on Woodward Ave) in 1909. We had the first lined road (River Road in Trenton) in 1911. In 1920 we were the first state to embrace the four-way, three colored traffic light system.

And it hasn't stopped since. In fact, it is quite exciting as the announcements just keep rolling in (*pun intended*). More recent announcements highlight Michigan as a leader in the advancement of Mobility. The list over the past 12 months alone is pretty impressive. In case you haven't been paying attention, here are just some of those plans, projects and developments that are keeping our state at the forefront of the advancement of transportation efforts.

April 2021 – Michigan's focus on building a stronger state economy through safer, more equitable and environmentally conscious transportation for all Michigan residents got a big boost with the announcement of the nation's first-ever real-world testing site for parking solutions. This public-private partnership has the state collaborating with Ford, Bedrock and Bosch in what is now known as the Smart Parking Lab.

October 2021 – General Motors announced that it would be building a battery cell development facility in Warren Michigan. The all-new Wallace Battery Cell Innovation Center is expected to significantly accelerate development and commercialization of

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publication and welcome your feedback to help us continue to improve upon it. I mentioned above that there have been many things going on since the last edition and wanted to highlight a few of those here...

First a big "Thanks" to all that participated in our Golf outing last year! Despite a typical dose of Michigan weather, those that sponsored and attended made for a great day of networking, even if not for the best of golf play, LOL.

Just last month we concluded our Board elections and thanks to your participation in that process are happy to welcome new members Andrea Anderson, Stefanie Bell, Yousif Jomaa, Shaun Nelson and the return to the Board of Julie Parisian.

You can learn more about our new members in this edition as they share a bit about themselves. We also had a bit of shuffling on our Executive Board as Debbie Nyenhuis stepped up to the VP role.

Most recently we had some virtual

training sessions open to everyone and had a pretty good turnout for each of the four sessions. A special thanks has to go out to Cindy Campbell, of IPMI, for presenting on Developing Workplace Resiliency and Organizational Agility and Addressing Customer Anger & Hostility: When Enough is Enough.

Lastly, I would like to remind all readers that we encourage you to contribute to the MI Parking Spot with any information you feel would add value including taking over this spot with a version of "One Member's Thoughts."

MICHIGAN PARKING ASSOCIATION - We're Just Getting Started!

By Jack Janiga



The Rain Did NOT Stop Our MIPA Golfers! *Photo by Traci Shell*

When I talk about the Michigan Parking Association (MIPA), I cannot help but do so with extreme pride and excitement. MIPA has come a long way in the past year thanks to the tireless work of so

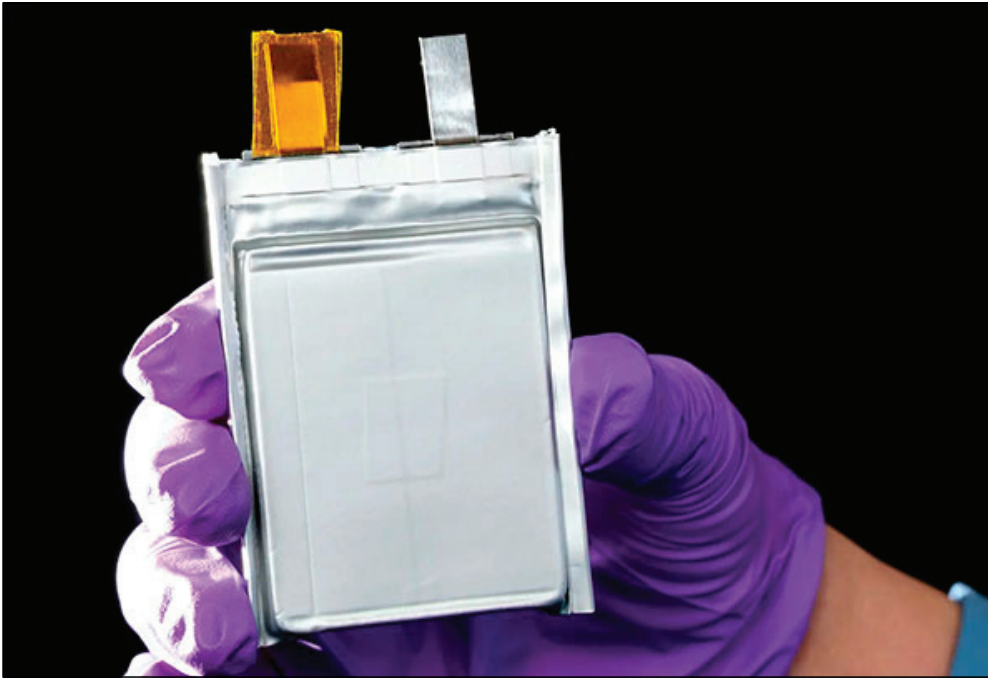
many, and this is just the beginning. The parking and mobility community in Michigan is in for some great things to come.

MIPA saw its share of struggles both before and during COVID, as did most associations in our industry, but we at MIPA are resilient, and we rallied back strong last October with a golf outing that was our most successful in years. That success set us on an upward trajectory that has led to continued growth and success in 2022.

Now, with recently completed elections, our association is stronger than ever and continues to grow our ranks and offerings. And I have message for anyone who is not currently a member of MIPA:

If you work in Michigan or if your company does business in the parking and mobility industry in Michigan and you are not a member of MIPA – you need to be. Come learn, share ideas, and become a part of the most important

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Battery Cell image (cropped) by Steve Fecht for General Motors

longer range, more affordable electric vehicle batteries. They are hoping that the advancement of their Ultium battery cells will eventually lead to a reduction in the cost of Electric Vehicles by as much as 60%.

April 2022 – Cavnu, the company Michigan engaged to lead the project, gave an update on the first-of-its-kind connected and automated vehicle (CAV) corridor scheduled to cover a 25-mile stretch of I-94. The announcement on April 27th shared that they had completed their Series A capital investment round, having generated \$130 million for the project.

While the Michigan project would be the first, the vision is for a pipeline involving a nationwide deployment of CAV lanes and corridors to facilitate faster and safer autonomous transportation at all levels.

April 2022 – State administrators announce a first-of-its-kind partnership between the State of Michigan and the National Park Service (NPS) to collaborate on implementing safe, innovative technology to increase accessibility and equity in recreational and park settings. Through this partnership, the five national parks located in Michigan will provide an environment to pilot these emerging mobility technologies that will help make national parks across the country safer, more equitable and accessible to residents and visitors alike.

The partnership will be part of a cross-departmental collaboration within the state of Michigan – including the Michigan Outdoor Recreation Industry Office, part of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Transportation (MDOT), the

Department of Labor and Economic Development (LEO), and the Office of Future Mobility and Electrification.

April 2022 – We are really on a roll now as Lt. Governor Gilchrist announces \$577,000 of grants to be used for the expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, increased access to electric vehicles and a broadened EV adoption across the state.

Chargeway, eCAMION, ElectricFish, Fleet Lab, MoGo and Volta, will be receiving the funding through the Michigan Mobility Funding Platform to deploy projects in Lansing, Traverse City, Port Austin, Allegan County, Burt Township, Monroe, Ann Arbor, Detroit and DTE Energy's Service Territory. Gilchrist shared "... we understand in Michigan the value of innovating in our current mobility ecosystems to support the needs of the future."

With the State providing the leadership and opportunities for all types of advancement in technology surrounding transportation, the MIPA would like to jump on board in helping to identify developments and share information with our members to allow us all to have the resources at hand to define a collaborative direction as Michigan continues to blaze new paths in the ever-changing world of Mobility.

We encourage all members to share your own initiatives and developments that you have or plan to put into place to meet the demands of a safer, more economic world of parking and transportation.

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Jack Janiga, MIPA President thanks Jay O'Dell for his years of service as past president. *Photo by Traci Shell*



A Great Turnout at the MIPA Fall Conference *Photo by DesignNews*

professional network in parking and mobility. We need your voice, and you want to be a member of our community!

If you are a past member of MIPA who has let your membership lapse – it's time to take another look and get that renewal processed. MIPA is back with a renewed energy and focus on members and their needs, and you don't want to miss all the great things happening!

Listening to our members and their needs, MIPA has added several training opportunities to our programming so far in 2022 which have been well-received and of value to our members. Cindy Campbell, Senior Training & Development Specialist with International Parking & Mobility Institute, instructed sessions in April on topics relevant to so many of our frontline employee members. This type of training is what the members are asking for, and our MIPA Board delivered! We are proud to be able to bring this level of content to Michigan and will continue to look for training for our members at all stages of their careers and serving all types of needs.

In addition to adding this vital training to our program slate, the MIPA Board is working on an October conference so stay tuned for information and registration details.

I can't spotlight MIPA without an update on our signature event – the Golf Outing! So without further adieu, the MIPA Golf Outing will be held at a new location. Clear your calendars on Friday, August 26th for a 9am shotgun start at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon. We also have lots of sponsorship opportunities and are super excited to get this "ball rolling!"

Keep watching our small but mighty SRA as we grow and flourish, offering tremendous value to our members and showing the parking and mobility community the great things that Michigan has to offer the industry. Let me know if you want to be a part of the things happening at MIPA. We would love to bring you into our community.

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GOLF

TIME

Friday, August 26th at 9 am

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SIGN UP FOR THE
2022 MIPA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING!**

IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE IN THE MIPA!

**Location: Tanglewood
22805 Country Club Drive South Lyon 48178**

Date: August 26th 9:00 am shotgun start

**Price per golfer - \$100*
Fee includes Golf, Chef's Breakfast Special
Box lunch, Golfer Picnic Buffet**

**Sponsorship opportunities are available for the
breakfast, lunch, dinner, golf activities and raffles.**

Visit miparkingassociation.com for more info

MEET OUR 2022 MIPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are proud to announce our 2022 MIPA Board of Directors. As you can see, we have an increase in our board members meaning we see great things on the horizon for our parking association. To read more about each member, click on their name and you will be redirected to the bio on our website.

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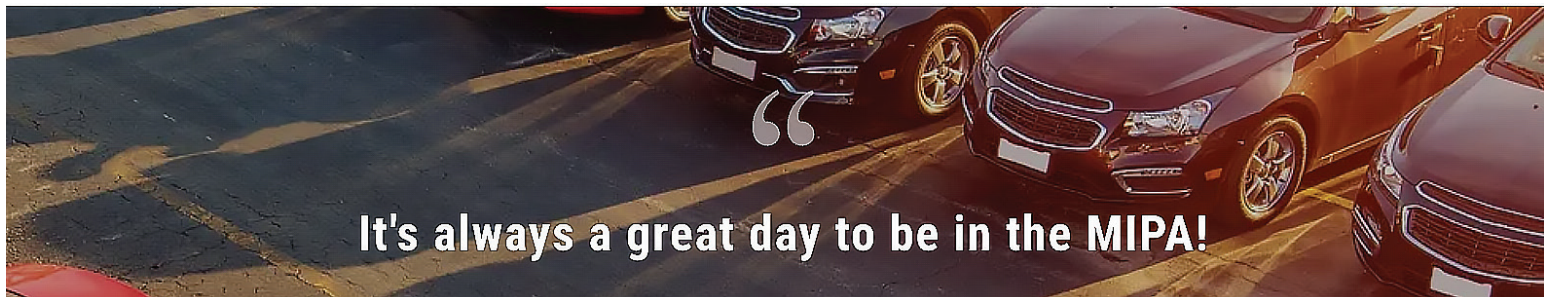
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