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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start the second half of my term as President, I would like to look back at our accomplishments in the first half and look forward to the balance of the year.

- Our membership has increased to 370 members and 109 Section Affiliates.
- Our financial condition is excellent with a balance of funds on hand of \$24,617.57.
- **Jim Morton** was presented with the Past President's Award.
- **Mark Debowski** received the \$2,000 Student Scholarship Award.
- We contributed \$750 to ITE's Millenium Fund, \$250 to Engineer's Week and \$300 in honorariums.
- We hosted the 34th Annual District IV Conference.
- We are in the process of planning the 2001 International Conference.
- The Stop Sign Warrant Study has been completed and is currently under review before it goes to the board for approval.
- Our monthly meetings have had excellent attendance, good technical programs and, of course good food.
- The quality and content of our monthly newsletter (*ITEMS*) has improved significantly.
- Made *ITEMS* available on our website and send it out via E-mail saving a significant amount of money.
- Working on getting our membership directory on our website.
- Our special events (the joint canoe trip with ASCE and the Schaumburg Flyers outing) were well attended.

Given the heavy workloads we have all been under, I sincerely appreciate everyone's efforts.

In the second half, I would like the board to:

- Encourage the membership to contribute technical articles for our monthly newsletter. This seems to be one element lacking in what I believe to be an excellent publication.
- Encourage the *ITEMS* editors to continue to submit *ITEMS* to the Newsletter Contest committee. With good technical articles and a little tweaking, I believe they can win the contest.

- Get more involved in Legislative issues affecting our profession.
- Encourage the Technical Group to move forward with their activities.
- Provide whatever assistance is necessary to the 2001 Conference Committee.

I believe we accomplish the above in the second half of the year with little effort.

As one last note, in the July/August issue of *ITEMS*, we acknowledged all of the individuals who contributed their time and effort to put the District IV conference together. Unfortunately, we neglected to include **Amalia Baymundo** and wish to acknowledge her contributions at this time.

Your President

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## ITE - Illinois Section Luncheon

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

- Date:** Thursday, September 21, 2000
- Time:** Reception at 11:30 A.M.  
Luncheon promptly at Noon
- Speaker:** **Bob Seyfried**  
Director of Transportation Engineering  
Northwestern University – Center for  
Public Safety (formerly The Traffic  
Institute)
- Topic:** Traffic Engineering in the People's  
Republic of China
- Location:** Maggiano's (in the "Wine Cellar")  
516 North Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois
- Reservations:** Please call Steve Loveland or Joe Emry  
at (630) 773-3900 or fax at (630) 773-  
3975 on or before September 18, 2000.
- Cost:** \$25 per person (\$12 for students)
- Next Month:** Illinois Section October Luncheon on  
October 19, 2000.

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## WHAT ITE DID ON ITS SUMMER VACATION...

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On August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois ITE Section set sail along with members from ASCE on the Fox River near Wedron, Illinois. The clouds cleared as the sun provided a beautiful day on the river. The 12 mile journey began rather ambitiously as the canoeists rowed for the first 1/2 hour. We soon realized that we were going about things all wrong. After coming upon some experienced oarsmen, we discovered that we were working too hard. We quickly tied the canoes together, laid back, and coasted for a couple of hours.

It got pretty treacherous a couple of times as one canoe was almost tipped due to improper splashing techniques;



and it didn't take long before some of the party was lost overboard. Snacks and drinks were provided in addition to what people brought for themselves for lunch. A picnic area was available half way for a pit stop and a chance to stretch our sea legs.

After lunch...it was pretty much more of the same. The views began to change as we headed further south and high cliffs towered over the river. We found a lookout point that provided a fantastic view. The only problem was that the elevator was out of order and we had to improvise to get back down.

By the end of the day, everyone had a great time and were already looking to do the trip again next year. Thanks to ASCE and everyone who came and made the day fun.

By the way, the search party is still looking for the folks from HDR.



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## TRANSPORTATION RELATED PRESS RELEASES

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### 08/28/2000 - GOVERNOR RELEASES \$6.1 MILLION IN ILLINOIS FIRST FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF CTA LINES

SPRINGFIELD, IL - **Governor George H. Ryan** today releases \$6.1 million in Illinois FIRST funds for reconstruction work on two Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) rapid transit commuter lines.

"Both the Brown and Blue lines provide vital transit links for Chicago commuters," Ryan said. "I am pleased that the state can help in modernizing these lines and expanding their facilities to handle more passengers through Illinois FIRST funding support."

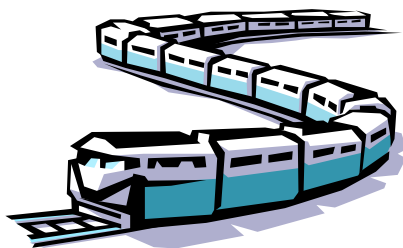
A total of \$3.2 million will fund the final design of 18 platforms on the Brown (Ravenswood) Line to expand their capacity to handle longer trains. Another \$2.9 million will fund both the final design of six elevated stations on the Douglas Branch of the Blue Line to also expand their capacity to handle longer trains and the start of structural work along an old section to improve service and speed. The oldest segment on the Blue Line was built in 1896.

The \$3.2 million state grant announced today brings the state's total contribution for design engineering to \$4.7 million for the Brown Line. The \$2.9 million brings the state's total contribution for design engineering and construction to \$4.4 million for the Blue Line.

Construction on the Blue Line is expected to start in 2001.

For more information about this press release, contact the **Governor's Press Office** at (217) 782-7355 or visit the ILLINOIS FIRST website at:

<http://www.state.il.us/state/ilfirst>



### 08/28/2000 - ILLINOIS FIRST TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TRANSIT IN NORTHLAKE AND PROSPECT HEIGHTS

SPRINGFIELD, IL - **Governor George H. Ryan** today awarded \$1.4 million in Illinois FIRST funds for projects to improve access to public transportation in Northlake and Prospect Heights.

"These projects are essential to enhance the safety and convenience of transit riders and are part of an ongoing effort to make public transportation a more attractive option for suburban commuters," Ryan said. "Illinois FIRST had made it possible for the state to participate and help make communities less congested and more livable."

The state funding includes \$1.2 million to the city of Northlake for construction of sidewalks on Lake Street (U.S. 20), from Wolf Road to 25th Avenue, and along North Avenue (U.S. 64), from Wolf Road to Northwest Avenue. The sidewalks will provide safer and more convenient access to Pace bus stops.

Prospect Heights received \$185,000 for construction of a new commuter rail station on the Metra North Central line. The new station will allow Chicago-bound commuters to board the commuter train without having to cross the tracks. The new station will also be located adjacent to the commuter parking lot.

The Illinois FIRST funds are allocated under Operation Green Light, a program that targets state funds to projects that reduce congestion in urban areas. The sidewalks in Northlake are funded exclusively with Operation Green Light dollars.

Funding for the commuter rail station also includes \$370,000 coming from federal highway funds, including dollars set aside for congestion relief projects under the federal Congestion Management and Air Quality program.

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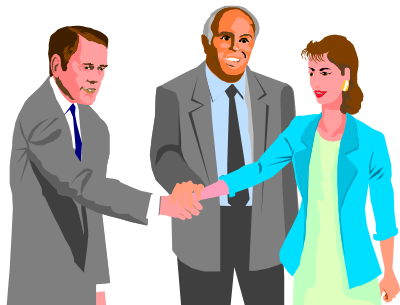
**PLANNING COORDINATOR**

The West Central Municipal Conference, the regional council of governments serving 37 municipalities and townships in west suburban Cook County, seeks a Planning Coordinator. The position involves project management of more than \$1 million in transportation and community enhancement projects in member communities. The ideal candidate will have technical competence in and familiarity with local, state and federal transportation/planning/environmental issues.

A bachelor's degree in urban planning or related field is required; a master's degree is desirable. At least two years of related experience is preferred. Requires thorough knowledge of municipal government; practices and methods applicable to a transportation setting; ability to manage multiple projects; and excellent communication and research skills.

Compensation range is \$30,000 - \$35,000, plus an attractive benefits package.

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## 3rd Annual Four on Four Basketball Tournament

Lace up your sneakers for the **ITE Illinois Section 3rd Annual Four on Four Basketball Tournament**. The event will be held on Saturday, November 4th (10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elmhurst YMCA. Directions are available upon request.) and will again support the **Scholarship Fund**. The cost will be \$15 dollars per player, which may be tax deductible.

Last year, **Team Barton-Aschman** were crowned champions. This year the competition should again be keen when they defend their title.

No gender, age, or height restrictions are required and family and friends are encouraged to attend also. Gatorade will be provided for refreshment.

To sign up, send, e-mail or fax your team line-up to:

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Chicago is hosting the 2001 ITE Annual International meeting, and needs your help to review and evaluate technical paper abstracts. Over 500 abstracts (*not* full papers) will be received this fall, and must be reviewed and ranked for presentation. The goal is to have ~30 reviewers, so that the burden is not too great on any one reviewer. The major effort will take place early this fall, lasting 1-2 months. We may report on the results at the November IL-ITE Meeting.

Topic areas will be: Major Transportation issues, Livable Communities, Transportation Planning, Safety, Systems Management & Operations, Traffic Engineering and Management/Marketing. You can pick the topic area you would like to review.

Just think, your input can be critical to whether that paper on "Stochastic Disaggregate Behavior Demand Modeling" takes precedence over the one on "Queuing Theory Applied to Sequential, Opportunistic Bird Hunters – the Golfers!" In turn, this may influence the next stage of critical transportation research, communications system design, the price of tea in China... the possibilities are endless!

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## ITS Forum 2000 – *Success Stories*

The Wisconsin Section ITE, in conjunction with Marquette University, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, FHWA and ITS Midwest is co-sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Forum – “Success Stories”.

The event will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Marquette University. Program sessions will address challenges associated with planning, deploying, operating and maintaining ITS at regional and national levels. For additional information please contact Todd Szymkowski by telephone at (262) 797-6577 or email at [todd.szymkowski@transcore.com](mailto:todd.szymkowski@transcore.com).

<b>Name of the Event:</b>	ITS Forum 2000 – Success Stories, 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Forum
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, September 27, 2000
<b>Location:</b>	Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Wisconsin Section ITE, Marquette University, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, FHWA, and ITS Midwest.
<b>Main Topics:</b>	Regional and National ITS Success Stories
<b># of attendees expected:</b>	150
<b>Registration Fee:</b>	\$35 (\$15 for students)
<b>Exhibitor / Display Space Fee:</b>	\$200 (includes 1 registration)
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## ITE ILLINOIS SECTION CALENDAR

September 21	ITE - Illinois Section <b>September</b> Luncheon - Maggiano's
September 27	ITS Forum 2000, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 28	Deadline for advertisements and articles for the <b>October</b> issue of <i>ITEMS</i>

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


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