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## June Luncheon

### Join Us at Maggianos in Oak Brook!

**Date:** June 27, 2002  
**Time:** Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.  
**Topic:** Neighborhood Planning Ideas for the New Century  
**Speakers:** Todd Fagen  
Land Strategies, Inc.  
**Location:** Maggianos  
240 Oak Brook Center  
Oak Brook, Illinois

For reservations or further information, contact Joel Christell or Joe Emry at 630.773.3900 on or before June 21, 2002.

**Cost:** \$25 per person in advance  
\$30 per person at the door  
\$12 per student

**Next Meeting:** Join us for the Illinois Section September Luncheon Maggianos in Chicago on September 19, 2002.

## President's Message

In the 1980's, ITE formed a committee that initiated the idea of the Professional Traffic Operation Engineer certification. Using criteria set forth by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, the Transportation Certification Board, Inc. offered the first exam for the PTOE in 1998. In 2001, the first web-administered exam was given. Now, there are over 705 PTOEs that use this certification in combination with their Professional Engineer license to demonstrate their expertise in traffic operations. These PTOEs reside in the United States, Australia, Canada, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates. In the future, the test will be offered at various locations across the country and also in conjunction with the ITE Annual meeting. Let me know if you are interested in sitting for this exam. If there is enough interest from members in the section, we could sponsor offering the exam in a convenient location for the Illinois Section members.

On another note, U.S. News rated transportation engineering as one of the eight most secure professions. It was joined in the list by these other professions: forensic accountants, speech pathologists, health technologists, truck drivers, technical securities, school psychologists, and automobile technicians. Traffic gridlock will likely generate new jobs as we try to solve the 'never-ending' problem of traffic congestion and deteriorating infrastructure. We can be grateful that we are part of this select group.

Although things typically slow down over the summer months, several upcoming events will be featured this summer:

The June ITE meeting will be held at a suburban location, the Oak Brook Maggianos, on June 27. Todd Fagen will be our speaker and will discuss Neighborhood Planning Ideas for the New Century.

It's not too late to sign up for the ITE District IV conference that will be held in Saint Paul, Minnesota on June 19-21. This conference will be held in conjunction with AASHTO Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering meeting (June 16-19), and the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices meeting (June 19-21). Information about the meetings is available online at [www.nc-ite.org/topps](http://www.nc-ite.org/topps). Features of the conference will be presentations on traffic engineering, transportation planning and information regarding federal reauthorization. The social event of the conference is a Mississippi River Paddleboat Cruise.

In August, the ITE International annual meeting



will be held in Philadelphia from August 4-7. With all the patriotism floating in the air, who could find a better time to take the family to the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution (and also network with other transportation engineers from around the world)? Over 2000 trans-  
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## Did you know?

ONE OUT OF EIGHT WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES HAS A TRANSPORTATION RELATED JOB.

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portation professionals will attend the 66 technical sessions, technical tours, professional development series, and social events. Some of the highlights to be included in this meeting are topics in the area of community issues, transportation management, safety, systems management and operations, traffic engineering, and transportation planning/transit. I hope to see you there!

Then, finally in September we are scheduling our annual golf outing. This will be on September 26. Mark your calendars now!!

Golfers and sponsors are wanted.

Have a great summer!

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## March Luncheon Review

The May Illinois Section ITE meeting featured John LaPlante discussing the 2001 AASHTO Green Book. He discussed highlights and major changes of this important document since the last edition was released in 1994

The Book now contains information in both metric and U.S. customary measurements. Other highlights in the new book include the following:

### Design Controls

- Revised design vehicle dimensions to reflect current vehicle dimensions.

### Stopping Sight Distance Criteria

- Criteria is now based on deceleration rates for controlled braking rather than locked wheel braking.

### Vertical Curve Criteria

- Eye Height and Object Heights have been changed to better reflect actual conditions.

### Local Roads and Streets

- Discussions of effective radii have been improved to show actual dimensions needed.

### Arterials

- New information regarding access management, median widths, and median openings is included.

### Intersections

- Offset left turn lanes are discussed to increase better visibility.
- Sight distance criteria has been revised to reflect gap acceptance criteria for different types of controlled intersection.

### Interchanges

- Accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles are discussed.
- Discussions of new designs such as Single Point Urban Interchanges are contained.
- Access Management is addressed.
- Two Lane Ramps are detailed.
- Superelevation procedures through Interchanges are explained.

These are just a few of the highlights we can see in this updated manual. Thanks for the informative presentation, John!



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# Transportation @ ITEMS

## "Caught In The Web"

This month's featured topic deals with unconventional intersection designs. These designs include quadrant roadway intersections (QRI), median u-turn treatments, jughandles, and roundabouts. Since most everyone knows that roundabouts have been getting a lot of at-

tention lately, most of the featured websites are associated with the other designs. So, take a look at these when you've got the time and please feel free to submit an article on the topic if you have information that you could share with fellow Section members.

### **QRI: A New Unconventional Intersection Design**

An abstract and link to the full article discussing Quadrant Roadway Intersections that was previously featured in the ITE Journal.

<http://transportationusa.net/Article/Abstract.asp?ID=156>

### **National Agenda to Improve Intersection Safety**

Key issues include looking into unconventional intersections.

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fourthlevel/17/kknapp.pdf>

### **Guidance on Safe Implementation of Unconventional Arterial Designs**

Research project exploring ways to familiarize and educate the public on how to negotiate unconventional designs.

<http://stc.utk.edu/htm/pdf%20files/NCSU.pdf>

### **Unconventional Left Turn Lanes Reduce Traffic Accidents, Congestion**

Descriptions of unconventional left turn treatments.

[http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/univ\\_relations/news\\_services/press\\_releases/99\\_08/231.htm](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/univ_relations/news_services/press_releases/99_08/231.htm)

### **Corridor Study Recommendations**

Report summary with recommended improvements including QRIs.

<http://www.fresnocog.org/outlook16/herndon.htm>

### **Michigan Left Turns**

A brief discussion and history of "Michigan Left Turns".

<http://members.aol.com/MichiganHwys/MichiganLeft/>



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## Bike Lane and Bike Path Workshop

The Chicago Area Transportation Study is hosting workshops on bicycle facilities design for arterial corridors. Our speaker, Michael Ronkin, is one of the nation's experts on bicycle and pedestrian facilities design and has

presented training sessions in over 20 cities. He has worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation for 15 years and is currently ODOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager.

**June 20, 2002**

**Full-day Session  
Chicago, Illinois (CATS)**

**June 21, 2002**

**Half-day Session  
Schaumburg, Illinois**

Both workshops will cover the following topics:

- The importance of considering bicyclists in roadway corridor designs.
- Safety and design issues for bike lanes, wide shared lanes, and paved shoulders.
- Safety and design issues for off-road parallel bike paths (sidepaths).
- Methods for determining the most appropriate accommodation in specific situations.
- Safety, liability, right-of-way, and other issues that should be considered.

The full day workshop will also cover advanced bikeway design issues.

For more information, contact Ms. Gin Kilgore at 312.793.0451 or visit the website below.

[www.catsmpo.com/bikeped/lanespaths.htm](http://www.catsmpo.com/bikeped/lanespaths.htm)

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## A Note From the Activities Director

Now that ITEMS is on a quarterly schedule, I find that there is more and more to write about in every issue. Once again, this has been a busy quarter for the Section. Our March Illinois Section luncheon at Wrigley Field was very well attended. Approximately, fifty-five people showed up to listen to presentations about the proposed changes to Wrigley Field from **Chester Kropidlowski** with T.Y. Lin International, **Robert DuBoe** with Metro Transportation Group, **Donald Grabowski** with the Chicago Department of Transportation and a representative from the Chicago Cubs. After lunch, we were treated to a walking tour of Wrigley Field and a roof-top club. A few people were disappointed that we were not able to go down

onto the field and run the bases but because opening day at Wrigley Field was a week away, it just wasn't possible. In addition to our regular members, we also had a few members of the ASCE Young Members Group present. My thanks go out to Chester Kropidowski, the Chicago Cubs and the City of Chicago for a very interesting topic and location for our March luncheon!

In April, I also had the opportunity to attend the Midwest Parking and Traffic Seminar in Peoria. The Section hosted a dinner as part of the Seminar. It was an excellent opportunity for me to meet some of our Downstate members. The topic for our April dinner was "Upgrade I-74". The project is an 11 mile

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reconstruction of I-74 through the City of Peoria. **Dave Clark** with the Illinois Department of Transportation gave an excellent presentation about the project. My thanks to **Jim Baumann** with the City of Peoria for helping me to arrange the dinner as well as setting up the topic and speaker!



Rob DuBoe presents the Wrigley Field Traffic and Parking Plan to the crowd at the Section luncheon in March.

The May Illinois Section luncheon was held at Maggiano's in Chicago for the first time this year. **John LaPlante**, Chief Traffic Engineer with T.Y. Lin International presented the highlights and major changes in the new 2001 AASHTO Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (better known as the Green Book) since the 1994 edition. Approximately fifty people turned out to hear John speak! We've been fortunate to have some very interesting topics for our last few meetings and the Activities Group is hoping to find more topics and speakers that will continue to draw a large number of attendees at our luncheons!

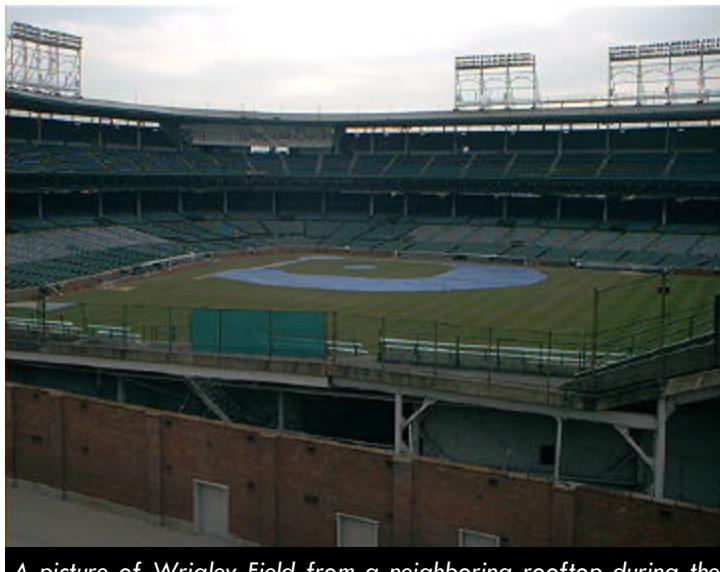
Well, time to talk about upcoming Section events. Our June/July Luncheon will be held on June 27th at Maggiano's in **OAK-BROOK**. (Same food, different location!) Our speaker will be our Section Treasurer, **Todd Fagen**. Todd is a Principal at Land Strategies, Inc. He will be

discussing "Neighborhood Planning Ideas for the New Century." For reservations, please contact **Joe Emry** or **Joel Christell** at (630) 773-3900 on or before June 21, 2002. Please note that we are re-initiating our reservation policy. If reservations are made by the reservation deadline, the cost for regular members will be \$25.00. If reservations are called in after the deadline or made at the door, the cost for regular members will be \$30.00.

It's never too early to think about golf! As announced at our May Luncheon, the annual ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2002 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club in Bloomingdale. As always, the proceeds from the Golf Outing will go towards the ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Fund. We are looking for participants as well as sponsors for the event! Please see the two flyers in this issue of ITEMS for reservation as well as sponsorship information.

As, a side note, anyone who picked up a sponsorship form at the May luncheon, the address noted on the form is incorrect. The correct address appears on the flyer in this issue of ITEMS.

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A picture of Wrigley Field from a neighboring rooftop during the tour at the March luncheon.



## Requests 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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## ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing

The cost will be \$65.00 per player for reservations prior to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and \$70 prior to Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us for fun, competition and camaraderie. Bring your friends, family members, and clients for this early fall golf event. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. Brats and Burgers to follow.

To sign up, send, call or fax your reservation to:

Joel Christell or Joe Emry  
Civiltech Engineering, Inc.  
450 East Devon Avenue, Suite 300  
Itasca, Illinois 60143

Phone: (630) 773-3900      Fax:(630) 773-3975

Please make check or money order to **ITE Illinois Section**. We need confirmations by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for early registration (\$65 per player) or by Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at \$70 per player.

**Register Now for the ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing**

**September 26, 2002**

**Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**Bloomingdale Golf Club  
181 Glen Ellyn Road  
Bloomingdale, Illinois**

### ----- sign up form -----

player

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Thank You For Your Interest & Participation

# ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing

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All proceeds of the Golf Outing will go towards the ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Fund to assist future Transportation Engineers in their education.

Sponsorship of a hole will be recognized with a large sign indicating the company's or individual's name.

Minimum donation of \$100 please.

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We need confirmations by September 20, 2002.




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### ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Sponsorship Form

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