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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I thought this month might be a good time to let the membership know what your section is doing for you. As you may know, we have a very active and dedicated group of people who volunteer their time and energy to serve you. I think you all know what the officers do so I will dispense with acknowledging them. However, we have many committee members who deserve recognition for their contributions.

The Activities Group, directed by **Jeff Young**, schedules our monthly luncheons, arranges for speakers at these luncheons and arranges special events such as our basketball tournament, golf outing and baseball outing. In addition, this group is responsible for having all of the awards prepared.

The Operations Group, directed up by **David Boyce**, tackles the monumental task of updating the membership directory, preparing this monthly newsletter, getting advertisers, maintaining our web site and preparing membership certificates.

The Public Affairs Group, directed by **Todd Fagen**, coordinates conference activities, coordinates activities with other organizations and monitors various legislative activities.

The Student Affairs Group, directed by **Javier Millan**, runs our student scholarship program, helps students find jobs as interns and coordinates activities with student chapters.

The Technical Group, directed by **Jim Powell**, direct the various technical activities of the section. One of the key projects currently under way is a review of the Stop Sign Warrants.

The various committees and members serving on those committees can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

In addition to those group listed above, many of our members are involved in activities relating to the upcoming District IV Conference to be held in Chicago this year. This effort is being coordinated by **Bob Grady**, a past president of the section.

Finally, in preparation for next year's International Conference to be held in Chicago, we need many of you to volunteer your time to serve on various committees. This process in being directed by **John LaPlante** and **Jim Morton**. Please say yes when they ask for your help.

Your President

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ITE - ILLINOIS SECTION *Please Join Us At Maggiano's!*

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2000

Time: Reception at 11:30 A.M.
Luncheon promptly at Noon

Topic: City of Chicago Lakefront Busway

Speaker: Joseph Voldrich
Project Manager
CDOT Bureau of Highways

Location: Maggiano's
516 N. Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

Reservations: Please call Steve Loveland or Joe Emry at (630) 773-3900 on or before March 20, 2000.

Cost: \$25 per person
(\$12 for students)

Next Month: Illinois Section Luncheon

Topic: Wacker Drive Reconstruction

Maggiano's in downtown
Chicago on April 20, 2000



WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

This month's featured website involves an emerging trend in land development and how it relates to our transportation needs. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) relates to characteristics of land use-transportation interaction and development focused within a ½ mile of transit stations. With increasing traffic congestion in the Chicagoland region, clusters of development in the near proximity of a transit station may reduce the number of vehicle trips generated by new development among other positive impacts.

Included in the "Initiatives & Programs" section of the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) website is Transit-Oriented Development. Included are descriptions of RTA's means of advocating TOD and how to get more informational material via telephone or e-mail.

<http://www.rtachicago.com/programs/tod.asp>

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Illinois Section is pleased to welcome the following new Affiliate Member to the Section:

Xin Tian – Wilbur Smith Associates

Congratulations to our new member of the Illinois Section! Please feel free to join any standing committees (see the back of the *ITEMS* for phone numbers) or if you want to create your own committee, call **Dominick Gatto** at (312) 782-1255.



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TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Metro Transportation Group, Inc. (Metro) has an opening for a Traffic Engineer with a B.S.C.E. or related field with three to six years of experience in conducting traffic engineering/planning studies. Duties call for experience in managing projects, budgets and directing others. A good understanding and use of HCS, Passer II & III, TEAPAC and other traffic engineering software is desirable.

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PUBLIC AGENCY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

I am writing to invite you to review the inaugural edition of "From the Public Realm" ITE's Public Agency Council (PAC) newsletter. Articles in this edition of the Realm include:

- ITE Endorses Public Agency Needs
- Why a Public Agency Council
- Agency Spotlight - City of San Jose Department of Streets and Traffic
- Affiliated Governmental Agency Membership
- Public Agency News

The PAC's new 2000 Chair, David Gerard, City of Austin and Vice Chair, Steve Hogan, City of Scottsdale also invite you to join the new Council at this time. To make joining easy, an application form is included as part of the newsletter. The PAC will be working to identify, develop and deliver relevant products on management, leadership, organizational, institutional and related issues affecting ITE members in their employment in or interaction with the Public Sector.

Projects already under development by the PAC include:

- Development of a Special Edition of the ITE Journal to examine Leadership and Management from the Public Agency perspective.
- Creation of Leadership and Management seminars at both the ITE International Conference in Irvine, CA in April and ITE's 2000 Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN in August.
- Creation of sessions at the International Conference and Annual Meeting.
- Sponsorship of a Public Agency Executive Forum at the 2000 Annual Meeting.
- Publishing of at least 2 Newsletters during 2000.

Each of ITE's Councils is only as strong as the foundation its members create. ITE is built upon individual members being willing to volunteer their time and energy, and their knowledge and expertise. The body of knowledge that ITE has developed, from standards to recommended practices to information reports reflects that volunteer effort. The quality of our professional and ability to serve the public will rest in turn on that body of knowledge and the ways we share it.

I know that you will find the information in the PAC newsletter useful and hope you will use this opportunity to join the Public Agency Council. "From

the Public Realm" is available for viewing and /or downloading with Adobe Acrobat at:

<http://www.ite.org/pdf/PAC1099.pdf>.

Thank you.

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PACE DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

Please be advised that the Pace Development Guidelines are now available on our web site at <http://www.pacebus.com>. To access the Guidelines once on our home page, click on 'about pace' then scroll down and select the documents icon (file cabinet). The Guidelines provide data on our standard 40 foot coach, turning templates, suggested bus stop waiting area improvements and turnouts as well as suggested development scenarios that enhance transit service. The document is written for use by engineers, planners, architects, developers, and the public as well as private sectors. The entire document is mounted so you can print any section. A comment page and request for mylar turning template is also included. We want this document to be useful so we welcome remarks. Future additions or revisions can be added as needed.

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**FOR
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**Steven D. Hofener,
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President,
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Oklahoma City, OK, USA**

I am honored to be a candidate for International Vice President of ITE. I have been involved with ITE since the 1960's as a second-generation ITE member, and my love and passion for the Institute are strong! I recognize that while the nomination is an honor, it is just the beginning of a long journey. ITE, much like a large ship, is on course. However, all ships require a team and a captain to navigate. My proven leadership experience, knowledge of the Institute, and knowledge of the profession will allow me to continue to keep ITE on course and at the forefront of our profession. The following is my itinerary for the journey.

GOALS

The Board of Directors has made many changes in the Institute in the past five years. My primary goal would be to continue the work already started by others without creating pressure for increased dues. I would propose four additional goals:

Goal 1: "Telling our Story"

We provide a great service to our clients--the public. We enhance their mobility and tremendously improve safety. Yet, most of the public is unaware of our work. I propose that we develop a comprehensive plan to promote our profession and "Tell our Story." Activities include working with a professional public relations firm to develop a plan, which puts the successes of our profession in public view. This includes better use of press releases, better training on dealing with the press, working with television news magazines to develop stories of human interest, and other recommendations the experts may make. A second part of "Telling our Story" is to continue to increase communications with Districts, Sections, and Chapters about the work of the Institute.

Goal 2: International

Our International membership is very important to the Institute. Strides have been made to improve service to both our Canada members in District 7 and our International members in District 8. I propose that we improve our service to these members by; 1) budgeting and encouraging ITE staff attendance at International meetings for support of the members; 2) continuing to promote annual meeting locations in Canada and outside North America; and 3) continuing to develop an electronic membership and increase electronic services for District 8 members.

Goal 3: Leadership and Volunteerism

The Institute is only as great as its volunteers and leaders. We must constantly strive to increase the number of volunteers working on behalf of the Institute. We must also identify and provide opportunities for early involvement of future leaders. To accomplish this goal, I propose to develop and implement leadership training. The training should be broad enough to help individuals not only become leaders in the Institute, but in their professional lives as well. I would also propose that we integrate outgoing leaders at the District and Section levels into important activities at the International level.

Goal 4: Reintegration of Experienced Leaders

A tremendous resource of the Institute is lying dormant. There are many experienced past ITE leaders who are no longer active. While I was President of MOVITE, we invited all past presidents to an anniversary meeting, with special activities for them. This was tremendously successful. I would propose that during my year as President, all Districts, Sections, Chapters, and the Institute itself have a reunion year. All past presidents would be invited to participate in a meeting, with special activities focusing on their value to ITE. Programs would be developed to provide a gathering place for these experienced leaders at future meetings and activities planned to get them involved again in the Institute. I would encourage all Districts, Sections, and Chapters to form advisory committees consisting of past presidents. This group of experienced leaders is an untapped asset for the mentor program and training for all of our members.



SERVICE TO ITE

I began attending International meetings in the 1960's with my father, Hal Hofener, who was Chief Traffic Engineer for the State of Oklahoma. I joined ITE in 1976, and since that time, I have devoted my professional energies to supporting the Institute. My Institute activities include:

Coordinating Council

- Member as Vice Chair and Chair of Consultants Council 1997-Present.

Specialty Councils

- Consultant's Council Chair - Present
- Consultant's Council Vice-Chair 1997-99
- Consultant's Council Executive Committee 1995-Present
- Annual ITE Keynote Speaker Selection 1998-Present

Committees

- Legislative and Policy Committee 1990-Present
- Chair of Policy Committee 1992-1994
- Traffic Engineering Certification Advisory Committee 1997-1998
- Annual Meeting Committee 1997
- Annual Meeting Technical Program Committee 1998-Present
- ITE Quick Response Team 1997-Present
- Volunteerism Committee 1998
- Consultants Council Update Editor 1997-Present
- ITE 75-3 Work Zone Traffic Control Devices 1985-1992

AWARDS

- Outstanding Transportation Engineer of the Year - MOVITE Section 1999
- Fred Burggraf Award for 1978 presented by Transportation Research Board
- TEXITE Outstanding Student Award, 2nd Place ITE Student Paper Competition 1977

PUBLICATIONS

I have published numerous papers throughout my career on a variety of Traffic and Transportation subjects.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Oklahoma State University, 1975
- Masters of Engineering, Traffic and Transportation, Texas A&M University, 1977
- Graduate Work, University of Oklahoma, 1991
- Registered Professional Engineer in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas
- Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I have practiced as a Traffic Engineer for the past 23 years. I have worked for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Texas Transportation Institute-Texas A&M University, the City of Oklahoma City as a Traffic Engineer and as Chief Traffic Engineer, and in the consulting business as founder and partner in Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc. My experience is broad and varied, including all types of traffic studies, signal design, planning activities, freeway design, expert witnessing, and safety studies. I have extensive experience with public hearings and meetings and have worked with or for all levels of government agencies.

TIME COMMITMENT

A substantial time commitment is necessary to serve in the top leadership roles of ITE. My past experience with ITE demonstrates my commitment to the Institute. If I am elected, my two partners have agreed to handle the additional corporate workload. Both of my children are in college, and my wife can travel with me. I pledge the necessary time and energy to serve the Institute well.

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A Strong Leader
to Keep ITE
on Course!**



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Technical program includes presentations on:

- Millennium Park, an ambitious extension of Grant Park made possible by decking over operating commuter rail, expanding parking and creating an exclusive bus link with McCormick Place
- Illinois/Grand Transportation Management Association, a partnership created to manage growth in the corridor
- ITS, transit and site planning initiatives throughout the Midwest

Social program includes:

- Golf outing at a public course along the Lake, a short ride from the hotel
- Architectural river cruise (see above)
- Free evenings to enjoy the Taste of Chicago, area attractions and fine dining

Technical tours of Millennium Park and the Illinois/Grand corridor

Plan now to join our holiday celebration. Extended stays are also recommended!

For additional information, contact:

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ITE ILLINOIS SECTION CALENDAR

March 16-17	Midwest Traffic Engineering and Parking Seminar Brandywine Holiday Inn Peoria, Illinois Sponsored by Bradley University
March 23	ITE - Illinois Section March Luncheon – Maggiano's
April 6	Deadline for advertisements and articles for April issue of <i>ITEMS</i>
April 20	ITE - Illinois Section April Luncheon – Maggiano's

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

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