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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's the holiday season and a time to reflect on the past year achievements and look forward to a promising 2006 ahead. It has been a great year with wonderful contributions by many. Here are some highlights and words of thanks.

- **Jeff Young, our talented Past President from 2004 has been elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer for District IV (the Illinois Section is part of the larger District IV which covers 11 states in the Midwestern US). Good luck Jeff and thank you for your contributions to ITE.**
- **Mark Rinnan has taken ITEMS to a new level. ITEMS has been awarded by ITE International with the Institute of Transportation Engineers 2005 District and Section Newsletter Award for a Circulation between 250 and 500.**
- **Roy E. Lucke and Richard A. Raub have been awarded by ITE International the Traffic Engineering Council 2005 Outstanding Paper Award for their paper entitled "Use of Automated Wayside Horns for Improving Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety."**

- **Richard T. Klatt, John N. LaPlante and Alex Sorton have been awarded by ITE International as Life Members for membership in ITE of 25 years.**

I would like to thank all the members of Illinois Section that have participated in 2005. Their hard work has made this year a success. The hectic Activities Committee led by Sagar Sonar with the assistance of Joel Christell, Steve Pautsch and Brian DeSalle had a ground breaking luncheon in Rockford with Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey. Joe Emry and Jae Ju Young made our great web site the primary source of information for section. Matt Letourneau spearheaded a successful Traffic Signal Design and Operation seminar in Champaign, jointly sponsored by the ITE Illinois Section and ITS Midwest. Chris Hager coordinated a great student lunch in September at UIC and his efforts should plant the seeds for new Student Chapters in the future. Tim Sjogren planned the traditional UIUC student section pizza night with the help of Matt Letourneau and Sara Disney.

Last, but surely not least, thank you to Dennis Dal Santo (Vice President), Peter Lemmon (Secretary) and Amarpal Matharu (Treasurer) for great work and friendship over the past years.

Please come out to our December 15th luncheon at the Chicago Maggiano's. The food is always good and plentiful. Our Annual Banquet on January 27th 2006 at the Wellington in Arlington Heights will be a splendid Friday evening affair. Special guests will be Earl Newman, President of ITE International and Ken Voigt, District IV International Director. Hope to see you there!!!

Sincerely yours, Todd Fagen—President

## DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Join us at **Maggiano's**,  
516 North Clark, Chicago, IL

**Date:** December 15, 2005

**Time:** Reception - 11:30 A.M.  
Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.

**Cost:** \$30 members  
\$10 Students (first  
time free)

**Speaker:** Illinois Section President  
Todd Fagen

**Topic:** A summary of Section  
activities for 2005 and a  
look ahead to 2006



**MEET THE NEW MIDWESTERN DISTRICT BOARD**

**PRESIDENT ROBERT J. GREEN, PE, PTOE**



Mr. Green is currently the President of the NCITE chapter and the Director of Transportation at Alliant Engineering. He has over 14 years of experience in the traffic engineering

field, including signal design, traffic control design (signing, striping and work zone), traffic operation and safety studies, lighting design, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), and preliminary roadway design. Bob received his Bachelor of Civil Engineering at the University of Minnesota in 1989.

**VICE-PRESIDENT KYLE A. ANDERSON, PE, PTOE**



Kyle Anderson is a member and 1997 President of the MOVITE section and a Principal at Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig. He has more than 24 years of experience managing major transportation

improvement projects throughout the Midwest including rail corridor and grade separation studies, comprehensive transportation plans, environmental assessments and traffic impact studies, as well as preliminary and final design projects for interstates, freeways, and major arterial streets. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1980 and a MSCE, Transportation Engineering with a minor in Business Administration in 1983, all from the University of Nebraska



Northwestern University ITE student chapter. Left to Right—Jiang (Jay) Zhang, Sonika Sethi, Joe Fazio (advisor), and Chi Zhang

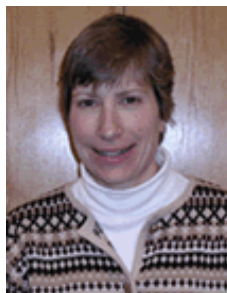
**SECRETARY/TREASURER JEFFERY R. YOUNG, PE**



Mr. Young is the immediate past president of the Illinois Section and Design Manager at the McHenry County Division of Transportation. His primary

work experience includes overseeing all feasibility studies, Phase I, and Phase II projects. He also directs the Permitting, Traffic Operations, and Planning aspects for the Division. Jeff has served the Illinois Section in the past as ITEMS editor, Activities Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

**PAST PRESIDENT CECILE PIERONI, PE**



Ms. Pieroni is currently the President of the ITE Wisconsin Section and has eighteen years of experience in the transportation engineering profession. Areas of experience range from highway

corridor studies to design plan preparation to construction engineering and management. Her focus and strengths are in construction engineering and management. Ms. Pieroni received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. She is a registered professional engineer in Wisconsin.

Access ITE Midwestern District (4) website at <http://www.midwesternite.org/index.asp>

Plan on attending the 2006 District Conference in Rochester, MN on June 14-16



Illinois Institute of Technology ITE student chapter. Left to Right—Jorge Medina, Hermen Sales, Tim Schug, Melissa Swiderski, Steven Dyer, Naomi Heler, and Julio Ramirez



## LUNCH WITH ROCKFORD MAYOR MORRISSEY

### ITE/ISPE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS

Fifty seven professionals from twenty six organizations in the northern Illinois/southern Wisconsin area enjoyed the opportunity to meet and listen to Rockford Mayor Lawrence Morrissey. His agenda includes a strong emphasis on job creation through improving the education system, public safety, and "the 3 R's" of the city's infrastructure.

This audience of Engineers was of course most interested in the 3R's, Roads, Rail, and Riverfront development. While the Mayor noted is a lack of continuity of a expressway ring around Rockford (I-90 is on the east side and I-39 and US20 bypass on the south) it is an immediate goal of his administration to improve state arterial routes. It is especially important to improve the routes that serve areas of the city that have not experience the economic growth like that along the I-90 corridor. Some of these arterials are along or near to the Rock River and are key components of Riverfront development. The city is also preparing a riverfront land use plan which includes both public and recreational

uses (similar to the San Antonio Riverwalk) but also is more comprehensive in scale offering private development opportunities for residential and other uses. The 3rd R, Rail includes a commuter rail line between Rockford and the Elgin area. Mayor Morrissey also acknowledged the success of the Northwest Chicagoland International Airport at Rockford, citing six scheduled or chartered carriers including the addition of United Express serves which announced new serve to Denver starts March '06.

Mayor Morrissey presented himself as smart, energetic, and having a vision that will guide Rockford to continued prosperity. Visit the City of Rockford website at <http://www.ci.rockford.il.us/>

This event demonstrated that there is a strong market for professional activities outside the Chicago metropolitan area. The goal of the Illinois Section board is to build upon this success and develop a ITE Rockford chapter. If you have an interested in starting a chapter in your community contact Dennis Del Santo, Vice President of the Illinois Section at (312) 793-2267 or email [dalsantodg@dot.il.gov](mailto:dalsantodg@dot.il.gov).



Lawrence J. Morrissey was elected Rockford's Mayor on April 5, 2005.

## AUTUMN LUNCHEON TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

### SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON WELCOMED STUDENTS

The Section broke from the Maggiano's tradition and held the September luncheon on the campus of the University of Illinois Chicago Circle (UICC). The gamble paid off handsomely with 12 students and about 30 section members in attendance. Photos of student chapters at the meeting are shown on the previous page. The technical program included presentations by Section President Todd Fagen on the benefits of belonging to ITE, by Dr. Piyuhimita Thakuriah on travel demand simulation and by Dr. Jie Lin on an overview of research activities at the UICC and Urban Transportation Center (UTC). For more information on the UTC visit their web site at <http://131.193.92.223/>

### OCTOBER LUNCHEON PRAIRIE PARKWAY UPDATE

An update on the Prairie Parkway, a corridor plan study of an outer belt transportation facility in Kane, Kendall, and Grundy Counties. IDOT recently concluded the screening of primary alternatives and based upon the evaluation of travel benefits, a freeway alternative in combination with widening IL 47 and the WiKaDuKe corridor offers the best overall performance. The presentation was made by staff from Parsons Brinckerhoff.

For information on the Prairie Parkway study visit the project web site at <http://www.prairie-parkway.com/> and for Parsons Brinckerhoff visit <http://www.pbworld.com/>

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ARC DESIGN RESOURCES

AND

### METRO TRANSPORTATION GROUP

ARC Design Resources, Inc. ([www.arcdesign.com](http://www.arcdesign.com)) had the most attendees at the Rockford luncheon for a Rockford firm (6). Metro Transportation Group ([www.metrotransportation.com](http://www.metrotransportation.com)) took overall attendance honors with seven guests.



Dr. Thakuriah receives a token of gratitude from Section President Todd Fagen for presenting at the Section's September luncheon.





## Annual Banquet Reservation Form

Yes. I will attend the 2006 ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet.

I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guests. RSVP by January 20, 2006.

Name	Chicken Breast/ Prime Rib Combo	Vegetarian *	Price
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			My check is enclosed for the total amount of \$ _____

\* Request at time of Reservation

☼ Please make checks payable to: ITE Illinois Section

☼ Mail checks & reservations to: Joel Christell  
 c/o Civiltech Engineering  
 450 E. Devon Ave., Suite 300  
 Itasca, IL 60143 (630) 773-3900

## Return Top Portion with Your Payment

### Date and Directions

**Friday, January 27, 2006**

6:00 PM Cash Bar with Hor d'oervres

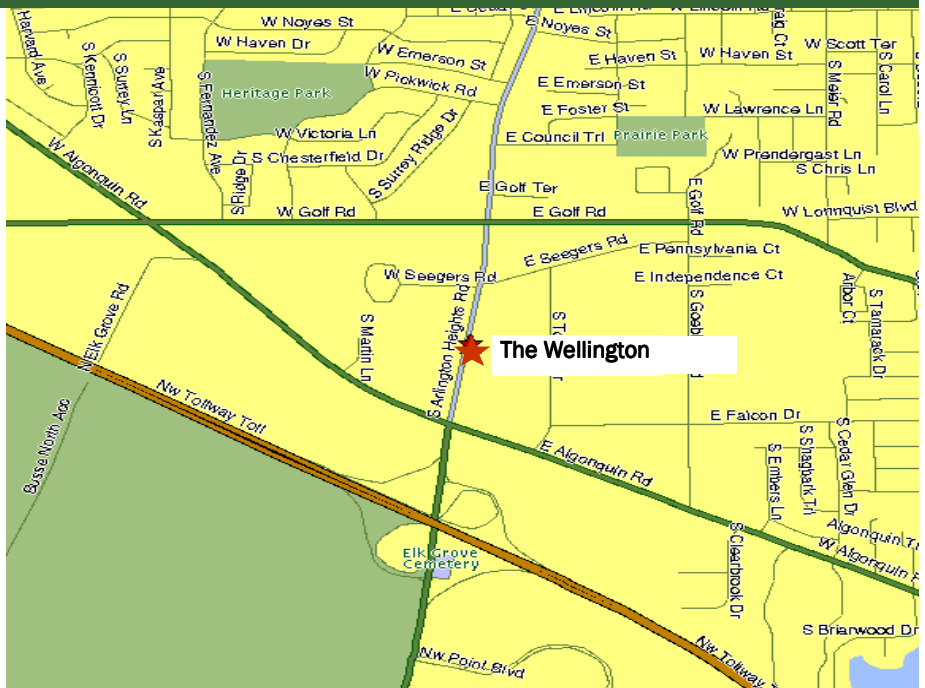
7:00 PM Dinner

**The Wellington**

**2121 South Arlington Heights Road  
 Arlington Heights, IL**

847/439-6610

Conveniently located just north of I-90 on the east side of Arlington Heights Road. Take I-90 to the Arlington Heights Road exit and go north. Proceed through the Algonquin Road intersection and the restaurant will be on your right.





## ANNUAL BANQUET DONATIONS NEEDED

The Illinois Section is seeking donated items for the silent and live auction to be held during the Annual Banquet. All donated items are fully tax deductible and support the Section's scholarship fund. Donated items could consist of:

- **Entertainment (Ticket to theater shows such as plays, the Blue Man Group )**
- **Gift Certificates to area hotels, restaurants and museums**
- **Technology (such as DVDs, i-Pod, MP3 players)**
- **Children's toys and games (PS2, X-Box 3D, Disney items, almost any age-appropriate toy)**
- **Gifts for Him or Her (Adult gift items such as purses, brief cases, hand-held organizers, ap-**

**parel items, wine gift baskets, etc.)**

- **Sporting Goods items (such as signed memorabilia, tickets to Chicago Cubs, Sox, Bears, Blackhawks, Wolves, or Fire)**
- **Professional items (items those in the transportation engineering profession would appreciate)**
- **From the Attic (gently used items that still have some use or interest such as old books, CDs, DVDs, records, etc.)**

The Illinois Section is a not for profit organization. When seeking donations from area businesses include the section's FEIN 03-3237057 in requests when needed. If you have an item to donate, contact Dan Nowak at (773) 693-3800 or email [dan.nowak@ch2m.com](mailto:dan.nowak@ch2m.com)



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign student chapter attend the Transportation and Highway Engineering conference and Illinois Section pizza party.

## FUTURE CITIES COMPETITION - CHICAGO REGION

### IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

Chicago engineering societies will be hosting a student design competition for area schools. The contest, known as the "Future City Competition™", will require middle grade students with the assistance of an engineer mentor, to design a future city with the aid of the award winning computer game, SimCity 3000™ from Maxis.

This program has been developed by engineers to provide much needed technological education to the students. According to Bob Johnson, spokesman for the Chicago program, the competition is in the fourteenth year and is the only of the 37 regional programs that have competed all 14 years. "Currently schools are starting work on their futuristic cities using the SimCity software and writing their essays."

Locally, the regional judging for the competition will take place Saturday, January 28, 2006, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago Illini Union, 828 S. Wolcott Ave. Judging of the projects will begin 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The winners will be

announced at an Awards Ceremony beginning about 3:00 p.m.. The student models will be on display until the conclusion of the awards ceremony. The public is invited and encouraged to see the vision of the future as seen by Chicagoland's 7th and 8th grade students. There is no cost to attend.

Students from Chicago area schools will be competing for the top prize. The winning school will receive prizes and trophies for the team members. All participants will receive gifts courtesy of the Chicagoland Engineers Week Committee and local engineering/architecture firms. In addition, team members from the winning school will advance to the final judging in Washington, DC. during NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK, February 19-25, 2006. The winner of the national competition will receive a week's trip to Space Camp. Top teams from the Regional Competition will be honored at the Annual Chicagoland Engineers Benefit, February 24, 2006.

For information on the competition, call the NEW hotline at 703-684-2852, Don Wittmer (312) 930-9119, or visit [www.futurecity.org/](http://www.futurecity.org/).

### RAISING THE BAR

At the '05 Annual Banquet the auction items raised \$2,085 for the Scholarship and Student Paper funds. The **QUALITY OF THE AUCTION ITEMS WAS OUTSTANDING.** Bulls tickets and a weekend getaway at the Dolce Oak Brook Hills Resort we high bid items.

**THIS YEARS GOAL IS TO RAISE \$2,500**





## BUS RAPID TRANSIT

BY JOSEPH FAZIO, PHD, PE, PTOE

Many world cities now have Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems. New Delhi is currently in the process of planning and designing one. Rumors abound that Chicago may be considering BRT feasibility. Cities that have BRT are Honolulu, Los Angeles, Miami, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, and Vancouver in N.A.; Belo Horizonte, Bogota, Campinas, Curitiba, Goiania, Lima, Porto Alegre, Quito, Recife, and Sao Paulo in Latin America; Adelaide and Brisbane in Australia; Claremont Ferrand, Eindhoven, Essen, Ipswich, Leeds, Nancy, and Rouen in Europe; Akita, Fukuoka, Gifu, Kanazawa, Miyazaki, Nagaoka, Nagoya, Nigata, Kunming, Beijing, Jakarta, and Taipei in Asia. Delhi's BRT system signatures will be parallel bus platforms involving median, dedicated bus lanes and the separation of vulnerable road users from motorized traffic. (See Figure below.)



Professor Geetam Tiwari (geetamt@gmail.com) in the Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Program at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology Delhi says that BRT is a low-cost, flexible, mass transportation system that costs 15-30 times less than a Metro system. BRT can serve as much as 100 times the area of a rail-based system. Workers can build a 20-km stretch of BRT infrastructure in less than 18 months while a Metro for the same distance would take approximately six-seven years. Further, BRT project development and planning process is much quicker. The BRT system would cost \$1-10 million per km while the Metro would cost \$20-150 million per km.

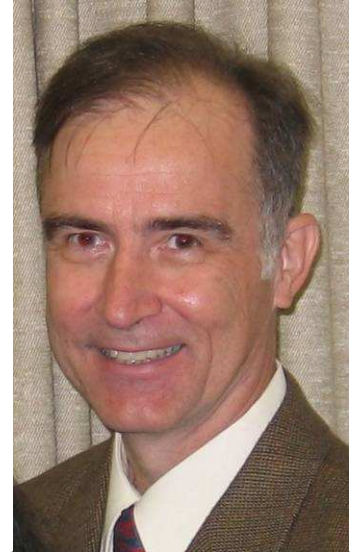
The BRT arterial street has dedicated bus lanes on which no other vehicles can encroach. Like-

wise, separate lanes for bicyclists, motorized vehicles, and pedestrians exist. This set-up promotes safety and decreases speed variance. Hazardous vehicle emissions will reduce. The designers of the segregated bus lane claim that injury accidents will reduce by 40% and fatalities by 50% from the existing condition. Delhi's wide arterial R.O.W. allows such dedicated lanes.

The BRT urban buses are low-slung with wide doors with a carrying capacity of over a hundred passengers. This makes it easier and faster for the passengers to get on and off the bus. The doors on these buses open only when the bus comes to a complete halt that increases the safety for all travelers. Terminals and bus stops have platforms that are level or nearly level with the floors of the buses making for easy and safe access to all passengers. Another feature of these urban buses is that they are fitted with an automatic vehicle tracking system that enables real-time monitoring of individual buses. Hawkers and vendors have available space near the bus stations.

A Metro is rigid and has no flexibility while engineers can alter, add-to, subtract from, and redesign at low-cost and at short notice a BRT. Unlike a Metro, a BRT can reach every part of the city and make itself accessible to other modes of feeder-transport like bicycles, automobiles, taxis, and mopeds. A minimal need exists for staircases in some instances in the BRT System while it is essential in all cases for Metro stations.

Security, cleanliness, easy access, customer comfort, and minimal stoppage time, all combine to make for increased efficiency. Prominent and clear displays of arrival and departure timings create added value and minimize waiting anxiety. Such real-time information displays and signs generate a sense of customer security. The whole system is friendly for people with disabilities because it uses ramps and platforms. Fare-collection occurs at the bus station prior to boarding the vehicle; this results in significant time savings.



Joseph Fazio, PHD is a Volvo Visiting Scholar, from the Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Program at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, in Hauz Khas, New Delhi 110016



## ITE WEB SEMINAR

### HOT LANES REVENUE AND ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS

The focus of the ITE TPC Web seminar is to evaluate the technical and policy aspects regarding enforcement, revenue and utilization of HOT versus express toll lanes lanes, with a focus on issues associated in concurrent-flow environments. The Web seminar will include brief presentations from Maryland Transportation Authority and Minnesota DOT outlining concerns and proposing methods of addressing them, followed by a group discussion using text chat.

#### BACKGROUND

Managed lanes, typically comprising some combination of value pricing and transit/carpool priority treatment, have been implemented in several states and are actively being studied in nearly every major US metro area. The value-pricing concept allows operating agencies to provide higher operating speeds in the corridor, a reliable travel time and some level of revenue. The most common type of managed lane being studied is a high-occupancy/toll combination called a HOT lane.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- State DOT staff who are performing or considering studies of managed lanes and value pricing.
- Regional and local agency staff who need to inform elected officials about technical aspects of managed lane operations.
- Private sector firms interested in enforcement and revenue issues associated with managed lane operations.
- Transportation Planners who need to understand the technical issues associated with an often-politicized issue.

#### REGISTRATION

\$75 per site. Registration closes December 12, 2005. To register and for frequently asked questions, go to [www.ite.org/education/webinars.asp](http://www.ite.org/education/webinars.asp).

#### SPEAKERS

- Dennis Simpson, Maryland Transportation Authority
- Ken Buckeye, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Patrick DeCorla-Souza, Federal Highway Administration
- Ginger Goodin, Texas Transportation Institute



## SURVEY INVITATION—WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

### SEEKING YOUR OPINION ON PDHs

You are invited to participate in a research project entitled "A study on perceptions of mandatory continuing education," which is designed to analyze the attitudes of civil/structural engineers and surveyors. Your input may help in making decisions regarding the future of mandatory continuing education.

This study is being conducted by Dr. Matthew S. Mingus and Alee Sleymann, P.E., from Western Michigan University, School of Public Affairs and Administration. This research is being conducted as part of the dissertation requirements for Alee Sleymann. Completing and submitting the survey indicates your consent for use of the

answers you supply. If you have any questions, you may contact Dr. Mingus at 269-387-8942, Mr. Sleymann at 269-267-7744, the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board at 269-387-8293 and [hsirb@wmich.edu](mailto:hsirb@wmich.edu), or the vice president for research at 269-387-8298. This consent document has been approved for one year by the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) on November 23, 2005.

To take the survey visit <http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB224TKWGENPS> and voice your opinions about mandatory continuing education. The results of the survey will be published in an upcoming issue of CE News.

### REFER A FRIEND

The Illinois Section will send a complementary issue of ITEMS to your friend or business acquaintance who may be interested in joining ITE. E-mail the contact information to your ITEMS editor at:

[mrinnan@ekmail.com](mailto:mrinnan@ekmail.com)

or fax the information to 312.251.3015. The contact will be provided membership information and acknowledgement of your referral.





## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

### APWA ILLINOIS CHAPTER 2006 CONFERENCE

R&B Productions is in the process of setting up topics and speakers for the APWA IL Chapter 2006 Conference and is soliciting area professionals for topics and experts in those fields. There are nine sessions where topics and speakers are needed, including the 4th presentation of the ITE Illinois Section Traffic Engineering Track. The Conference will be held at the Peoria Civic Center on May 3-5, 2005. For additional information on the confer-

ence, or to submit a suggestion for speakers and topics, contact:

Andy Bugos  
Conference Management  
APWA Conference 2006  
R&B Productions  
7150 N. University St.  
Peoria, IL 61614  
Phone 309-693-9667 ext. 18  
Fax 309-693-3465  
Mobile 309-208-4428  
email rnbsales@aol.com

## CALL FOR SPEAKERS

### DUKANE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF ILLINOIS

The DuKane Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC-IL) is looking for speakers to make presentations at

their future meetings. The meetings are typically held at locations in either DuPage or Kane Counties. If interested call Todd Merrihew at 312.384.6322. For more information on the Chapter visit their website at <http://www.ispe-dukane.org/>

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### 13TH WORLD CONGRESS ON ITS CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE EXTENSION

The organizers of the 13th World Congress on ITS have extended the Call for Papers deadline to January 5, 2006. Since its launch in 1994, the goal of the annual ITS World Congress has been to encourage and enable the exchange of

information on every aspect of ITS deployment. The Congress' content ranges from improving the operational use of systems and services on the one hand to research and planning to support new applications on the other. Presentations, exhibition stands and both formal and informal discussion sessions cover all ITS applications.30, 2005.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD TRANSIT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM (TCRP)

TRB's Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) is soliciting nominations for members of panels that will oversee individual TCRP research projects as part of its Fiscal Year 2006 activities. Nominees should have expertise directly relevant to the issues being addressed

by the project. The nomination of women and minority candidates is encouraged. Panels for the new research projects are scheduled to meet during March 2006. TRB's TCRP web site includes additional information on the Fiscal Year 2006 TCRP research projects; the panel member nomination process; and the roles, responsibilities, and restrictions associated with panel membership. The TCRP web site is at <http://www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/>



University of Illinois Chicago Circle student Matt Huffman attends the Illinois Section September Luncheon. He is a senior and President of the ASCE student chapter.





## CALL FOR 2006 TRANSIT SYNTHESIS TOPICS

### CANDIDATE TOPICS REQUESTED BY MARCH 31, 2006

The Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) is soliciting ideas on candidate topics for the FY 2006 Synthesis Program. The Synthesis Program reports on current practices in specific subject areas, and is designed to pro-

duce a compendium of the best knowledge available on those practices found to be the most successful in resolving specific problems. This solicitation contains information on how to submit a topic for consideration and provides a list of all previously authorized synthesis topics. [http://trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=4430](http://trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=4430)

## CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

### TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD 85TH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday to Thursday, January 22 to 26, 2006, at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham and Hilton Washington Hotels in Washington, D.C. <http://www.trb.org/meeting/>

### ITS AMERICA ELECTRONIC PAY- MENT SYSTEMS (EPS) WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 8 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 198 East Delaware Place in Chicago, IL. Call Hallie Smith at 404-467-9297. <http://www.itsa.org/pt.html>

### 21ST ANNUAL ILLINOIS ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS CON- VENTION

Friday to Tuesday, February 17 to 23 at the Hyatt Bonita Springs Resort, Bonita Springs, FL. Call 630-773-1220 for membership and conference information. <http://irtba.org>

### ITE 2006 TECHNICAL CONFER- ENCE AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Tuesday, March 19 to 22 at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX. Call 202-289-0222 ext. 112. <http://www.ite.org/Conference/default.asp>

### 2006 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH FORUM

Wednesday to Friday, March 23 to 25 at the

New York University Campus in New York, NY. Call 202-289-0222 ext. 112. <http://www.trforum.org/forum/2006>.

### NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL TRANS- PORTATION LEAGUE 2006 SPRING TRANSPORTATION FORUM

Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4 in Arlington, VA. Watch <http://www.nitl.org/calendar.htm> for additional details as they are provided.

### AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIA- TION 2006 NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

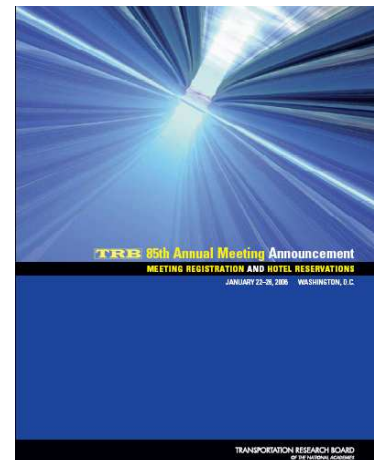
Saturday to Wednesday, April 22 and 26 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. <http://www.planning.org/2006conference/>

### APWA ILLINOIS CHAPTER 2006 CONFERENCE

Wednesday to Friday, May 3 to 5 at the Peoria Civic Center, 201 Southwest Jefferson Avenue, Peoria, IL. Contact R&B Productions, Inc, Andy Bugos 309-693-9667 ext 18 <http://illinois.apwa.net/events.asp?mode=detail&ID=1703>

### ITS AMERICA 2006 ANNUAL MEET- ING AND EXPOSITION

Sunday to Tuesday, May 7 to 9 at the Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. Contact ITS America 202-484-4847 <http://www.itsa.org.annualmeeting.html>





**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**MELCY POND JOINS CLARK DIETZ CIVIL ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM**

Melcy Curth Pond, PE, has joined Clark Dietz, Inc. as Senior Project Manager for the engineering consulting company's civil environmental department.

Working from the firm's Chicago office, Pond will focus on projects involving water resources, drainage, stormwater management, stream bank stabilization and floodway management.

Pond has more than 27 years of experience in civil/environmental engineering and holds licenses as a Professional Engineer in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. She has a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering from Purdue

**ALLEN STARON JOINS CLARK DIETZ TRANSPORTATION TEAM**

Allen Staron, PE, has joined Clark Dietz, Inc. as Senior Vice President for the engineering consulting company's transportation division.

Working from the firm's Chicago office, Staron will focus on further development of the company's growing transportation business in the Tri-State region of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Staron has more than 30 years of experience in transportation engineering and holds licenses as a Professional Engineer from Illinois and Texas. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering (Transportation) from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administra-

University and a Master of Science in Soil and Water Engineering from the University of Illinois.

Ms. Pond is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC-IL). She is a frequent presenter at professional conferences and has received numerous professional awards including the Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award from the Illinois Chapter ASCE for her work on Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility in 1996. Prior to joining Clark Dietz, Pond was President of AOS Associates, a firm specializing in water resources management.

tion from DePaul University.

Active in professional development he is a Past President of the Illinois Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the chair of several committees of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC-IL).

Over his career, Staron has gained extensive experience in highway design, airport engineering, transportation planning, roadway construction and site development. He has provided project management for improvements to many Chicago-area expressways and other major highways, as well as the Wacker Drive reconstruction and State Street renovation projects in downtown Chicago. He has also been the project director for numerous improvements at O'Hare International Airport.



The view from the deck of Cliffbreakers, location of the November luncheon and an example of a portion of the Rockford Riverfront which is one of Mayor Morrissey's development priorities.

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Mayor Morrissey chats with attendees at the November luncheon

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## IDOT FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

The 2005 IDOT Fall Planning conference was held this year at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago on October 13 and 14. The first day of the conference included presentations by Carolyn Twenter, Long Range Planning Coordinator for the St. Louis MPO and Pricilla Tobias, State Safety Engineer.

The remainder of the day was dedicated to tracked sessions with three simultaneous presentation occurring during each of the final two hours. **Practical Applications of Private and Public Partnerships (P3)** provided an interesting glimpse at how the Texas DOT is using new regulations/legislation enabled by the Transportation Efficiency Act—Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) bill to construct the I-25 and Trans Texas Corridors.

The day closed with a open question and answer session and closing remarks by Randy Blankenborn, Bureau Chief, Urban Programming and Planning.

The second day started with presentations by Norm Stoner of the Federal Highway Administration Illinois Division, and Illinois DOT Secre-

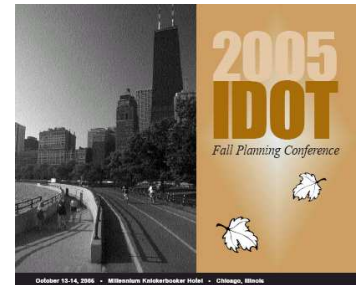
tary Tim Martin. Both provided their analysis of transportation funding given the recently passed TEA-LU legislation. Next followed three panel sessions:

- **The Merger of Chicago Area Transportation System and Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission**
- **NIPC's 2040 Regional Framework Plan Provides Tolls for Local Officials**

Attendees were wowed by the high tech multimedia presentation on the 2040 Land Use plan. This plan offers a variety of tools for local officials to consider when planning for development at the community level. For additional information see the NIPC website at <http://www.nipc.org/2040/>

- **The Burden of Transportation Investment on Local Agencies: A State of the Practice in the Midwest**

Rockford City Traffic Engineer presented an interesting comparison of funding received by Rockford compared to peer cities like Fort Wayne, Indiana. Watch [www.ilregional-councils.org](http://www.ilregional-councils.org) for info on the '06 conference.



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- December 13—ASCE Young Member Forum Annual Holiday Party, Rock Bottom Brewery, State and Grand, Chicago, IL. Please bring a new toy to donate to Toys-For-Tots. To RSVP email Leo Morand [lmorand@gha-engineers.com](mailto:lmorand@gha-engineers.com) by December 9, 2005.
- December 15 — Illinois Section luncheon
- January 20—SEA01 Trade Show, Palmer House Hilton, 17 East Monroe, Chicago, IL. <http://www.seaoi.org/assets/pdf/2006-01-seaoi-trade-show.pdf>
- January 22 to 26, 2006—TRB Annual Meeting, at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham and Hilton Washington Hotels in Washington, D.C. <http://www.trb.org/meeting/>
- January 27—Illinois Section Annual Banquet, The Wellington, 2121 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 847/439-6610
- February 15—ITEMS Deadline
- February 19-25— National Engineers Week
- February 24— Illinois Section E-week banquet, Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel, Chicago IL watch <http://www.chicagolandeweek.org/> for details as they are made available

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**2006**

January 27	Annual Awards Dinner at Wellington, Arlington Heights
February 24	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet
March 16	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
April 20	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
May 18	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
June 8	Joint Luncheon (with ASCE, WTS, APA, APWA, WSE or other), location to be determined
June 14 to 16	District 4 Annual Conference, Rochester Minnesota
August 6-9	ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit , Milwaukee WI
September 21	Student Welcome Back Luncheon on campus
October 19	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
November 16	Monthly Luncheon at Suburban Location to be determined
December 14	Year End Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's

**2007**

January 26	Annual Awards Dinner at Wellington, Arlington Heights (TENTATIVE)
February 23	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet
March 15	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
April 19	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
May 17	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
June 13 to 15	District 4 Annual Conference hosted by MOVITE
June 21	Joint Luncheon (with ASCE, WTS, APA, APWA, WSE or other), location to be determined
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