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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Right now, I think it's an exciting time to be a transportation engineer/planner! Last year, the federal government enacted a funding plan taking us into the next millenium. Illinois's governor and legislature is considering the largest infrastructure bill in state history. The economy is strong. Employment is up. (Just come to one of the Section luncheons to see the number of new faces!). We have new tools to deal with the ever increasing levels of congestion, such as, Intelligent Transportation Systems, microscopic simulation models, and communication technology.

While we look forward to the future, three of our section members have recently been appointed as Life Members of the Institute of Transportation Engineers in recognition of their long service (25 years) to the profession. They are:

- **Ronald Havel, P.E.** - Vice-President of H.W. Lochner
- **Elizabeth McLean, P.E.** - President of EJM Engineering
- **Harold Rowbottom** - Past IL Section President and Past President's Award winner

The Section will present a special certificate to each new life member at an upcoming meeting.

Section members who are interested in taking the Professional Traffic Operation Engineer exam should note that November 6th, 1999, Saturday, has been tentatively set for an exam in the Chicago area. More details to follow. The 1998 Illinois Section Annual Report to International ITE can be found on our web site ([www.ilite.org](http://www.ilite.org)) summarizing the section's activities for last year.

I hope to see you at Maggiano's on the 20th when **Jim Stahlecker** and **Mike Magnusen** talk about the Algonquin Road and Route 31 Congestion Mitigation Feasibility Study.

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## **ITE - Illinois Section Joint May Luncheon with Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS)**

### **Please Join Us at Maggiano's!**

- Date:** Thursday, May 20, 1999
- Time:** Reception at 11:30 A.M.  
Luncheon promptly at Noon
- Speakers:** Jim Stahlecker (McHenry County Highway Department) and Mike Magnusen (Civiltech)
- Topic:** Illinois Routes 62/31 Congestion Mitigation Feasibility Study
- Location:** Maggiano's  
516 North Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois
- Reservations:** Please call Kim Kolody at (773) 693-3800 ext. 245 or Javier Millan at (847) 518-9990 on or before May 17, 1999.
- Cost:** \$25 per person  
(\$12 for students)
- Next Month:** Joseph Ferrezza (Chicago Motor Speedway) and Robert DuBoe (Metro Transportation Group, Inc.) - "The New Chicago Motor Speedway"

Illinois Section Joint June Luncheon with the American Public Works Association (APWA) - Chicago City Branch  
Thursday, June 17, 1999  
Maggiano's on Clark





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## ITE - ILLINOIS SECTION MAY LUNCHEON PREVIEW

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This month's ITE luncheon is a joint meeting with the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS). The topic for the meeting is on the Illinois Route 62/31 Congestion Mitigation Feasibility Study. The speakers are **Jim Stahlecker** with the McHenry County Highway Department and **Mike Magnusen** with Civiltech Engineering, Inc.

Southeast McHenry County is one of the region's fastest growing areas. With a total of 51,000 vehicles passing through this intersection a day, the goal of the study was to analyze all possible alternatives to relieving traffic congestion today and for future growth. From 15 alternatives, one was selected as the preferred alternative, which now is in the Phase 1 process.

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## A NOTE FROM THE ACTIVITIES GROUP DIRECTOR

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I would like to thank **Jack Tone** with Parsons Brinckerhoff for his work in the Illinois Section over the last several years. With his current workload, he is stepping down as the Program Committee chairman. For those of you who are aware, Jack was the Program Committee as he lined up our speakers at the monthly meeting. Thanks again, Jack.

I now would like to welcome two new committee members for the Activities Group. **Professor David Boyce** with the University of Illinois at Chicago and **Kim Kolody** with CH2MHILL. They both will be working on the Program committee and Kim will also be helping out with the House Committee. As always, let me know if you are interested in getting involved with the Section.

**Jeff Young** - Activities Group Director  
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## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

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As summer approaches, you may want to hop on your bike and enjoy the nice weather and many bicycle trails and paths throughout Chicagoland. The first website provides information on the City of Chicago's improvements to the city's bicycle facilities. Also included are bicycle highlights of *Bicycle Magazine's* comments towards the city's bicycle initiative. You may also find the Bike 2000 Plan outlining the City of Chicago's movement to increase the number of bicycle lanes and paths throughout the city. This is all found at:

<http://www.ci.chi.il.us/WorksMart/Transportation/Bikes/>

If this site peaks your interest, then please check out the following site regarding the 8th Annual Bike Week.

<http://www.ci.chi.il.us/WorksMart/SpecialEvents/html/BikeWeek.html>

Featured events include **Mayor Richard Daley's** Lakefront Bike Ride on Friday, May 14th and Bike to Work Day on Monday, May 17th.



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## TRANSPORTATION RELATED PRESS RELEASE

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### 01/20/99 - Interchange Feasibility Studies Summary Report

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority released an executive summary of its Interchange feasibility Studies Summary Report, a proactive response to interest in new access by either the Authority, local officials, or the business communities along the Tri-State, East-West, and Northwest Tollways.

The northern Illinois region has grown dramatically in the last two decades, and the Tollway has responded in the past with construction of new interchanges to provide direct access to major population and employment centers. These recently completed studies provide initial information on the viability of new interchanges to serve continuing regional growth. The study began by determining whether the interchanges were physically and operationally feasible. There were twenty-six locations considered, with six locations found to be not technically feasible and dropped from further consideration. Those found unfeasible include Meacham Road on the Northwest Tollway (I-90), and Central Road, Archer Avenue, 88th Avenue, Cermak Road, and 135th St. (Pulaski Road) on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Some of the other issues considered in the study include:

- Projected traffic demand
- Potential environmental and community impacts of a new interchange
- How much right-of-way will be necessary
- Estimated project costs, including projected new revenue and possible financial shortfall

The information in the feasibility study will assist the Authority in working with community leaders and officials to determine which interchanges could be implemented in the future. The Authority will continue to focus attention on infrastructure preservation, and expects that limited funds will be available in the future for new interchanges.

For more information about this press release, please contact **Rena Mack** at the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority or visit their website at:

<http://www.illinoistollway.com>.



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## **Illinois Section ITE Baseball Outing**

TAKE ITE OUT TO THE BALLGAME! It's sign-up time! As promised in last month's issue, here are the details for the Illinois Section, ITE summer event:

**THE DATE:** Friday, July 23, 1999

**THE PLACE:** The new Schaumburg Baseball Stadium

**THE TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

Action starts promptly at 6:00 P.M., with an All-Star Pre-Game Picnic on stadium grounds. The meal will include one (1) specialty sandwich, all-you-can eat hot dogs, all-you-can eat chips and cookies, a soda. For the picnic, beer is extra, and tickets must be pre-purchased separately to get beer in the picnic area. So, if you think you want to drink, please indicate how much you may want on the sign-up form, so we can include this when we make our reservations.

The singing of the National Anthem will mark the end of the picnic. Game time is set for 7:20 P.M. If you can't make it for the picnic, then come and join us for the game!

This event is open to family and friends so bring the whole gang! The price will be approximately \$18.00 per person, which includes the picnic (excluding beer tickets), game tickets and lots of fun! Free parking is provided on the west and south sides of the stadium. If taking the train is more your style, then arrive at the Schaumburg Railroad Station and walk across the parking lot to the stadium.

The picnic area is on the north end of the stadium, however you must go through the stadium to get there. So, park your car, enter the stadium and follow the signs to the picnic area.

Come check out the new game in town! Let's root for the Home-team, as they battle the Winnipeg Goldeyes, Friday, July 23!

We have to make our reservations by mid-June, so send your slips (**see next page**) in now, mark your calendars, and plan on joining us for some summer fun!





**Baseball Outing Sign-up Sheet**

**Illinois Section ITE Baseball Outing at:**

Schaumburg Stadium  
1999 S. Springinsguth Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60193

Please return the bottom portion of this form, with payment, no later than **Friday, June 18, 1999.**

Mail to:

**Mary Leising**  
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**Hanover Park, Illinois 60103**

**Tel. (630) 213-1000**  
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Please indicate the number that will be attending the picnic and game, or just the game. If you will need beer tickets for the picnic, please indicate how many you think you will need. (Each ticket is good for one beer.) Make sure to include yourself in the number attending!

Return this portion by **Friday, June 18, 1999.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list the best place to reach you at.)

	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Picnic & Game (\$17.50/person)	_____	_____
Picnic Beer Tickets (\$2.50/each)	_____	_____
Game Only (\$6.50/person)	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Make checks payable to: **Illinois Section ITE**



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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### TRAFFIC ENGINEER & SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Metro Transportation Group, Inc. has an opening for a Senior Traffic Engineer. Growth at Metro calls for a BSCE or related field with four to eight years of experience in conducting traffic impact analyses and other traffic engineering/planning studies. Duties call for experience in managing projects, budgets, clients and directing others to assist. Must be able to make presentations to public bodies and have the ability to negotiate with public agencies. A good understanding and use of HCS, PASSER II AND III, TRANSYT-7F, TEAPAC and other traffic engineering software is desirable. Illinois PE required or ability to obtain within one year.

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Please mail, Fax, or e-mail cover letter and resume to:

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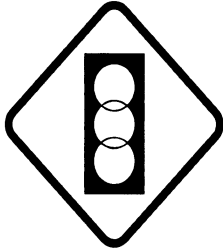
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**ITE ILLINOIS SECTION CALENDAR**

May 20	ITE - Illinois Section Joint <b>May</b> Luncheon With Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS)
May 27	Deadline for advertisements and articles for June's issue of <i>ITEMS</i>
June 9 - 11	District IV Annual Meeting - Branson, Missouri
June 17	ITE - Illinois Section Joint <b>June</b> Luncheon With The American Public Works Association (APWA) - Chicago City Branch
July 23	Illinois Section ITE Baseball Outing at Schaumburg Stadium

Events are always welcome for this calendar, please contact the *ITEMS* Editors.



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