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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Incoming President Dennis Dal Santo (right) accepts the gavel from Past-President Todd Fagen

As I write this we have already embarked upon a new year and one of my first tasks is to thank all previous board members for their hard work and to welcome the newest members to the executive board **Govind Vadakpat** and **Kim Kolody**.

These individuals have volunteered over the years on various committees and have graciously accepted the opportunity to sit on the board of directors to continue their service to ILITE. I look forward to working with them and all the board members in 2006.

We are anticipating a busy year and have set goals to further support our student scholarship and member activities. In support of our student scholarship fund this year we will offer the sale of Illinois Section ITE logo apparel introduced at the Annual Banquet auction. A portion of the sale proceeds will go directly into the student scholarship fund. The merchandise is purchased through the JoDavies Workshop Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing training, education, and employment services to developmen-

tally disable adults in Illinois. Your purchase will support two worthy causes. Read ITEms for further details and results of our Annual Banquet later in this edition. This year also marks a milestone for the Section. In 2006 the Illinois Section of ITE celebrates its 40th anniversary. In celebration of this anniversary all editions of ITEms as well as our website will display the 40th anniversary logo for the remainder of this year. In October a special presentation is planned. Stay tuned to ITEms for more details.

In an effort to bring topics of interest to all members we are planning for joint lunch meetings with other professional groups at several suburban locations this year. Due to its success last fall we are planning another fall lunch meeting in the Rockford area. We are hoping to have IDOT's Region 2 Engineer speak at this event. Also, in support of student activities a student luncheon with ILITE is planned at the Illinois Institute of Technology. We hope to fulfill our goals for this year in bringing ITE to you. If you, our members, wish to read something of specific interest please, contact me or any of the board members listed at the end of ITEms. All suggestions and feedback are welcomed. And last but not least I must thank **Mark Rinnan**, our ITEms editor, for his tireless efforts in bringing you this newsletter which won the 2005 District and Section Newsletter Award for a Circulation between 250 and 500.

It is my privilege to serve as the president of the Illinois Section of ITE for 2006. I pledge to do my best to improve the section for our membership. Have a safe and prosperous year.

Sincerely, **Dennis Dal Santo**

MARCH LUNCHEON

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

Date: March 23, 2006

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

Cost: \$30 members
\$12 Students

Speaker: Mr. Brian Plum, Traffic
Control Corporation

Topic: The latest in traffic control
technology.

40th ANNIVERSARY
1966 - 2006



ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET FESTIVITIES

While attendance was slightly off this year, likely because of competition with TRB, scholarship funding raising was more successful than ever. **Top honours went to Richard Hocking** for the Section's Past President's Award. **Joel Christell** did an admirable job as emcee (with perhaps just a little "help" from **John "Tex" Mick** who also donated wine and a restaurant gift certificates). The live auction bidding was furious if not fast and, dare we say, perhaps sometimes confused. For those whose pen is mightier than their voice, the silent auction offers an opportunity to spend in a less confusing way. It all worked out to the tune of over \$2,580 to benefit the Section scholarship and award for Illinois students. A tip of the hat to event organizers **Sagar Sonar**, **Dan Nowak** and **Amarpal Matharu** who helped and donated a kitchen accessory set.

The fund raising would not have been possible without silent auction contributions from **Regina Webster and Associates**, who donated a really cool women's bracelet, **Civitech Engineering** for a gift set of chocolates and chocolate Liqueurs. Live auction items always attract the most attention so many thanks to **Edwards and Kelcey** for their Trek Mountain Bike donation, to **Brown Traffic Products** and **Joel Christell** for Chicago Cubs game tickets, and especially to **Earl Neuman** for a certified authentic autographed photo of Ernie Banks. Chester **Kropidowski's** contribution of DVD's documenting early of the Illinois Section activities from the 1960's were popular, especially given this 40th Anniversary year, and help preserve Section history. Cash contributions include \$200 each from **CH2M Hill** and **Metro Transportation Group**, \$100 from **LIN Engineering**, \$50 from **KLOA**, as well as \$101 and \$35 donated anonymously. A \$50 Lettuce Entertain You gift certificate was contributed by **Land Strategies** as a door prize. Section members provided individual donations in the form of wine sets, a roll-on computer brief, and other items.

Of course the other side of successful auctions is made by those that purchased bid items.

Top bidder of the night was **Don Pries** for the mountain bike and two silent auction items.

Other top bidders included **Rolf Killian**, **John Mick**, **Peter Lemmon**, and **Kathy Meyercord**.

The transportation related star of the night, a toy remote controlled car successfully bid on by **Vydas**, was seen jumping off the bid table and racing across the floor interrupting friendly conversations. Who knew cell phone signals could interfere so significantly?

Guest speakers included International Vice-President **Earl Newman**, from the MOVITE Section, and **Ken Voigt**, Executive Director, ITE Midwest District (4). Earl highlighted the following as priorities for ITE this year:

- **Work Force development**

A key to meeting job market demands for engineers is ITE involvement at all levels with primary, secondary, and college students. Earl cited the Illinois Section scholarship/student paper awards as exemplary. For continuing education, ITE will offer over 170 web seminar this year. Also, ITE dues now include 1 free council membership.

- **Safety**

Earl noted safety includes designing for all system users (transit, pedestrians/bicyclists).

- **Management and Operations**

Two new certification programs were announced, TOPS - Traffic Operations Practicing Specialists, and TSOS - Traffic Signal Operations Specialists.

- **Public Relations**

We as a profession must improve exchange information with others, especially the general public. ITE members can learn a lot from other societies and lay-persons.

- **Membership**

Earl mentioned that 2005 was first year there was a membership decline (about 1%). Perhaps the \$250 dues are too expensive for younger members. ITE National is considering a 3-year step-in to full dues for recent graduates.



Eat or bid, eat or bid? Attendees assess their priorities (and wallets!) at the silent auction tables.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Start planning now for donations at next banquet. Could you donate a week or weekend at your summer cottage? Have a favorite restaurant or country club you frequent that might be willing donors? If so contact the scholarship committee by contacting Dan Nowak via e-mailing at dan.nowak@CH2M.com or by telephone at 773.693.3809.



ILLINOIS SECTION STUDENT AWARDS

ILLINOIS ITE SCHOLAR

Mr. **Robert Tegge** (to the right in the picture with **Tim Sjogren**, left) is the winner of the Illinois Section scholarship



for the 2005-2006 academic year. Robert is a junior studying Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with a 3.73 GPA out of 4.0. He has positioned himself well for a future in Transportation Engineering by working as traffic signal technician and plan review with the Kane County Division of Transportation and prior to that testing water as a maintenance technician for the St. Charles, Illinois Park District.

ILLINOIS STUDENT BEST PAPER

The winner of the Illinois Student Best Paper award is Mr. **Sadayuki Yagi**, on the left in the photo. Mr.



Yagi (Syd) received the award recognition plaque and \$1,000 which was presented by ITE International Vice-President **Earl Neuman** at the Illinois Section Annual Dinner Banquet. Syd is from Tokyo, Japan. He has a bachelor's degree at University of Tokyo, Japan, and a master's degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After having several years of work experience as a transport planner/engineer for transportation projects in developing countries, he is back to the U.S., to the University of Illinois at Chicago. Now he is a Ph.D. candidate, and his research is on activity-based modeling of travel demand.

Summary of the paper:

His paper presents the results of a mixed logit model of transport mode choice which is developed using data from a stated preference opinion survey in Jakarta, Indonesia. Then, he utilized the model for simulation analysis of some transportation control measures currently under review in Jakarta, including BRT (bus rapid transit) and congestion pricing. He forecasted how demand for BRT, conventional transit, and private mode is likely to vary under different levels of the fare of the BRT and the toll for congestion pricing.



FUTURE CITIES - CHICAGO REGION WINNERS

By Melanie Williams

The Chicago Regional Future City Competition was held at UIC on Saturday, January 28, 2006. For the 4th straight year, the ITE Illinois Section sponsored a Special Award for the competition and supported its commitment to introducing middle school students to the engineering profession. The nationwide competition is in its 14th year.

Melanie Williams of **Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.** and **Jim Powell** of **Parsons** served as judges for the ITE Illinois Section Special Award, "Excellence in Transportation Safety

and Operations". The program began for the 7th and 8th grade students in September and culminated with the competition on January 28th. Special Awards were given to all 15 of the schools that participated in the competition.

The ITE Illinois Section Special Award was presented to **St. Barnabas Catholic School** for their Future City titled East Underhill. Another team from St. Barnabas Catholic School won the competition for their Future City titled West Destiny. Congratulations to all teams that participated in the 2006 Chicago Regional Future City Competition – you all did an incredible job!



St Barnabas teams (l to r) Teacher Jeanne Conway, Jessica Parazolla, Sarah Bush, Meg McArdle (designers of East Underhill), Sara Kohanny, Eileen Cullina, and Amanda Ferstead (designers of West Destiny)



MEET THE 2006 ILLINOIS SECTION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

DENNIS DAL SANTO

Mr. Dal Santo is currently the Section Chief of Suburban Programs for Northeastern Illinois at the Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation (DPIT) of the Illinois Department of Transportation where he directs grants development and management of state funded transit capital improvement projects throughout northeastern Illinois. Mr. Dal Santo is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Prior to joining IDOT-DPIT Dennis spent thirteen years with Pace (Suburban Bus) as the Transportation Engineer where he administered the Pace Technical Review Assistance Program and was primarily responsible for the review of site plans and roadway projects for their transit adaptability. Dennis was also responsible for revising (1995 and 2000 versions) the Pace Development Guidelines. Prior work experience also includes the Chicago Transit Authority, Jack E. Leisch & Associates (original Evanston firm), and the consulting planning firm of Carl L. Gardner and Associates.

Dennis is an International member as well as local member of ITE. He has served the Illinois Section as Director of Student Affairs, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President. He has also served as a member of the Illinois Section's District IV Conference Planning Committee in 2000 and 2004.

VICE PRESIDENT

PETER LEMMON, P.E.

Peter Lemmon is a Senior Transportation Engineer with Metro Transportation Group in Chicago, Illinois. He has experience in the areas of traffic impact, corridor and area-wide transportation planning, traffic simulation analyses, and sports facilities planning. Peter received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1998.

Since graduation, Peter has been an international and associate member of ITE. As an

active member, he has served as editor of ITEMS from 1999 through 2002, Director of the Operations Group in 2003, Treasurer in 2004, and Secretary in 2005.

SECRETARY

AMARPAL MATHARU, P.E.

Mr. Matharu works as a Transportation Engineer with CH2M HILL. His work experience includes traffic operations and planning, highway design, and project proposals and management. Amarpal holds an M.B.A. from City University of New York, M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of North Carolina, and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from India.

Amarpal has been a member of ITE since 1991. As an active member, he has served as Treasurer and Director of the Student Affairs Group and as a committee member for the District IV Annual Meeting's Technical Program Committee. Amarpal is also a Board Member and Treasurer of the Asian-Indian Punjabi Cultural Society that is active in the Midwest.

TREASURER

MATTHEW LETOURNEAU, P.E., PTOE

Mr. Letourneau is a Senior Transportation Engineer with Edwards and Kelcey in Chicago and a registered professional engineer in the state of Illinois. Since joining Edwards and Kelcey, he has been involved in the Phase I design of South Lake Shore Drive, various traffic signal design projects, and several projects involving the design and implementation of intelligent transportation systems (ITS). Most recently, Matt has helped to develop the draft Illinois Statewide ITS Architecture and Strategic Plan.

Matt has worked in the Activities Group, arranging a number of luncheon topics over the years. Since June of 2003 Matt has served as Technical Group Director for the Illinois Section, helping to arrange a series of technical seminars for the Section membership, including the "Rural ITS Toolbox" and the "Traffic Signal Design and Operations" course.



Section President Dennis Dal Santo



Section Vice President Peter Lemmon



Section Secretary Amarpal Matharu



Section Treasurer Matt Letourneau



VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The ITE Illinois Section is seeking volunteers for the following Committee Chair positions:

- **Awards Chair (in the Activities Group)**
- **Seminars Chair (in the Technical Group)**
- **Internship Chair (in the Student Affairs Group)**

You earn PDHs by serving. If you are interested contact Dennis Del Santo by phone at (312) 793-2267 or via e-mail at: dalsantodg@dot.il.gov



ILLINOIS SECTION BOARD NOTES

JANUARY 20, 2006

Vice President Report. Logo apparel roll-out begins at the annual banquet. The order form should be posted on the web. A 40th Anniversary logo is to be on ITEms and the web site.

Treasurers Report. Section net worth is \$35,102.09. January net receipts were \$3,961 and total disbursements were \$6,550.63.

Activities Group. Ideas for 2006 Section events include having product vendors present at monthly luncheons, complimentary lunches for public agency members, and an ISPE dinner meeting. A 2006 Section social event at a Schaumburg Flyers baseball, Chicago Fire soccer, or other game is being considered. A new venue for the Golf outing is being considered, possibly Schaumburg.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE PRE-EMPTION STUDY

The Federal Highway Administration and the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration have released a report that examines the benefits, costs, extent of deployment, technology options, and lessons learned associated with emergency vehicle preemption (EVP). This study examines three EVP examples in depth,

discussing how the traffic, emergency services, and preemption systems all operate in an integrated fashion. The study offers lessons learned in the areas of institutional issues, public acceptance, driver training, installation, and maintenance. Download a pdf of the study at http://trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?=5930

GOOD NEWS FOR THE BIG DIG

INTERSTATE ROUTES 90/93 IN BOSTON PROVIDE CONGESTION RELIEF

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) reports that as a result of the Big Dig, the average commute through the center of Boston has shrunk from more than 19 minutes to 2.8 minutes and has increased by 800,000 the number of people in Eastern Massachusetts who can reach Logan International Airport in 40 minutes or less.

And as reported in the *Boston Globe*, the improved drive times are projected to result in savings of \$167 million annually for commuters: \$24 million in vehicle operating costs and \$143 million in time.

The MTA's report also concludes that the Big Dig has reduced by 62 percent the number of daily vehicle hours traveled on the central artery and the airport tunnels, and afternoon peak travel times through downtown have decreased considerably. Additionally, the Authority predicts \$7 billion in new, private investment (adding more than 43,000 jobs) as a direct result of the highway improvements.

Visit the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority website at <http://www.massturnpike.com/bigdig/index.html> and download the report by clicking on the link to the official report titled **Economic Impacts of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project.**

ITE CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

Go to <http://hosting.bronto.com/8856-78fea2c3/ccwin06.pdf> to find the winter edition of the ITE Consultants Council Newsletter. If you have any questions or comments on this newsletter, please contact editor Amir Rizavi at arizavi@eng-wongtaub.com.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Edwards and Kelcey

Edwards and Kelcey, a rapidly growing transportation engineering/planning/construction consulting firm, is seeking candidates for positions in our Chicago, IL office. Candidates may use the on-line job search and submittal process found at <http://www.ekcorp.com/jobsearch.htm> or contact Ann Farley c/o Edwards and Kelcey, One North Franklin, Suite 500, Chicago IL. 60606, or call (312) 424-5408.



TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER

Entry Level Transportation Engineer to work on a wide range of projects. Positions are available in the Transportation Planning Department. Typical projects include transportation planning, feasibility studies, traffic engineering, preliminary highway engineering and bike and pedestrian transportation. Please use reference number IL-TE-ek when submitting a resume for this position. EOE/AA

ENTRY LEVEL CIVIL ENGINEER / HIGHWAYS

Candidates for entry level Civil Engineers/Highways in the Chicago office with 0-3 years experience preferred. Please use reference number IL-ECE-ek when submitting resume for this position. EEO/AA

CIVIL ENGINEER

Edwards and Kelcey is seeking a Civil Engineer with site development experience in the Chicago area. The ideal candidate has 2-4 years experience, is team oriented, and has a firm grasp of site layout, civil design, storm water management, grading, utility, traffic, and various site/civil engineering design standards. Working knowledge and experience obtaining approval for land development projects through local municipalities, county and state agencies is desirable. Candidate must have a working knowledge of AutoCAD and other civil-related software. A licensed professional engineer is preferred. Please use reference number IL-CE-ek when submitting resume for this position. EEO/AA

STRATEGIC HIGHWAY RESEARCH POSITIONS

FOUR SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The new Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP II) has openings for four Senior Program Officers to work in the area of capacity planning, highway renewal, highway safety, and highway travel time reliability. SHRP II is a highly focused, applied, contract research program designed to spark significant advances in highway safety, highway system renewal, mitigation of non-recurring highway congestion and in the integration of the nation's social, environmental, and economic goals into the planning and development of new transportation capacity. Responsibilities of the Senior Program Offi-

cers include management of multiple, highly complex contract research projects in their areas of responsibility related to the systematic integration of social, environmental, and economic goals into improved transportation planning practice. In addition, the Senior Program Officers will develop program and project strategies and budgets, staffing requirements, and will ensure contract research projects meet their stated objectives. A listing of minimum requirements, full job duties, and application information for each opening are available on the National Academies' Office of Human Resources Webpage. Also see <http://www.trb.org/SHRP2/> for additional details.

Edwards and Kelcey

ATTN: Ann Farley

One North Franklin

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Chicago IL. 60606

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wilbur Smith Associates

Wilbur Smith Associates is an international consulting firm providing professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, and economics. With over 40 offices in the US, as well as a network of overseas offices, WSA is one of the best known & respected transportation consulting firms in the world. The Lisle office, Illinois is seeking to fill the following positions:

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

Requirements: Must have a Bachelors and/or Masters Degree in civil engineering, planning, economics all with an emphasis in transportation; Minimum of ten years experience;

- **Familiarity with the development of socioeconomic forecasts;**
- **Must possess a good understanding of transportation demand and microsimulation models with the ability to interpret results.**

SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Requirements: Bachelors and/or Masters Degree in civil engineering with an emphasis in transportation, P.E. desirable; Minimum of ten years experience;

- **Must possess a good working knowledge of the principles and practice of traffic engineering;**
- **Familiarity with MUTCD;**
- **Experience with the use of traffic simulation models, as well as Highway Capacity Manual procedures;**
- **Knowledge of highway geometric design practice and the relationship between design elements and traffic operations;**
- **Knowledge of traffic crash data and analysis.**

MID LEVEL AND SENIOR TRAVEL DEMAND MODELERS

Requirements: Bachelors and/or Masters Degree in civil engineering, planning, economics all with an emphasis in transportation;

- **Mid-level and Senior Modelers require a minimum of five years and ten years of professional experience in transportation modeling, respectively.**
- **Experience with travel demand software such as EMME2, TRANPLAN, TP+, CUBE, TRANSCAD;**
- **Experience in GIS and database applications;**
- **Ability to program and/or write script language;**
- **Familiarity with traffic simulation models such as CORSIM, VISSIM or DYNASIM a plus;**

Candidates for senior positions should demonstrate project management experience, and possess strong communication skills. If interested in applying for this position, please forward your resume with salary history to:

Kamran Khan
FAX (630) 434-8163
kkhan@wilbursmith.com
EOE/AAE

Wilbur Smith Associates
801 Warrenville Road
Suite 260
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**Do you have
employment
opportunities?**

Advertise your job
opening in *ITEMS*. For
information contact:

William Eidson
847.823.0500
weidson@cbbel.com

BE A FASHION TRENDSETTER-ILLINOIS ITE LOGO APPAREL

If you attended the Annual Banquet in January you were lucky enough to witness the roll-out of the Illinois Section's logo apparel. A special thanks to **Kim Kolody, Brian De La-Salle, John Ellis, Todd Fagen, Chris Kreuger, Amarpal Matharu,** and **Jeff Young** for their successful bids on the new apparel items. While they are the first to own this fashionable clothing, you too can now purchase these items by using the form on the following page.

Your purchases not only support the **Scholarship Fund** of the Illinois Section ITE, but also provide work opportunities for employees of the Jo Daviess Workshop Incorporated. JDWI is a social service organization that provides work, wellness, education instruction, social skills/activities, creative expression and recreation for individuals with disabilities in Jo

Daviess County, Illinois. To find out more about this worthy organization visit their web site at <http://www.jdwi.org/>.

Samples of the initial apparel items are shown on this page and will be available for viewing and purchase at Section activities throughout the year. Currently we are only accepting checks when paying by mail order or cash and checks when purchasing in person. Depending upon sales success, we may expand to credit card sales and the use of on-line payment services. In the mean time use the form on the following page to purchase our current line of apparel. Other apparel item that could be added to the list could include baseball and pull-Over caps, tote bags, luggage, etc. Contact Mark Rinnan at mrinnan@ekmail.com to suggest other items you might be interested in purchasing or discuss color options.



ITEM 3408

Ladies Cornflower Blue Premium Polo w/White Pique



ITEM 3536

Adult White Classic Polo with Black Pique (Maroon Pique shown) and

ITEM 3537

Adult Maroon Classic Polo with White Pique (Shown with Colors reversed)



ITEM 3555

Adult Black Honeycomb Stitch Polo w/White Pique (Maroon with Black Pique shown)



ITEM 8952

Adult Chili Red Fleece Lined Jacket w/Black Trim (shown in Olive with Black Trim)



ITEM 9000C

Adult Ultra Cotton Crewneck Sweatshirt (Forest Green swatch shown)



**ILLINOIS SECTION
INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

Illinois Section ITE Logo Apparel
c/o Edwards and Kelcey
One North Franklin, Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60606

For orders and to check status
Phone: 312-251-3000
Fax: 312-251-3015
E-mail: mletourneau@ekmail.com

Illinois Section ITE Logo Apparel –2006

All items include embroidered Illinois Section ITE Logo

Item #	Description	Size (Circle One)	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
8536	Adult White Classic Polo with Black Pique	S M L XL 2XL 3XL		\$35.00	
8537	Adult Maroon Classic Polo with White Pique	S M L XL 2XL 3XL		\$35.00	
8555	Adult Black Honeycomb Stitch Polo w/White Pique	S M L XL 2XL 3XL		\$35.00	
3408	Ladies Cornflower Blue Premium Polo w/White Pique	S M L XL 2XL		\$35.00	
9000C	Adult Forest Green Ultra Cotton Crewneck Sweatshirt	S M L XL 2XL		\$27.50	
8952	Adult Chili Red Fleece Lined Jacket w/Black Trim	S M L XL 2XL 3XL		\$65.00	

Order total: _____

Method of Payment

Please make checks payable to:

Illinois Section ITE

Tax: Exempt

Shipping: \$5.00

Total: _____

Please allow about 6 weeks delivery from time of order.

At present we do not offer express delivery.

Please note we CANNOT ship to a P.O. Box

Ship To:

Name

E-mail Address

Street Address

Phone

Address continued, Suite, or Apartment No.

City State Zip Code

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS

ITE 2006 INNOVATIVE INTERMODAL SOLUTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION AWARD

The award has two purposes: to encourage reporting of activities and programs that have been effective in addressing urban transportation needs through the development of innovative and practical, and balanced Intermodal solutions; and to publicize the role of transportation professionals in achieving innovative solutions to urban transportation needs. The Award has been endowed by Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan Inc. in memory of Daniel W. Hoyt, a fellow member of ITE who was transportation planning manager for the firm in Miami, FL, at the time of his untimely death in April 1991 at the age of 51.

RAIL~OLUTION BUILDING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES WITH TRANSPORTATION

Rail~Volution has grown into the definitive national conference for building livable communities. The twelfth annual conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois November 4-8, 2006, where Rail~Volution will again bring together a unique cross section of citizen activists, developers, business leaders, planners, local elected officials, academics, transit operators, architects and federal, state & local officials. Rail~Volution 2006 invites you to submit presentations that explore these "Core" community-building topics:

- **TOD Basics-The properties and promotion of transit oriented development. The latest and best examples of TOD are a part of this discussion.**

AWARD

- **Recognition at the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit and in ITE Journal**
- **Inscribed certificate**

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual transportation professional, member, or non-member who has been actively involved with reports on an intermodal activity or program that addresses urban transportation.

PAPER SUBMISSION

- **Submit original paper and/or program to be considered by April 3, 2006. Please submit the materials electronically formatted in Microsoft Word. Submittals received after April 3 may not be considered.**
- **Send paper submissions to: Heather Talbert, ITE Headquarters, htalbert@ite.org, Attn: 2006 Innovative Intermodal Solutions for Urban Transportation Paper Award.**

- **Urban Design-Development design guidelines that leverage transit investments. Tools for managing parking for both transit and development is always a part of this discussion.**
- **Transportation Integration-The integration of land use, transit, bikes and pedestrian facilities into communities, including mode selection as an outcome of land use decisions, community participation, addressing local needs and sensitivities and public art.**
- **Partnerships-Partnerships among cities, transit agencies, developers, financial institutions, state and federal agencies and the community – that leverage resources, reduce risks and build support for quality projects.**

Deadline for Submitting Papers is April 13th, 2006. For additional details and electronic submittal information visit the conference website at <http://www.railvolution.com/> or mail to: Rail~Volution 1120 SW Fifth #800 Portland, Oregon 97204.

CORRECTION

In the December issue of ITEMS the DuKane Chapter was mistakenly identified as part of ACEC-IL. The correct organization is ISPE. ITEMS regrets any confusion this error may have caused.

SPEAKERS SOUGHT

The DuKane Chapter of the ISPE is looking for presentations at their future meetings. 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 PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS (CONTINUED)

TRANSPORT CHICAGO 2006

Conference organizers seek papers dealing with all aspects of transportation including planning, public transit, freight, air, rail, bicycle transportation and walking.

This year's topics of specific interest include:

- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**
- **Transit Signal Priority (TSP)**
- **Smart Bus Technology (AVL, APC)**

- **Community Circulators and Other Non-traditional Modes**
- **Transit Oriented (or Sustainable) Development (TOD)**
- **Transportation Funding**
- **Economic Benefits of Transportation**

Deadline for Submitting Papers is Friday, March 10, 2006. For additional details visit the conference website at <http://www.transportchicago.org/pages/1/index.htm>

CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

ITE 2006 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE 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 TRANSPORTATION 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 ASSOCIATION 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 MEETING 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>

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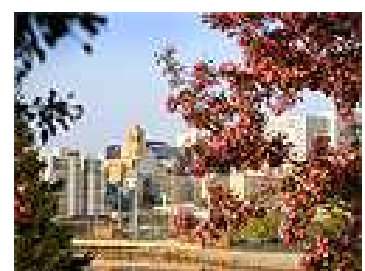
Friday, June 2 at the Illinois Institute of Technology, in Chicago, Illinois. Call John Wirtz at 312-384-6329 or email jwirtz@ekmail.com. <http://www.transportchicago.org/pages/1/index.htm>

ITE DISTRICT 4 ANNUAL MEETING 2006

Wednesday to Friday, June 14 to 16 at the historic Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, MN. Call Steve Manhart at 952-345-4117. <http://www.nc-ite.org/d4ite/>

RAIL-VOLUTION 2006

Saturday to Wednesday, November 4 to 8 at the Marriott Magnificent Mile, 540 North Michigan Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois. Call 800-788-7077 or email convene@aol.com. <http://www.railvolution.com/>



ITE District 4 Conference attendees will enjoy Rochester Minnesota, named "The Best Small City" by Money magazine.



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL SEEK BILL PROPONENTS

Towns across Illinois are growing without the benefit of a comprehensive plan. In 2002, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Local Planning Technical Assistance Act, which held the promise of providing financial support to towns to create or update their comprehensive plans. However, the state has yet to allocate any money to the effort.

This year, Sen. Pam Althoff (R-Crystal Lake) and Sen. Louis Viverito (D-Burbank) are taking matters into their own hands with SB 2875, which will provide Illinois municipalities with the funding they need to better coordinate their growth and development, and effectively leverage

state investments in roads and transit, economic development, and so many other areas.

Visit http://capwiz.com/mpc/issues/alert/?aler-tid=8471506&type=ML&external_id=10083.34792 to contact Sens. Athoff and Viverito and your own state senator to show your support for their leadership on this important issue.

For more information on SB 2875, visit <http://www.metroplanning.org/cmadoocs/SB2875.pdf> to download a PDF fact sheet. To add your company, town or organization to the growing list of supporters, please contact the Metropolitan Planning Council's vice president of external relations, Peter Skosey, at pskosey@metroplanning.org.

ITE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEB SEMINARS

Registration closes 3 days prior to course date. Visit <http://www.ite.org/education/webinars.asp> to register. A copy of the presentation and a student supplement are provided two days prior to the Web seminar.

SIGNAL TIMING FOR CONGESTED CONDITIONS

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. EASTERN

**Single-site registration fee: \$250 ITE members/
\$275 non-members**

It is recommended, but not required, that participants take the Signal Timing Fundamentals Web seminar prior to this course. At the conclusion of this session, students will be able to:

- Analyze field conditions to determine the types of congestion that exist
- Identify signal timing countermeasures that can be applied to each type of congestion
- Define extreme measures that might be used to ease high levels of congestion
- List measures other than signal timing that might be applied to further reduce high levels of congestion

Instructor: Philip J. Tarnoff, Director, Maryland Transportation Technology Center

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. EASTERN

Single-site registration fee: \$75

This presentation will discuss the differences between evacuations with no notice and those with advanced warning. It will discuss the difficulties of advanced planning and emphasize the benefits of communication and coordination – including coordinated control. It will describe those areas for which planning is possible and those for which ad-hoc response is required. Finally, it will discuss the communications and information infrastructure that should be in place if effective emergency management is to occur.

A copy of the presentation, Transportation Emergency Response Checklist, and the Emergency Planning and Preparedness Brochure are provided two days prior to the Web briefing.

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



ITE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEB SEMINARS (CONTINUED)

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Instructors: Philip J. Tarnoff, Director, Maryland Transportation Technology Center; Vince Pearce, Federal Highway Administration.

OVERVIEW SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2006

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. EASTERN

Single-site registration fee: \$250 ITE members/
\$275 non-members

This seminar will focus on the transportation professional's role in creating Safe Routes to School. The seminar will provide input and guidance on:

What are Safe Routes to School programs?

What types of activities are usually part of Safe Routes to School programs?

How does a transportation professional become actively involved?

What short-term and long-range engineering tools should be considered?

How are Safe Routes to School programs and improvements funded?

What resources are available?

Instructors: David J. Parisi, Parisi Associates; Tim Arnade, Office of Safety, Federal Highway Administration.

ETHICS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Time: 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. EASTERN

Single-site registration fee: \$250 ITE members/
\$275 non-members

Ethical engineers are winning engineers. As engineers, we continuously train ourselves on technical matters; however, the business and ethical issues can have the greatest impact on our careers. This Web seminar was developed to assist transportation professionals to recognize and deal with ethical dilemmas. Upon completion, participants will be able to:

Understand the importance of ethical deci-

sion-making and how it is a key to success

Gain perspective on how our individual personality types influence our reactions and the need for preparing ourselves personally to respond to ethical dilemmas

Gain a clear and simple understanding of ethical concepts and have a blueprint for ethical decision-making and personal preparation

Participate in valuable discussions regarding a range of ethical challenges, case studies and issues.

Instructor: Marsha Anderson Bomar, President, STREET SMARTS, Inc.

INNOVATIVE BICYCLE TREATMENTS

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2006

Time: 12:00 noon- 1:30 p.m. EASTERN

Single-site registration fee: \$250 members/
\$275 non-members

This objective of this seminar is to share information on a wide variety of innovative treatments to accommodate bicycles. The seminar draws on the 2002 ITE Informational Report "Innovative Bicycle Treatments," but also presents a number of innovations that have occurred since. At the conclusion of the Web seminar, participants will:

Be familiar with innovative bicycle treatments in use in the United States and abroad:

Bicycle lane and treatment paths

Treatments for bicycles at intersections

Bicycle sensitive detection and counters

Bicycle signs

Bicycle parking

Bicycle bridges

Understand advantages and disadvantages of bicycle treatment innovations

Be aware of available research conclusions on specific treatments

Identify sources of additional information on specific treatments

Instructor: Matthew Ridgway, AICP, Vice Chair



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INDUSTRY NEWS

USDOT/FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Dominick J. Gatto, PE, has joined USDOT/ Federal Transit Administration as the Director of the Office of Program Management and Oversight in FTA's Region 5. He leads and directs all management and oversight activities relating to grantee performance, supervision of oversight audits and reviews, and management of the Program Management Oversight (PMO) program. The Region 5 annual program is over \$1 Billion with many public transportation New Start projects including commuter rail, rail rapid transit, light rail and bus rapid transit throughout the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Dominick has 35 years of public and public infrastructure experience in all project phases

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CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) is joining the Northeast Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) in our new combined offices at Sears Tower. The new address, now in effect is :

**Chicago Area Transportation Study
233 S. Wacker Dr. Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606**

and has managed major projects and consulting operations. He has directed and participated in a broad range of assignments in the areas of railroads, mass transit and commuter rail systems, ITS, airports, and highways and bridges. He has led regions, divisions and offices in highly respected engineering firms.

Dominick was awarded the Illinois ITE 2003 President Award and was nominated as the 2004 Wilmette Citizen of the Year. He has been president of ITE, ASCE, and SAME Illinois chapters. He has a BSCE from Cooper Union; graduate and continuing education in transportation systems at Northwestern University; is a professional engineer in Illinois and many Midwestern states; and, has a MBA in public finance and marketing from the University of Chicago. Dominick can be reached at Dominick.Gatto@fta.dot.gov.

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CATS main telephone number, shared with NIPC and the new Regional Planning Board, is 312/454-0400. The new fax number is 312/386-8840. Email and Web site addresses remain the same.

New direct contact phone numbers for CATS staff have been posted at the following address: http://www.catsmpo.com/phone_directory.pdf



Dominick Gatto, Director of the Office of Program Management, Region 5, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration

IDOT Division of Public and Intermodal Transit is MOVING!

Effective **March 10, 2006**

their new address is:

Illinois Department of
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **March 2 & 3 - National Traffic and Transportation Conference at the Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL** <http://Bradley.edu/continue>
- **March 23 - Illinois Section luncheon, Chicago, IL**
- **March 30 - Understanding The Bidding and Construction Process In Illinois at the Chicago Hyatt Regency, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL.** <http://www.lorman.com>
- **April 11 & 12 - Asphalt Pavement Innovations Conference at the Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL.** For registration call (309) 677-2820
- **April 20 - Illinois Section luncheon, Chicago, IL**
- **April 24 & 25 - Effective Roadway Lighting and Designing and Implementing Roundabouts at the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, WI.** <http://epd.eng.wisc.edu/webH123> for Lighting and <http://epd.eng.wisc.edu/webH366> for Roundabouts
- **May 1 to 5 - APWA Illinois Chapter Conference at the Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, IL.** For more information on seminar content call Rick Jeremiah at (309) 698-4716 or for general information call Any Bugos at (309) 693-9667.
- **May 15 - ITEMS Deadline**
- **May 19 - Illinois Section luncheon, Chicago, IL**



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2006

- June 14 to 16 District 4 Annual Conference, Rochester Minnesota
- June 22 Joint Luncheon with ASCE, Bill Thompson presents on CREATE, Suburban Maggiano's
- July 27 Joint Luncheon with WTS, Topic TBD, Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
- August 6-9 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit , Milwaukee WI
- September 21 Student Welcome Back Luncheon, IIT, Chicago, IL
- October 19 Joint Meeting with ISPE (Luncheon or Dinner to be determined), Holiday Inn, Naperville
- November 16 Monthly Luncheon, District 2 Engineer (Invited), Cliff Breakers, Rockford IL
- December 14 40th Anniversary Meeting and Year End Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's



Silver Creek Bike Path in Rochester Minnesota, host of the 2006 ITE District 4 Conference.

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
- August 5-8 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit , Pittsburgh PA
- September 20 Student Welcome Back Luncheon on campus
- October 18 Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
- November 15 Monthly Luncheon at Suburban Location to be determined
- December 13 Year End Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's

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