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September Luncheon ITE Meeting

Join Us at Maggiano's

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2003

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

Topic: An Overview of Shared Path 2030

Speaker: Kermit Wies
Director of Plan Development
CATS

Summary: A discussion of the regional Transportation Plan update for North-eastern Illinois

Location: Maggianos
516 N. Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

For reservations or further information, contact Joel Christell or Joe Emry at 630.773.3900 on or before September 8, 2003.

Cost: \$30 per person

President's Message

Summer was a busy time for the Illinois Section, District IV, and International. The ITE International Meeting is being held in Seattle, Washington this year from August 24 through August 27, 2003. I plan to attend and will bring you news in the next newsletter and at the next luncheon. Next year's International ITE meeting will be held in Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida from August 1 to August 4, 2004. ITE is accepting abstracts to be considered for presentation until Tuesday, September 2, 2003. Please consider submitting an abstract.

The Annual ITE District IV Conference was held from June 22nd through June 25th and was combined with the ITE District VII Conference. The Conference was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba and attended by over 125 people, 34 of those from our District. The International District Director election results were announced at the 2003 meeting. Ken Voigt will replace Earl Newman as our district director. Congratulations go out to Ken and we look forward to working with him over the next three years.

Next year's District IV Conference will be held here in Chicago. Plans are still being put together for the Conference and there is a lot to do. If you can volunteer to help with the 2004 District IV Conference, please plan to stay at Maggiano's after the September 11th luncheon to attend the 2004 District IV Conference Kick-Off Meeting.

Brian Scifers, the ITE Technical Director, has taken a job in Arizona. We all wish him the best in his new pursuit. The Board agreed to appoint Matt Letourneau, and Matt accepted our appointment, to replace Brian as

the Technical Director for the remainder of this year. We are glad to have Matt on the Board.

Thanks go out to Matt Letourneau, Kim Kolody, Randy Laninga, and ITS Midwest for organizing the Rural ITS Workshop that was held in Peoria on August 6, 2003. The Workshop was a great success, with more reservation requests than we had opportunity to fill. Our apologies go out to those who were not able to attend. The Workshop focused on the Rural ITS Toolbox available at: http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov/JPODOCS/REPTS_TE/13477.html

Our first annual summer suburban luncheon was a hit. The topic - Context Sensitive Solutions in Illinois - was very informative and sparked much discussion. Anyone interested in exploring the consequences of this soon to be policy on the effects it will have to our profession, please e-mail me as we are considering starting a committee.

To end the summer, the annual ITE Illinois Section golf outing will be held on September 25, 2003 beginning at 10AM. Please see inside the newsletter for more information. Sponsorships are still needed for the event. If your firm or agency is able to support the event, please get in touch with Joel Christell or Joe Emry.

The next luncheon is September 11, 2003 and don't forget the 2004 District IV Conference Kick-off meeting scheduled after the luncheon. Please mark your calendars and join us.

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



ILLINOIS SECTION

Institute of Transportation Engineers

Announcement for September ITE Meeting

- Date/time:** Thursday, September 11, 2003 / 11:30 Reception, Noon Lunch
- Speaker:** Kermit Wies
Director of Plan Development, Chicago Area Transportation Study
- Presentation Topic:** An Overview of Shared Path 2030—The Regional Transportation Plan Update for Northeastern Illinois
- Location:** Maggianos, Chicago, 516 North Clark Street
- RSVP:** Contact Joe Emry (jemry@civiltechinc.com) or Joel Christell (jchristell@civiltechinc.com) at 630-773-3900 before Monday, September 8th, 2003
- Cost:** \$30 per person

Summary: As Director of Plan Development, Mr. Wies has had oversight of all stages of the Shared Path 2030 Plan for the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS). The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is updated every three years to fulfill Federal requirements for funding in our large metropolitan region. CATS is designated by the Illinois governor and locally elected officials as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for northeastern Illinois, responsible for developing the RTP. The CATS' Policy Committee includes representatives of local governments and transportation planning agencies, and is responsible for RTP oversight and approval.

The Shared Path 2030 process began with a series of Planning Information Forums, starting in June, 2001, and running through May, 2002. These forums covered the broad range of issues necessary for input into a comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan, such as mobility and accessibility, land use, freight, financial forecasting, the natural environment, and management and operations. Concurrent with the Information Forums, individuals and groups have been able to submit proposals for regional transportation improvements for the 2030 Plan. As the RTP process has progressed, CATS staff and the Policy Committee have produced the corresponding planning documents. The recent public comment period for the final plan documents runs from August 1 to September 2, 2003.

Mr. Wies will be presenting an overview of the Shared Path 2030 process and highlights of ongoing and new projects that have resulted from the plan.

Do you have employment opportunities?

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

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District IV Conference Recap

Every year ITE District IV has an annual meeting sponsored by one of the four sections in the district. This year the District teamed up with ITE District VII (which encompasses the entire country of Canada) and held its annual meeting in Winnipeg in June. Along with the many technical presentations from presenters from both countries, the attendees gathered for an informal boat ride along the Red and Assiniboine Rivers.

At the meeting, Ken Voigt from Wisconsin was elected to the 3-Year term of International Director of the District. District Awards were also presented at the meeting.

This year the following awards were presented:

Web Page Award:

MOVITE Section

Section Activities Award:

NCITE Section

Student Chapter Award:

Iowa State University

Student Paper Award:

Ranjit Bhawe: "Speed Change Before and After Construction of Through Route"

Next year the District meeting will be held in Chicago. Start making plans to attend



52nd Annual Illinois Traffic Engineering & Safety Conference

The Illinois Traffic Engineering & Safety Conference is the premier meeting in the Midwest region for professionals to network with colleagues, discuss ideas and issues with experts, gain job-related information, and renew their sense of professional purpose.

The Conference will be held on October 23 & 24 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Urbana, Illinois.

Highlights of the Program Schedule include:

- Strategic Plan for Traffic Study

- Safety Legislative Update
- Human Factors Issues in Traffic Safety
- Roundabout Design Operation and Safety
- Soldier Field Access and Operation Plan
- Illinois Tollway Incident Mangement Plan
- Illinois ITS Projects Update

For additional information, visit www.conferences.uiuc.edu/traffic or call toll free at 877-455-2687.

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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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:

Joel Christell (jchrsitell@civiltechinc.com) or
Joe Emry (jemry@civiltechinc.com)
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 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



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 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.

Send a check payable to **ITE Illinois Section** to:

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Civiltech Engineering, Inc.
450 East Devon Avenue, Suite 300
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We need confirmations by September 15, 2003.

ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Sponsorship

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

Contact Person: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Thank You For Your Assistance



Opportunity for Complimentary Online

With the sponsorship of the Professional Development Office of the Federal Highway Administration, the Institute of Transportation Engineers is offering a limited number of complimentary registrations to local, regional and state employees for the Institute Online Learning courses. Decisions as to who will receive these complimentary registrations will be based on providing geographical distribution as well as to when the request was made. The current course offerings are:

- Capacity Analysis for Signalized Intersections
- Safety Analysis for Signalized Intersections
- Site Planning Analysis
- Traffic Signal Needs Determination

A course catalog with course descriptions and training objectives is available on the ITE website at <http://ite.org/education/OLGcatalog.pdf>. Upon completion of the course the student is given the opportunity

to take an examination and if the student receives a passing score, they receive a certificate of completion. Six professional development units are awarded for each course completed. Those wishing to be considered for a complimentary course registration should provide the following information and e-mail to PFrentz@ite.org.

1. Name of Student
2. Title of Student:
3. Organization :
4. Organization's mailing address
5. Student e-mail :
6. Course to be registered for:

Ideally, students receiving the complimentary registrations should be able to complete the course within the next 60 days. Each course takes up to six hours to complete and the student take the training in segments returning to the course where they left off. To take one of the online courses the student needs access to the internet.

Did you know?

Ninety-four percent of the 82 million rural residents of the United States live within the service area of scheduled air, intercity rail, or bus passenger service, according to a new mapping analysis by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). BTS defined service area as a 25-mile radius around bus or rail stations or small airports, and a 75-mile radius for medium and large hub airports.



ITE Membership Update

The Illinois Section would like to welcome the following people applying for membership:

Philip N Merchant with HOH
 Zeina Nazer with Parsons Transportation Group
 Peter Godowski with Cook County Highway Department

Also, the Section welcomes the following International Members as Section Members:
 Timothy P Sjogren with Jacob and Hefner
 Brian R. DeSalle with Civiltech

ITE Illinois Section Calendar

Upcoming Dates

- September 11 ITE Luncheon
Maggiano's (Chicago)

- September 23 WisDOT ITS Forum
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
www.its-forum.info

- September 25 Annual Golf Outing
Bloomingdale Golf Club

- October 9 ITE Luncheon
Maggiano's Chicago

- October 23-24 Illinois Traffic Engineering &
Safety Conference

- November 19 Joint ITE-ASCE Luncheon
Maggiano's Oakbrook



Please submit important dates for future ITE events



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