



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Institute of Transportation Engineers was founded in 1930 to be a scientific and educational association of members interested in the planning, design and effective management and operation of surface-transportation systems. In 1947, the Midwest Section was formed, and as the membership grew in the midwestern ten-state area, state sections were organized including the Illinois Section in 1962. The Illinois Section has steadily grown to be one of the leading Sections in ITE with nearly 450 members. The Section's strength and value results from providing excellent technical luncheon/dinner programs, seminars and activities needed by the membership within Illinois.

One of the Section's goals for this year is to outreach to all Section members throughout Illinois with outstanding technical based programs. This year **Reid Fellows** and **John Ellis** are organizing luncheon/dinner programs around the State (that is, not only in downtown Chicago) starting with a program at Bradley University in Peoria. These programs will only be successful with your attendance, so please mark your calendars with the following program dates:

- March 29 Bradley University Traffic Engineering & Parking Seminar, Holiday Inn Brandywine, Peoria
- April 19 Maggiano's in Chicago
- May 17 Maggiano's
- June 28 Maggiano's
- September 20 Maggiano's
- October 18 University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana Traffic and Safety Conference
- November 15 West Suburban Location
- December 20 Maggiano's

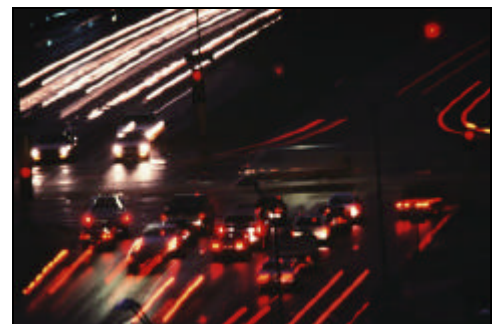
Technical programs are only part of the Section's responsibility to the membership. One recent Board of Directors' action was the approval of the annual budget. The budget is based on historical precedents with on-going programs; however, the Board placed an emphasis on providing the membership with a greater recognizable value. The 2001 Budget, which is published in this newsletter, maintains the Section's commitments and expands member activities.

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ITE – Illinois Section March Meeting To be held in conjunction with the Bradley University Parking and Traffic Seminar!!

**Please Join Us at the Holiday Inn
Brandywine in Peoria, Illinois**

- Date:** Thursday, March 29, 2001
- Time:** Dinner at 7:00 P.M.
- Speaker:** Illinois Department of Transportation – District 4 Engineer
- Location:** Holiday Inn - Brandywine Peoria, Illinois
- Reservations:** For reservations or for further information, contact Joe Emry or Joel Christell at (630) 773-3900 on or before March 23, 2001
- Cost:** \$20 per person
- Next Month:** Illinois Section April Luncheon
Thursday, April 19, 2001
Maggiano's
Chicago, Illinois





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The Board is considering a change in its communications to members, and we need your input on the contemplated change. Members are made aware of Section activities through the website (<http://www.ilite.org>) and this Newsletter mailed monthly. Other ITE sections have found quarterly and some cases semi-annually newsletters to be more effective. Given the breath and regularity of Illinois's programs, this won't do for us. We are thinking about the following communications to improve the awareness of Section activities:

- Regularly update the Web Site
- Mail post cards to all members announcing specific activities such as monthly luncheons, annual meeting, golf outing, technical seminars, etc.
- Publish and mail *ITEMS*, instead of monthly, at the beginning of March, June, September and December of each year.

There are many reasons that **Reid Fellows** and **PK Gandhi** have outlined for this proposal, which you can read about, in an accompanying article in this Newsletter (See Page 3).

Please contact me with your ideas on the programs for the year, the budget, and the possible changes to the Section's communications with you.

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**TRAFFIC SAFETY TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next Illinois Section ITE Traffic Safety Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at Noon in the
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University of Illinois at Chicago
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842 W. Taylor Street
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This is the building located on the northwest corner of Taylor Street and Halsted Street.


All who are interested are invited. Bring a lunch if one desires.

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NEW ROUNDABOUT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FORMING

The Illinois Section is about to form a technical committee on roundabouts to:

- Research and develop resources for professional development, with seminars and preparation of technical reports.
- Disseminate information through meetings, flyers, brochures and other means.

Committee members desirably will be a mix of public and private sector individuals, including academicians. The aim will be to keep abreast of latest developments in operations, design, benefits and costs. Included will be safety impacts and circulation impacts on vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. Another aspect is the different applications of roundabouts, namely, traffic control vs. traffic calming. Ultimately, it is hoped that the committee will participate in shaping policies, practices and standards.

Several activities are occurring both locally and dealing with this "hot" topic. Upcoming local section conferences will address roundabouts, plus there have been a number of national publications/activities, including the FHWA *Roundabout Design Guide*, new materials in the *Highway Capacity Manual 2000* and activities of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Some section members have related involvement through on-going project work.

Think you may be interested? Then plan on attending an initial formation/"brainstorming" meeting immediately after the April Illinois Section meeting (Thursday, April 19, 2001 at Maggiano's - Chicago). If you have any questions, or wish to suggest other directions for the committee before then, please contact **Dorin Fera** at 630-213-1000 or df@metrotransportation.com.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ITEMS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

As the Illinois Section membership is well aware, *ITEMS* is published 11 times per year. This equates to about one (1) issue per month. The reason we have published it so frequently is to let the Section know of the upcoming events later in the month or the near future. Every effort was made to mail (by regular mail or by e-mail) the issues prior to the monthly luncheons to announce the meeting location and speakers.

Consequently, the frequency of the issues and the burden of keeping the publication schedule have made it difficult to solicit technical articles. As mentioned in the President's message, producing the *ITEMS* four (4) times per year would give additional time to the publishers and article contributors and help maintain a high quality newsletter. The proposed schedule may also give us a better opportunity in the national ITE newsletter competition.

The Board is still committed to keeping the Section abreast of current Section news and events. The website, emails and postcard mailings in between the proposed quarterly *ITEMS* issues would serve as a means of filling the gap.

The Board would like input from the Section members regarding the proposed change. Please contact any Board member and share your thoughts with us. Our phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the back page of this month's issue.

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ITE ILLINOIS SECTION CALENDAR

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| March 29 & 30 | Traffic Engineering & Parking Seminar (Peoria, Illinois) |
| March 29 | ITE - Illinois Section March Dinner Holiday Inn Brandywine - (Peoria, Illinois) 7:00 P.M. |
| March 29 | Deadline for advertisements and articles for the April issue of <i>ITEMS</i> |
| April 19 | ITE – Illinois Section April Luncheon - Maggiano's |
| May 17 | ITE – Illinois Section May Luncheon – Maggiano's |
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| October 18 | University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana Traffic and Safety Conference |
| November 15 | ITE – Illinois Section November Luncheon – West Suburban Location (TBD) |
| December 20 | ITE – Illinois Section December Luncheon – Maggiano's |

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

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