

Dr. Steve Dellenback
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I am honored to nominate Dr. Steve Dellenback for the 2025 ITS World Congress Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Dellenback has demonstrated a profound and sustained impact on the global ITS community through his technical leadership, strategic vision, and tireless advocacy. As a long-standing member of the ITS World Congress Board of Directors—serving for over a decade—and currently as the International Program Chair for ITS America, he has helped shape the international dialogue on emerging transportation technologies. His previous seven-year tenure on ITS America’s Board of Directors, including four years as Secretary, reflects his commitment to governance excellence and organizational leadership.

Dr. Dellenback’s technical and intellectual contributions are equally remarkable. He has authored over 45 publications and has been a trusted voice at national and international conferences, serving as session planner, presenter, and moderator at ITS World Congress events as well as ITS Asia, ERTICO, and ITS America meetings. His leadership extended to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Transforming Transportation Advisory Committee, where he chaired the AI Subcommittee from 2024 to 2025, helping to define the future of artificial intelligence in mobility. A recognized standards leader, he is a voting member of the NTCIP Joint Committee and the TMDD Steering Committee, further cementing his influence on the foundational infrastructure of intelligent transportation.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Dellenback has led more than 75 programs for both government and commercial clients—In the ITS industry this has ranged from large statewide integrated transportation systems to cutting-edge automated vehicle initiatives. He is an outstanding organizational leader, a respected thought leader, and a tireless champion for the transformative potential of ITS. His contributions have advanced the ITS vision both within the community and across broader public and private sectors, making him exceptionally deserving of this lifetime honor.

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