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March Luncheon

Join Us at Wrigley Field

Date: March 28, 2002
Time: Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.
Topic: Wrigley Field Night
 Baseball Operational
 Traffic & Parking Plan
Speakers: Chester Kropidowski
 T.Y. Lin International
 Mark McGuire
 President
 Chicago Cubs
 Robert DuBoe
 Principal
 Metro Transportation Group
Location: The Stadium Club at
 Wrigley Field
 1060 W. Addison
 Chicago, Illinois

For reservations or further information, contact Joel Christell or Joe Emry at 630.773.3900 on or before March 22, 2002.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE.
 NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED**

Cost: \$30 per person

Next Month: Join us for the Illinois Section April Dinner in Peoria on April 3, 2002.

President's Message

Celebrating Engineer's Week

February 17-23 was Engineer's Week and Chicagoland's theme this year is "For Safety Solutions, Count on Engineers". As part of engineer's week. A luncheon was held to celebrate all facets of engineering. David Swain, Senior Vice President for Engineering and Technology at Boeing presented the keynote speech. The Luncheon also recognized youth that participate in programs promoting excellence in mathematics, science and engineering-related skills, such as Future Cities, JETS, Bridge-Building and Mathcounts.

Annual Banquet

In January the section held its annual banquet at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. Thanks to all who helped. Over \$1800 was raised in the Scholarship to enhance our scholarship account. With the amount of money that was raised we are going to be able to finance another scholarship for those students that are our future co-workers. We also presented Ms. Capetta with this year's scholarship award. Thanks to John Mick and Dorin Fera for doing an excellent job on this year's auction!! Also congratulations to Chester Kropidowski on winning this year's joke contest.

Education to Careers

One of the programs ITE is becoming involved with is the Education to Careers Program. Illinois Schools have instituted this program to educate school children (from kindergarten through high school) about their future and potential careers. Professionals can participate by creating education-business partnerships, participated in teacher-business ex-

change programs, speak to students in classes and Career Days and other activities to help prepare students for future career path decisions. ITE can help with this program by trying to educate and inform younger and older children what a transportation engineer does. The section has put together presentations that can be used to discuss transportation engineering, history of transportation engineering. We also have entertaining games and activities to use for different age levels. If anyone is interested in participating in this program, obtaining presentation materials, or if you know of a school that is in need of a speaker, please let me know by sending an e-mail to d-marincic@northwestern.edu.

Yearbook's New Look

We are in the process of updating our Yearbook to a new Section Register and Directory. The new directory will also include the Section Charter and Bylaws. Keep your eyes open for it in the next few months.

For those of you still receiving ITEMS via regular mail, we also offer the same service without having to open to go to the mailbox. You can still receive ITEMS in a timely manner via email. Every month you can receive an email notifying you when it is ready and you can view or print the entire newsletter online. Email yju@hmtb.com to sign up!

UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE YEAR

March

As of press time, final details are still being ironed out for the March meeting. We are hoping to have the unique opportunity to be able to hear about changes at Wrigley Field.

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Final details will be distributed in the next few days

April

The April meeting will be a joint meeting held at the Midwest Traffic and Parking Seminar in Peoria Illinois. This meeting will be a dinner meeting on April 3, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

May

The May meeting will be held May 16 at Maggianos.

June

The District IV meeting will be held in St. Paul this year. The date of the meeting is June 19-21, 2002.

The June Section meeting will be held June 27, 2002.

Please contact me if you have any input or questions about any of the activities of the section.

Your President,

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Did you know?

The first recorded automobile crash in the United States occurred in New York City in 1896, when a motor vehicle collided with a bicycle rider. In 1999, there were 51,000 bicyclists injured in highway crashes in the United States.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

2002 Annual Banquet Wrap Up

Well, because of the quarterly schedule for ITEMS, the ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet wrap-up is a little later than usual. Better late than never, right?

This year, we saw the return of **John "Tex" Mick** as the emcee after his one year hiatus. John, as usual did a great job of keeping everyone entertained! The musical stylings of **Tom Kaeser** and the **Lew Concklin Singers** also made the evening extremely enjoyable! But the big surprise of the evening was **Chester Kropidowski** besting everyone in the joke competition! How does he do it?!



John Mick also served as the auctioneer for the Scholarship Fund auction. Among some of the big ticket items auctioned off this year were customizable street signs, two operational traffic signals and Chicago Cubs tickets. All in all, we were able to raise \$1,770.00 for the scholarship fund. Many thanks go out to **Dorin Fera** for coordinating the auction.

The door prizes given away by the Section this year were two tickets to a Chicago Blackhawk's game (a \$60 value), a \$50 gift certificate to Second City, two tickets to Blue Man Group (a \$110 value) and a \$25 gift certificate to Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

A thank you to **Joe Emry, Joel Christell, John Sauter** and **Dominick Gatto** for your help behind the banquet scenes.

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Legislative Issues

National

President Bush release his FY03 budget request on Feb. 5. The administration has requested \$59.3 Billion for the U.S. DOT. To view President Bush's transportation budget request go to:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2003/bud21.html>

On Feb. 7, leaders of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee introduced HR 3694, the "Highway Funding Restoration Act." The bipartisan bicameral legislation seeks to correct the highway-funding shortfall caused by decreases in gas-tax revenue. The legislation offsets reductions in highway funding presented in President Bush's FY03 transportation budget request by amending TEA-21 and setting program funding at \$27.746 billion in FY03. This funding level restores \$4.4 billion to the proposed budget request as authorized in TEA-21. The additional funds are to be distributed according to the TEA-21 formula, thereby ensuring that all 50 states receive their fair share. By allowing state highway projects to continue forward, the legislation's cosponsors estimate that more than 180,000 jobs will be saved.

While this legislation has gained wide support in the House and Senate and within the transportation industry, the Bush administration is not considering spending down the Highway Trust Fund to compensate for the FY03 funding shortfall. It is likely that the administration will seek to address funding fluctuations caused by Revenue aligned budget authority (RABA) during the TEA-21 re-authorization process. Increased funding for FY03 has become a critical issue because that funding level will likely be the baseline figure for determining funding levels in the reauthorized bill.

To view statements from members of the House of Representatives regarding the "highway Funding Restoration Act," and a state-by-state breakdown of highway funding increases under the bill, go to:

<http://www.house.gov/transportation/press/press2002/release178.html>

The Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board recently released a report entitled, "Critical Issues in Transportation 2002." The substantive report identifies 14 critical challenges that face users and providers of transportation services. The report can be found at:

http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/trnews/2002_critical_issues_article

The 2000 edition of the Highway Statistics report is available. The annual publication contains information on U.S. road and highway users, including statistical data on motor fuel, motor vehicles, driver licensing, highway-user taxation, state and local highway finance, highway mileage, federal-aid for highways, tables and charts from the 1995 Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey, and international data. Published copies of the report will be available in March by writing to the Office of Highway Policy Information, FHWA, Room 3306, 400 7th St., SW Washington, DC 20590. The report can be viewed at:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ohim/hs00/index.htm>

State of Illinois

Introduced House Bill 5942 amends the Illinois Municipal Code. The bill repeals a section that allows a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more to acquire property for airport purposes. Effective immediately.

Introduced House Bill 5948 amends the Motor Fuel and Petroleum Standards Act. Beginning January 1, 2005, all gasoline sold or offered for sale at retail in this State for use in cars or trucks upon the highways of this State must contain at least 7.7% ethanol according to the bill.

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Statement From Candidate For International Vice President



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Following is a short synopsis of my goals for ITE and my qualifications to lead the Institute.

GOALS

The primary responsibility of leadership is to keep ITE fiscally strong with services that meet the needs of our membership. My goals if elected would be accomplished within the current fiscal framework without increasing pressure to raise dues

Goal 1: "Changing Priorities"

A variety of factors require adaptation to changing needs. It is important that ITE is able to quickly respond to these changing priorities. The changing priorities directly relate to the needs of our membership. ITE should be able to support our members with the necessary resources to expeditiously address key issues as they arise. This goal includes issues of concern to all members including U.S., Canadian, and International members.

Goal 2: Improving Our Image

The transportation profession enhances the mobility and safety of our clients worldwide on a daily basis. Yet most of the public does not know or understand what we do. Improving the transportation professional's image was a campaign goal of mine in 2000 and will continue to be a goal. I have had input by participating on the Executive Committee and Board of Direction on initial efforts in this area. Through recommendations of a special committee on which I served, a video on neighborhood traffic issues is underway. A new staff member with public relations expertise has been added and the Board has included line item funding for public relations. I would continue to promote activities at the International level that would enhance the overall image of transportation professionals.

Goal 3: Student Chapter Support

There has been a shortage of qualified transportation professionals. ITE's best link to promoting the profession is through the ITE student chapters at the universities. The student chapters are also a source of new Associate members to the Institute. It is paramount that we attract quality students to the transportation profession. I propose to support programs that encourage student participation in ITE. I would continue successful ongoing programs including first year dues exemption for students, student participation at annual meetings, and scholarship programs – all of which I provided input. I would continue to seek new programs that would enhance student services.

Goal 4: Member Service

The most important goal of ITE should be to meet the needs of all of our members. Programs that help non-U.S. members should be explored. We should continue efforts to increase our international membership through electronic memberships and electronic services. There are unique needs for Canadian members. Two examples are technical publications that address applications in Canada, and unique governmental issues. For all members we should continue to strive to implement training and mentoring with past leaders and to promote support to Chapter, Section and District activities.

SERVICE TO ITE

I have devoted my professional energies to supporting the Institute. My Institute activities include participating on the Executive Board, the Board of Direction, serving on the Coordinating Council from 1997 to present, Vice Chair and Chair of the Consultants Council from 1997 to present, Legislative and Policy Committee from 1990 to 2000, and numerous other committees within the Institute.

Do you have employment opportunities?

Advertise your job opening in *ITEMS*. Contact your *Items* editor for information.

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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

B.S.C.E Oklahoma State University, 1975
 M.E. Texas A&M University, 1977
 Graduate Work, University of Oklahoma, 1991
 P.E. in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas
 P.T.O.E. 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I have practiced as a Traffic Engineer for the past 26 years. I have worked for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Texas Transportation Institute-Texas A&M University, the City of Oklahoma City and in the consulting field as founder and partner in Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc.



ITE 2002 SPRING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Today's Transportation Challenge: Meeting Our Customer's Expectations

Transportation professionals are being called upon today to provide travelers with safe, secure and reliable transportation systems, while simultaneously maintaining the livability of our communities. The tragic events of September 11, 2001 have highlighted the urgent need of transportation professionals and their organizations for tools, data, and analyses to meet these objectives.

To achieve these goals, transportation professionals must work to:

Manage and operate the transportation system to minimize delay caused by increasing traffic volumes and incidents; Reduce the number and severity of crashes and their impact on individuals and society; and Minimize the impact that growing transportation systems and increasing numbers of users have on communities.

The conference program is devoted to providing you with the information you need to meet today's special challenges in light of the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, DC.

Learn from the experiences of others. Hear from preeminent transportation professionals and leaders in allied disciplines. Enjoy opportunities for informal discussions with both speakers and attendees. Visit the Exhibit of transportation products and services featuring the latest advancements in the industry.

The information presented at this conference is critical for transportation professionals employed by federal, state/provincial, regional and local government agencies, as well as consulting firms, universities and the transportation industry.

THE PROGRAM

The conference program will consist of general sessions and concurrent tracks of sessions focusing on tools in specific subject areas. The program can be tailored to meet individual needs.

Attendees will hear from preeminent transportation professionals and leaders in allied disciplines, and they will have opportunities for informal discussions with both the speakers and other meeting attendees.

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2002 Scholarship Auction Summary

The Annual January, 2002 auction is now history. Through this auction we are able to continue supporting the students in our profession. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I would like to thank all who contributed in one form or another. This includes those who contributed items, arranged the dinner and the program. Lastly, let's not forget those who attended the dinner and actually bought the various items and services. This year's event was a terrific success. When all the dust settled, the total contribution was calculated to be **\$1,770.00**. According to my notes, the following people/organizations either contributed or purchased items at the auction (let me know if I missed someone):

Village of Downers Grove
 Metro Transportation Group
 P.K. Gandhi & Associates
 David Angelakis :: *Metro Transportation Group*
 Rolf Kilian :: *Metro Transportation Group*
 Dorin Fera :: *Metro Transportation Group*
 Joann Kilian
 John Sauter :: *Lake County DOT*
 Bill Alroth :: *Paul Box & Associates*
 Kathy Meyerkord :: *Civiltech Engineering*
 Dawn Marincic :: *Northwestern University*
 Dominick Gatto :: *Wilbur Smith & Associates*
 Tom Kaeser :: *City of Chicago*
 Brian Scifers :: *Patrick Engineering*
 Jim Morton
 Lenore Murphy
 Amarpal Matthau
 Gary Alden :: *Edwards & Kelcey*
 Dennis Dal Santo :: *PACE*
 John Mick :: *Clark-Dietz*
 Monte Chen :: *Wilbur Smith Associates*
 Maynard Abuan :: *Civiltech Engineering*
 Brian Cater :: *Clark-Dietz*
 Ken Nelson :: *Clark-Dietz*
 Bob Giurato
 John Scifers

On a special note, I would like to thank the several of the vendors that have consistently supported our cause over the many years that I have been doing this. Specifically, I am grateful to **Mike Williams - Traffic Control Corporation**, **Keri Brunn- 3M**, and **Gary Meyer – Brown Traffic Products**. Without their generosity, we would not be where we are today. Thanks.



And lastly, after working on five of these auctions, I am hanging up my cleats. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the auction process, but I am retiring from this task and handing it over to someone else to run.

Dorin Fera
 Scholarship Chairperson
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Request for technical articles

All members of the ITE Illinois Section are encouraged to contribute to *ITEMS*. Please consider submitting technical articles to the Section's quarterly newsletter. Although you may not have a technical paper currently written, you may have presented a study at an ITE conference. Consider transforming your presentation into a technical article.

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A Note From the Activities Director

Well, just in case you haven't noticed, the March and April Section meetings are scheduled fairly close together this year. I originally hadn't planned for this to happen but a very unique opportunity has come up that made it necessary to change the original March meeting date. Thanks to the help of **Chester Kropidlowski** with T.Y. Lin International, the Illinois Section will have it's March luncheon at the "Friendly Confines"! That's right, Wrigley Field! The presentation for the luncheon will be "Chicago's Wrigley Field Night Baseball Operational Traffic and Parking Plan". Our panel of speakers will include: Chester Kropidlowski who will revisit the existing operational traffic and parking plan; **Mark McGuire**, the President of the Chicago Cubs who will describe the proposed expansion of Wrigley Field; and **Robert DuBoe** of Metro Transportation Group who will present a review of the existing traffic and operational plan with recommended modifications. As an added bonus, attendees will have the opportunity to tour Wrigley Field and a Roof Top Club. The tour is optional but I'm sure that many people will take advantage of the opportunity!

As indicated on first page of this issue of ITEMS, the March luncheon is Thursday, March 28, 2002 at 12:00 Noon at the Wrigley Field Stadium Club. The entrance to the Stadium Club is on Addison Street near Sheffield Avenue. Please contact **Joel Christell** or **Joe Emry** at (630) 773.3900 for reservations. Reservations **MUST** be made by Friday, March 22, 2002 in order to attend. Because of the unique venue of this month's meeting, no walk-ins will be accepted. The cost to attend is \$30.00 per person.

Our April Illinois Section meeting will be held in conjunction with the Midwest Traffic and Parking Seminar in Peoria, Illinois. The Midwest Traffic and Parking Seminar is April 3 - 4 and is co-sponsored by the City of Peoria and Bradley University. The Illinois Section dinner meeting will held at the Holiday Inn – Brandywine on April 3rd and will begin at 7:00 P.M. A postcard with more information regarding the guest speaker and topic will be sent within the next week. For reservations, please contact **Joel Christell** or **Joe Emry** at (630) 773.3900 on or before March 29, 2002. The cost for the April meeting is \$20.00 per person.

The Activities Group is trying to plan a Cubs outing this summer. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet some of your colleagues in the transportation field and have some fun while you're at it! Please contact Joel Christell or Joe Emry if you are interested. We need a minimum of 20 people in order to get group seating.

Well, it's never too early to think about golf! We are currently looking for sponsors for this year's Illinois Section golf outing! The golf outing will be held early this fall. Please feel free to contact Joel or Joe if you or your company are interested! More details about the golf outing will be included in the next issue of ITEMS.

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Did you know?

In 2000, usage of U.S. public transportation systems grew by an estimated 320 million rides, to a total of 9.4 billion trips. This ridership represents the highest level of use in public transportation in more than 40 years.

Source: American Public Transportation Association

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Student Affairs Group Update

The Student Affairs Group has enthusiastically embraced 2002 and has proposed steps that hopefully increase student participation and section membership. I am pleased to present the poster that appears on the previous page promoting ITE and the benefits of student membership. This poster has been provided to area universities as well as downstate. I wish to thank Sagar Sonar for his hard work in creating this poster (as well as the efforts of our previous Director of Student Affairs, Javier Millan). Check the section website at www.ilite.org for more information on student activities.

Another activity which we are proposing and are currently working out the details is a student 'field trip' to a local consulting firm to expose students to the real life daily work-

ings of an engineering office. If any office is interested in hosting a student tour please, contact Sagar Sonar. (The more offices are involved the more tours we can arrange.) In other areas I would be remiss if I did not recognize the greatly appreciated and continued efforts of Dorin Fera and Mike Zorn on scholarship activities and Craig Moore on student internships. By now most members should have received a letter regarding intern positions. If any offices are planning intern positions please contact Craig Moore. Thank you.

Dennis Dal Santo
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Transportation @ ITEMS

"Caught In The Web"

This month's featured topic is transit oriented development (TOD). Although the concept of this topic seems to have been around for a while, transit oriented developments are becoming an emerging reality. Many websites feature developments as case studies while

suggesting design guidelines, reporting on what works and what doesn't, and generally promoting TOD. Although this is just a small sample of what is out there, please check out the following links for more information.

Transit Oriented Development - King County, Washington Department of Transportation

Description, projects, incentives, links, publications, and more.
<http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/alts/tod/index.htm>

Transit Oriented Development Advocate

Case studies, lessons learned, planning issues, and links.
<http://www.todadvocate.com>

Hot Projects Highlight Rising Trend In Transit Oriented Development

Article discussing specific transit oriented developments and their increasing popularity
http://www.metro-magazine.com/t_featpick.cfm?id=90503332

Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development

Links and on-line articles regarding transit oriented development
<http://www.sustainable.doe.gov/transport/trandesi.shtml>

Marketing Transit Oriented Design

Report discussing real estate market in Florida
<http://tmi.cob.fsu.edu/tmi/publications/TODPhase1.pdf>

Transportation @ ITEMS

Do you have any transportation related topics or websites you would like to see featured in ITEMS? Please submit them to:

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES CONFERENCE

This one-day conference is for professionals, activists, enthusiasts, and public officials who want to learn about transportation alternatives to the single occupant automobile. Conference sessions are being built around exciting transportation alternatives: bicycling, walking, carpooling and transit, and the need to tame the raging driver. This conference focuses on the successes surrounding transportation alternatives through exciting presentations highlighting positive travel experiences.

Presentation Areas:

- ? Funding Alternatives
- ? Projects, construction, & maintenance
- ? New technologies
- ? Measuring efficiency

Proposed Session Topics:

- ? Getting around on two wheels
- ? Walking from here to there
- ? Riding all together
- ? Getting the driver to behave

Call for Presentations

Can you provide a positive, enthusiastic presentation for one of these topics? Are you a transportation alternative researcher, user, and/or advocate? Assure your part in this conference by submitting a presentation proposal (details below), or simply plan to attend (watch for more details later).

Submittals

Abstract submittals of no more than 400 words should be e-mailed to gluttre@siue.edu using a Word compatible format. Conference presentations will be selected based on appropriateness to the program as determined by the conference committee.

Important Dates

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|----------------|----|--|
| March 1, 2002 | :: | Completed papers and/or presentations due for review |
| March 15, 2002 | :: | Final program set and authors notified |
| April 12, 2002 | :: | Transportation Alternatives Conference at Southern Illinois University |

Conference Information

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ITE Membership Update

The Illinois Section is would like to welcome its newest member:

Kevin O'Neill

International Member

URS Corporation

ITE Illinois Section Calendar

March 2002

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April 2002

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May 2002

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Upcoming Dates

- March 24-27** ITE 2002 Spring Conference and Exhibit
The Westin Innsbrook Resort
Palm Harbor, Florida
- March 28** Illinois Section **March** Luncheon
Wrigley Field
Chicago, Illinois
- April 3-4** 12th Annual Midwest Traffic Engineering & Parking Seminar
Holiday Inn - Brandywine
Peoria, Illinois
- April 3** Illinois Section **April** Dinner
Holiday Inn - Brandywine
Peoria, Illinois
- May 16** Illinois Section **May** Luncheon
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