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June Luncheon

**ITE Suburban Meeting
Join Us at Maggiano's**

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2003

Time: Reception - 11:30 P.M.
Lunch - 12:00 P.M.

Topic: An Overview of NCHRP Report 480: A Guide to Best Practices for Achieving Context Sensitive Solutions

Speakers: Marie Glynn, P.E.
CH2mHill

Summary: A discussion of incorporating context sensitivity into transportation development work

Location: Maggianos
240 Oakbrook Center
Oakbrook, Illinois

For reservations or further information, contact Joel Christell or Joe Emry at 630.773.3900 on or before June 9, 2003.

Cost: \$30 per person

President's Message

Funding is still a big question on everyone's mind. The Administration released its TEA-21 reauthorization proposal, Safe and Flexible Transportation Efficiency Act of 2003 (SAFETEA), on May 16, 2003. ITE will summarize the portions of the bill relevant to ITE member interests and recommendations. If you would like to take a look at the documents yourself, a link to the bill with a section-by-section analysis is provided below. ITE, along with other industry organizations, participated in a briefing on the proposal with Secretary Mineta. We'll keep you posted as information is released from ITE International. SAFETEA:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/safetea.htm>



The Annual ITE District IV Conference is June 22nd through June 25th and is being combined with the ITE District VII Conference. The Conference is being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. For more details please see:

<http://www.cite7.org/winnipeg.htm>

Condolences are sent to the family of Jack Hutter, an active ITE member who passed away in January 2003. Jack served as President of the Illinois Section in 1972, as well as President of the Missouri Valley Section. He was director of the Traffic Engineering Division at Northwestern University Traffic Institute and earlier served as director of the traffic engineering department for Kansas City, MO. He also was a vice president of Jack E. Leisch and Associates and opened their office in Phoenix AZ, where he resided until his death. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Cornell University in 1947 and a certificate in highway traffic from the Bureau of Highway Traffic at Yale University in 1948.

We are off to a great start this year as an organization and I am enjoying serving as your President this year. Please mark your calendars with all the upcoming events that are described throughout this edition and join us for the wonderful food, conversations, seminars and presentations.

Sincerely,

Karen M. George, PE, PTOE
2003 ITE Illinois Section President



ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing

The ITE Illinois Section is hosting a Golf Outing on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 10:00 AM. The event will be held at:

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

The cost will be \$65.00 per player for reservations prior to Monday, September 8th and \$70 before Monday, September 15th. Join us for fun, competitions, 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, e-mail, call or fax your reservation to:

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Joe Emry (jemry@civiltechinc.com)
Civiltech Engineering, Inc.
450 East Devon Avenue, Suite 300
Itasca, Illinois 60143

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Fax: (630) 773-3975



Please make check or money order to **ITE Illinois Section**. We need confirmations by Monday, September 8th for early registration (\$65 per player) or by Monday, September 15th at \$70 per player.

ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing

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ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing SPONSORSHIP



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The 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.

Hole prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. Half of the sponsorship amount will be awarded to the golfer and the other half will go towards the Scholarship fund.

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We need confirmations by September 19, 2002.

ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Sponsorship

Yes, we would like to help sponsor the ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing.

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Thank You For Your Assistance



ILLINOIS SECTION

Institute of Transportation Engineers

Announcement for June IS-ITE Suburban Meeting

- Date/time:** Thursday, June 12, 2003 / 11:30 Reception, Noon Lunch
- Speaker:** Marie Glynn, P.E.
Transportation Engineer, CH2M HILL, Chicago Office
- Presentation Topic:** An Overview of NCHRP Report 480: A Guide to Best Practices for Achieving Context Sensitive Solutions
- Location:** Maggianos, Oak Brook, 240 Oak Brook Center (see map)
- RSVP:** Contact Joe Emry (jemry@civiltechinc.com) or Joel Christell (jchristell@civiltechinc.com) at 630-773-3900 before Monday, June 9th, 2003
- Cost:** \$30 per person
- Summary:** Ms. Glynn has worked with CH2M Hill for 8 years on projects in both the planning and final design stages of transportation projects. CH2M Hill has worked nationwide on projects involving Context Sensitive Solutions.

The Federal Highway Administration has embraced Context Sensitive Design (CSD) as a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. CSD is an approach that considers the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist. The theme of the FHWA web site for CSD (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/csd/>) is "Thinking Beyond the Pavement".

Directions to Maggianos Oakbrook

Directions Heading West on I-88:

Take 22nd St/ Cermak Rd exit off I-88 right after toll. Exit turns into Spring St. At stop light with 22nd, go straight. Turn left at Commerce. At mall ring road, turn right. Maggiano's will be on your left and is attached to the mall.

Directions Heading East on I-88:

Take the Midwest Rd Exit; Turn R on Midwest Rd. Take Midwest Road to 22nd St; Turn right on 22nd St. Take W 22nd St east to Spring; Turn left on Spring. Turn left at Commerce. At mall ring road, turn right. Maggiano's will be on your left and is attached to the mall.

Do you have employment opportunities?

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

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TRANSPORTATION NEWS



U.S. DOT UNVEILS SAFETEA

U.S. DOT Secretary Norman Y. Mineta unveiled the Bush administration's reauthorization proposal, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003 (SAFETEA), on May 14, 2003. According to a U.S. DOT press release, the \$247 billion, six-year authorization bill focuses on modernizing federal safety programs; creating jobs and sustaining economic growth; reducing congestion; minimizing project delays; increasing funding flexibility for states and localities; improving public transit efficiency; and helping protect the environment. As the title de-

notes, a primary focus of the bill is safety. The proposal creates a new safety core-funding category; creates a new safety-belt incentive program; increases funds for commercial vehicle safety and research programs; and expands and improves safety auditing of "new entrant" motor carriers.

To access the proposal and a section-by-section analysis, go to

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/safetea.htm>

HOUSE SAFETEA HEARING

The House Highways and Transit Subcommittee hosted Secretary Mineta at its first hearing on SAFETEA on May 15. Additional hearings with U.S. DOT's modal administrators will be held on May 20 and 21. Despite Secretary Mineta's effort to highlight safety program policy-changes and its 100 percent funding increase, the bipartisan members of the subcommittee expressed serious concerns about the proposal. The proposal's, funding levels, were described as "inadequate", "short-sighted" and "anemic." Several members also expressed surprise that the administration's proposal did not reflect the understanding of the kind of impact an ap-

propriately funded infrastructure bill can have on economic development and job creation. Subcommittee Chair, Thomas E. Petri (R-WI) highlighted that the proposal did not include options for increasing monies for the Highway Trust Fund, specifically pointing out options favored by the committee leadership including: recovering the 5.2 cents ethanol subsidy; reclaiming interest on the Highway Trust Fund; and indexing the federal gas tax. In terms of policy, members expressed concern about the lack of focus on congestion and a provision that would decrease the federal share for publication transportation new starts to 50 percent.

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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2004 Candidates for ITE International Vice President

DON M. HENDERSON, P.E., P.T.O.E. (F)

Senior Transportation Engineer, Bunt & Associates



As a candidate for International Vice President, I am honored to be able to serve as an ambassador and leader for the Institute. The Institute is the largest individual member transportation organization in the world with the two principal objectives: to support the mobility needs of society and to provide for the needs of its members. My overall goal is to continue to build on the success the Institute has achieved while addressing the continuous changes in the transportation profession.

How have I served ITE?

In 1997, I completed a 3-year term as an International Director, was District 7 President from 1991-93 and chaired the rewrite of the MUTCD for Canada (1998).

My Professional Experience

My over 30 years work experience includes senior positions in both the public and private sectors, primarily in the areas of traffic management and transportation planning. I have worked for the

Cities of Winnipeg, Ottawa, and Vancouver, the Texas Transportation Institute, Wilbur Smith and Associates (Houston), and Bunt & Associates (Vancouver, British Columbia).

What will I do for ITE?

The following are some ways that we can work together to increase the value of your membership:

- Increase the International Focus by becoming only the third Vice President from outside the USA in 75 years and by presiding at the 2005 International Annual Meeting in Australia.
- Implement the action items from the new Strategic Plan within the current budget.
- Keep Dues and Annual Meeting Costs affordable by careful financial management.
- Provided support for new and revised Technical Products.
- Provide for Workforce Development by supporting ongoing training and student activities.

Your vote is an important opportunity to express your choice for running the Institute. I encourage you to take time to vote and to encourage other members to do the same. Thank you for your support!

TIMOTHY P. HARPST, P.E., P.T.O.E. (F)

Transportation Director, City of Salt Lake City, Utah



OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

ITE exists to serve its members. My goals are in the areas of member Services, Workforce Development, Public Relations, Growth/Diversity.

- Provide the best products and services for our dues
- Keep annual meetings and conferences affordable
- Continue enhancements of the ITE website
- Expand publication of worldwide best practices
- Offer more continuing education opportunities
- Promote mentoring of younger members and students
- Develop more Public Relations tools
- Strongly promote ITE's position on Reauthorization
- Promote ITE's growth internationally

ITE ELECTED OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

- International Board of Direction, 1999-2001
- District 6 Board, 1994-1997 (President, 1996)
- Intermountain Section Board, 1987-1990 (President, 1990)

- Utah Chapter Board, 1981-1983 (President, 1983)
- 13 International, District, Section, Chapter committees

REASONS TO ELECT TIM

- 14 years elected leader at all four levels of ITE
 - 23 years experience as a City Traffic Engineer
 - 3 years experience as a state D.O.T. traffic engineer
 - 5 years experience as an educator
 - International perspective and experience
 - Strong management and budgeting experience
 - Committed to ITE
- <http://home.earthlink.net/~vote4tim>

AWARDS

- 2002 ITE Transportation Achievement Award for Operations
- James L. Pline Distinguished Member Award, 1994
- Outstanding Educator, University of Utah '89 '91 '92

EDUCATION

B.S.C.E., Penn State University, 1973
M.S.C.E., Virginia Tech, 1975

Did you know?

Until 1965, driving was done on the left-hand side on roads in Sweden. The conversion to right-hand was done on a weekday at 5pm. All traffic stopped as people switched sides. This time and day were chosen to prevent accidents where drivers would have gotten up in the morning and been too sleepy to realize that *this* was the day of the changeover.


ITE Illinois Section Calendar

Upcoming Dates

- June 12** ITE Luncheon
Maggiano's (Oakbrook)
- June 22-25** ITE District 4 Conference
Winnipeg, Canada
- August 18** Deadline for Advertisements
& Articles for the September
issue of *ITEMS*
- August 24-27** ITE Annual Conference
Seattle, Washington

Future Important Dates


- September 11** ITE Luncheon
Maggiano's (Chicago)
- September 25** Annual Golf Outing
Bloomingdale Golf Club
- October 23-24** U of I Traffic & Safety Confer-
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