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JUNE LUNCHEON

Details concerning
the June Luncheon will be
provided in
a separate e-mail.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ahh summer is in the air. Time for long awaited activities such as.....golf (read on). But, first a few important announcements. The annual District 4 Conference will be held in Rochester, MN June 14-16. The North Central ITE Section (NCITE) promises an informative program in a geographic setting dubbed "The best small city in America" by Money magazine. For further details go to our web site ilite.org or check out midwesternite.org. Another major event will be held in the Midwest - Milwaukee will be the host city to the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit - August 6 - 9, 2006. For details on the Annual Meeting go to ite.org. Hope you can make either event.

Speaking of announcements - our very own **Chris Hager**, Director of Student Affairs, was married in May. Unfortunately, he left Chicago to live in Wisconsin and work for the Wisconsin DOT. Congratulations Chris, non-the-less, and best wishes on your new life and job position. Thanks for your hard work as a volunteer and member of the Illinois Section executive board. Our loss will be Wisconsin's gain for sure. Congratulations are also extended to **Tim Sjogren** whom by approval of the executive board steps into the va-

cated Director position. Tim previously served as Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Summer activities.....golf (at last). The Illinois Section will host its Annual Golf Outing in conjunction with the Irish Engineers and Contractors. The event will be held July 20th at the Bloomingdale Golf Course in Bloomingdale. Mark your calendar for this event and come on out - "duffers" welcome. For more information read further in ITEms or check out the new look of our web site at ilite.org and watch for email announcements.

TRANSIT BRIEF

Hats off to Pace (suburban bus) as they take on the daunting task of operating paratransit service within the city of Chicago. Pace now operates paratransit service throughout the entire 6 county region. For more information on Pace services and planning initiatives go to Pacebus.com. Pace also provides an electronic newsletter to subscribers. Subscriptions are free. For information regarding transit throughout northeastern Illinois visit the Regional Transportation Authority's web-site at rtachicago.com. And let's not forget - the Dan Ryan expressway is getting an extreme makeover! Avoid the Ryan - reroute or take public transportation.

As usual, 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. ITE always needs, welcomes, and appreciates your help. Have a great and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dal Santo



CANDIDATE PROFILE—ITE MIDWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

BERNARD J. ARSENAU, PE, PTOE

I cannot look back on my career without considering the important role ITE has played. As a young engineer, I became involved in several NCITE Committees that allowed me to develop relationships with my peers, improve my skills and become a better Traffic Engineer. The section meetings, technical outreach and social events, provide ITE members with valuable opportunities for growth. As President of NCITE and Secretary of the District 4 Board, I became aware of the important role ITE plays in providing transportation professionals with the tools they need to be successful. As Vice Chair of the 1996 ITE International meeting in Minneapolis, and as Chair of the 2006 District 4 Annual Meeting, I know the tremendous effort required in delivering these important events. More important, however, is the willingness of our



members to volunteer their time in providing the exceptional technical content and networking opportunities.

It is an honor to be considered for the ITE District 4 Director position. I believe that my experience will allow me to represent District 4 well. I will work to make transportation professionals aware of the important role ITE plays both locally and nationally. I will meet with the District 4 Sections to identify things that are working well and where opportunities for improvement exist. Then, in partnership with the Sections and ITE International, we can look for ways to incorporate best practices. The outcome will be that ITE is an even stronger and more robust professional organization for its members. Thank you.

EDUCATION:

BCE – U of M - Minneapolis. 1982

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1983-Present: Minnesota/DOT

MR. ARSENAU'S PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

AASHTO Subcommittee on
Traffic Engineering

NCUTCD – Regulatory and
Warning Technical
Committee

Minnesota Surveyors and
Engineers Society

ASTM - Subcommittee D-4.38
on Highway Traffic
Control Materials

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION MARTIN WELCOMED AT MAY LUNCHEON

The Illinois Section was privileged to have Illinois Secretary of Transportation **Tim Martin** present at the May luncheon. Secretary Martin highlighted recent IDOT initiatives, major projects, and funding challenges faced by the State. He stated as professionals we need to prove to the traveling public that the transportation system, primarily traffic signals, is fully functional and optimized. He noted the website GettingaroundIllinois.com has some very useful information about road conditions, maintenance and construction activities, and much more. Within the next few weeks a new DRIVE LESS—LIVE MORE website will be unveiled. The site will provide cost and route travel times for both transit and vehicle travel. Other than the Dan Ryan reconstruction, the next major project will be widening of I-55 from Webber Road to I-80. With 26 fatalities occurring along the

stretch of I-80 in the past 6 years, the primary justification for project is as a safety improvement. Secretary Martin also demonstrated how while Illinois did comparatively well for TEA-LU funding, with the initial \$375 billion bill slashed, and considering all the other below-the-line earmarks, and 55% allocation for downstate users, the total amount to each county in the Chicago metro region trickles down to about \$10 million. Further, with construction cost increasing at about 15% this year, the State was forced to keep the transportation improvement program at 6 years instead of the intended 5 year program. Secretary Martin chairs the AASHTO standing committee on Public Transportation. The committee is looking for input from national groups such as ITE. The Section is extremely grateful for Secretary Martin's time and informative presentation.



Illinois Transportation Secretary Tim Martin is presented an ITE logo polo shirt as a speakers gift by Section President Dennis Dal Santo and Activities Group Director Sagar Sonar



CANDIDATE PROFILE—ITE MIDWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

STEPHEN J. MANHART, PE, PTOE, FITE

I am truly a product of the Midwest. I was born and raised in Nebraska, attended the universities of Colorado (BA Geography) and Kansas (BSCE), then lived and worked in the Kansas City area for fourteen years. My wife, daughter and I moved to Minnesota in 1992. My career has been varied, with experience in both public agencies and private firms.



My affiliation with ITE has been the result of three great mentors. I thank:

Ed Mulcahy from JBM & Associates (now Tran-Systems) for leading me into traffic engineering

Carol Estes (formally City of Olathe, KS) for introducing me to ITE and MOVITE

Lyle Berg (formally City of Bloomington, MN) for encouraging me throughout NCITE, and stressing that transportation professionals serve all the public – whether they drive, walk, pedal, or ride.

ITE is a great source of contacts, coordination and camaraderie. I have served as MOVITE Journal Editor, throughout the NCITE Board succession, and as District 4 Chair in 2002. I am most proud of spearheading the PTOE certification efforts in NCITE since 2001.

As District Director, I will faithfully:

- **Reflect ITE's Constitution, Policies and Canon of Ethics**
- **Represent the Midwestern urban, suburban, and rural transportation professional before the International Board**

- **Communicate information and innovation back to Sections and Chapters**
- **Encourage the development of new Chapters**
- **Support mentoring of our young professionals and students**
- **Promote increased opportunities for professional development and certification**
- **Endorse the District 4 Board's Strategic Planning Initiatives.**

EDUCATION

BSCE - University of Kansas, 1985

BA Geography - University of Colorado, 1978

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2005-Present: Project Manager/Senior Traffic Engineer, Edwards and Kelcey, Inc.

2003- 2005: Project Manager/Senior Traffic Engineer Howard R. Green Company

2000-2003: Senior Transportation Engineer, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

1995-2000: Assistant Traffic Engineer, City of Bloomington, MN

1992-1995: Transportation Engineer, HNTB

1986-1992: Assistant Traffic Engineer, up to Transportation Manager, City of Olathe, KS

2004-Present: Planning Commissioner, City of Burnsville, MN

Professional Registrations & Certifications

PE – MN, KS, IL, SD, & IA (inactive), PTOE

Awards

NCITE Transp. Professional of the Year, 2002

ITS Minnesota Appreciation Award, 2002

Chi Epsilon Honorary Fraternity, 1983

MR. MANHART'S PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

ITE: Affiliate Member since 1986, Member since 1991, Fellow since 2004

District 4: 2002, Chairman; 2001, International VP Selection Committee (Dist. 4 Representative)

NCITE: Member since 1992

1998 - 2001, Section Treasurer, Secretary, VP, and President

1997, Section Director

1996, ITE International Annual Meeting Technical Program Subcommittee

2002 & 2006, District 4 Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee

1997-Present, Traffic Signal Committee

2001-Present, PTOE Subcommittee Chair

2004, Interim NCITE Newsletter Editor

1996-2000, Designed logos for both NCITE and ITE District 4

MOVITE: Member 1986-1992

1992, MOVITE Journal Editor

1991, Local Arrangements Chair, MOVITE Section Meeting, Overland Park, KS



CANDIDATE PROFILE—ITE DISTRICT IV SECRETARY TREASURER

JOHN A. DAVIS, P.E., PTOE (FITE)

To be nominated for this position is an honor and a privilege, and I appreciate this opportunity. As a new era of governance for the Midwestern District commences, an opportunity exists to establish strong foundations



and positive direction in these initial years. I believe that my experiences in the Institute can provide the knowledge and insights to establish a solid legacy for the future of the Midwestern District. As you can clearly see, I have been active at all levels of ITE. This involvement, which was encouraged early in my career, has provided me great personal satisfaction, and the experiences convinced me to make ITE my professional organization of choice.

As an officer of the Midwestern District, I would pledge:

To support YOU as an ITE member to gain the full benefit of your membership in ITE

To work to define the District's new role to support and enhance the programs of the Sections and their Chapters

To promoting workforce and leadership development initiatives in our District and its Sections and Chapters

As Robert Frost wrote, "The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, and the rest willing to let them." I am willing, with your support, to work on your behalf to further the mission and goals of the Midwestern District of ITE, and to be a beneficial presence on the District's Board. I would greatly appreciate your support and your vote to continue in service to the Institute. Thank you in advance.

EDUCATION:

BSCE and MSCE, Purdue University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Senior Traffic Engineer, HNTB Corporation

Chief Traffic Engineer, Lee County, Florida

Deputy Administrator/Traffic Engineering, City of Indianapolis, Indiana

DISTRICT REPRESENTATION SOUGHT ITE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COUNCIL

Ken Voigt is seeking International members from District 4 who could serve on the TE Council. Evidently District 4 is not represented on this Council. If you are interested in being the candidate recommended by the Illinois Section contact **Dennis Dal Santo** at (312) 793-2267 who will see that it forwarded to District 4 who will pass candidate names on to the Council chair. The candidate has to be willing to do some work such as be in charge of Council

awards, TIPS Articles, list serve or policy/liaison. The person must be able to attend 2 of the Council's 3 meetings which are conducted at TRB in January, the mid-year ITE Tech Conference which is usually in March or the Annual Meeting which is held in early August. Ken indicates his experience is the candidate does not have to be an old sage type expert, but somebody who has energy and is willing to help with administration of the Council duties.

MR. DAVIS'S PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of International ITE since 1982; Membership Grade - Fellow

International ITE Board of Directors - District 10 Director (2002-2004)

Strategic Plan Communications Committee Chair (2003)

Annual Meeting Committee Chair (2004)

District 10 Board (1996-2000 and 2002-2004) - Chair, District 10 (1999)

Florida Section (1996-2000) - President, Florida Section (1999)

Florida Section, 1995 and 2003 Summer Meeting Local

Arrangements Committee Chair Indiana Section Board (1991-1993); Newsletter Editor (1988-1989)

ITE Traffic Engineering Council Executive Committee (2005 to present)

Liaison to Public Agency Council Executive Committee International ITE Leadership Development Task Force (2005)

2006 and 1986 ITE Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee

Technical Speaker at various ITE International, District, and Section meetings

IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT



CANDIDATE PROFILE—ITE DISTRICT IV SECRETARY TREASURER

TODD D. SZYMKOWSKI, P.E., PTOE

As an officer of ITE District 4, Mr. Szymkowski will focus efforts to strengthen District 4 by:



- **Enhancing coordination and information exchange between Sections and other sister organizations (e.g., ITSA, ASCE, etc.)**
- **Recognize Section strengths and fortify complementary roles at the District level**
- **Encourage District-wide student chapter competitions**
- **Foster expansion of PTOE and other emerging credentialing endorsed by ITE**

EDUCATION:

B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Szymkowski's involvement in ITE dates back to 1994 when he was pursuing his undergraduate degree and had the opportunity to serve as Student Chapter President in 1996.

Mr. Szymkowski has 12 years of planning, design, construction inspection, integration, evaluation and research of traffic operations projects and intelligent transportation systems as a project manager/engineer. He is a Professional Engineer in Wisconsin, Illinois and Arizona and a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer. This work experience includes:
2003-Present, Program Manager, University of Wisconsin Madison
2002-2003, Senior Engineer, Kimley-Horn and Associates
1999-2002, Senior Engineer, TransCore
1996-1999, Transportation Engineer, HNTB Corporation
1994-1996, Engineering Intern, Wisconsin DOT

MR. SZYMKOWSKI'S PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ITE Wisconsin Section Board
– 2001 (Member Director),
2002 (Secretary), 2004
(Treasurer), 2005
(President), 2006 (Past-
President)
ITS Forum Chair, 2000
Martin Bruening Award
Chair, 1998-1999
ITS Forum Committee
Member, 1996-present
ITE District 4 Annual
Meeting Planning
Committee Member, 1997
(Milwaukee), 2001
(Wisconsin Dells), and 2005
(Wisconsin Dells)
2006 Annual Meeting Local
Arrangements Committee
Member
ITE Wisconsin Section Young
Professional Award, 2004

ITE SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR 2008 INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

DEAR FELLOW ITE MEMBER

It is my honor to serve as chairperson of this year's ITE Nominations Committee seeking prospective candidates for next year's international officer elections. I encourage anyone interested in running next year for the position of International Vice President to contact me at tim.harpst@ci.slc.ut.us or Wayne Higgins, your District representative on the Nominating Committee. To be eligible, you must obtain the membership level of Fellow within the Institute by the close of nominations, September 1, 2006. Members of the Nominating Committee can provide an information packet for prospective candidates explaining the nominations process and the duties of the position. Additionally, we are pleased to answer any questions about the nominations process and the commitment to serve.

I hope you will give this opportunity strong consideration. Becoming a member of the Institute's Executive Committee is a professionally and personally rewarding experience. It is a unique opportunity to not only give something back to our profession, but to help identify and direct the vital services that ITE provides its members. If you wish to have your name considered, please contact me or your District representative on the Nominating Committee at your earliest convenience.

Prospective candidates will need to provide their resume, a letter of support from their employer and a response to several questions from the Nominating Committee no later than September 1, 2006.

Thank you, **Tim Harpst** Immediate Past International President Chairperson, 2008 International Officer Nominations Committee

40TH ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the International Board of Direction of the Institute of Traffic Engineers (now known as the International Institute of Transportation Engineers) approved a charter for the Illinois Section of ITE on October 8, 1966.

WHEREAS the Illinois Section therefore celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2006; and

WHEREAS the Illinois Section was preceded by the Midwest Section which was formed in 1947 and the membership of which originally which encompassed the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Indiana;

WHEREAS the Illinois Section, the preceding Midwest Section, and the membership residing in the State of Illinois served as the host for the 1931, 1933, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1952, 1960, 1983, and 2001 Annual ITE Meetings;

WHEREAS the Illinois Section, the preceding Midwest Section, and the membership residing in the State of Illinois have contributed to the leadership of the Institute of Transportation Engineers by providing Presidents from it's ranks during the years 1937-1939 (Leslie Sorenson), 1954 - 1955 (Harry Porter), 1958 - 1959 (**Matt Sielski**), 1970 (**John Baerwald**), 1974 (**Lawrence Dondanville**), and 1998 (**Brian Bochner**);

WHEREAS the Institute recognizes the exemplary accomplishments and history of the Illinois Section, including the publication of the award winning ITEms newsletter, conduct of technical meetings and activities, promotion of student chapter activities including generous financial support of student scholarships, and creation/maintenance of a progressive and informative internet web page; and

WHEREAS the Institute expresses grateful appreciation to Illinois Section and predecessor organization members and for their support and participation in the achievement of the goals of the Institute;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the International Board of Direction hereby recognize the accomplishments of the Illinois Section ITE and congratulate the Section membership for their collective 40 years of service to the Institute and the transportation engineering profession.

<signed> **Richard T. Romer**, PE, PTOE

International President, Institute of Transportation Engineers, Washington, D.C., USA



Richard T. Romer
International President,
Institute of Transportation
Engineers

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

BUT SERIOUSLY, FORTY YEARS AGO

TRAGGIC ENGINEERING AND THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE BULLETIN.

This is the first of (hopefully) a series of articles celebrating the Illinois Section 40th Anniversary and of course our heritage. Lest we forget the editor is extremely grateful to **Mike Hartigan** for getting the ball rolling by providing the following teaser article. Remember when.....

"As far as 40 years ago, I was in the Elgin Highway District (now IDOT District 1) so I was out of

the loop - no pun intended. When I was associated with ITEMS it was printed at CTA. Perhaps **Bob O'Grady** could pore thru their archives and come up with some really old dirt. I wrote sort of a gossip column and had some members wives looking to emasculate me! (EDITORS NOTE: names removed because, hey we can't dodge kitchen knives like we used to!) **In the 50's and 60's we didn't take ourselves too seriously. And when we tried** by inviting a panel of

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BUT SERIOUSLY (CONTINUED)

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newspaper reporters to a meeting to advise us on Public Relations the Tribune guy got hammered at the cocktail reception and talked about his experiences in the Black Forest of Germany at the end of WW II and the elves and cuckoo clocks! The Herald American guy said he wasn't at all interested in writing anything favorable about traffic engineers or engineering; he wanted to find all those rat holes we were pouring the taxpayers money into. The Sun times guy echoed the Herald's comments. He said if he wrote anything "nice" about us he'd be on the obituary page in the first edition and edited out if for a precinct captain's death notice in the next. The only one who tried was the Daily News guy, and most of his advice was

lost as the Trib guy kept yelling for more after dinner libations. The only other memorable meeting I can recall was a presentation by the Assistant Superintendent of Highways for Cook County. In summary he said Chicago is a Democratic City, Cook County is a Democratic County and by God Illinois is going to become a Democratic State! (And it did with Otto Kerner who went to jail.)"

If you want to talk to Mike, so would I but his articles get delivered anonymously because he is still in the witness protection program. OK, Bob the pressure is on. WHAT KIND OF DIRT DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL GET US BOTH IN TROUBLE? I think I'll start practicing knife dodging.

SIX YEARS, 500 MILLION EUROS, 918 METERS LONG... NOW THIS IS ENGINEERING!



This is a channel-bridge over the River Elbe and joins the former East and West Germany, as part of the unification project. It is located in the city of Magdeburg, near Berlin. The photo was taken on the day of inauguration.

To those who appreciate engineering projects, here's a puzzle for you armchair engineers and physicists. Did that bridge have to

be designed to withstand the additional weight of ship and barge traffic, or just the weight of the water?

Provided by **Michelle Ryan**, AICP Principal Analyst, Corridor Planning Studies Regional Transportation Authority and submitted by **Dennis Dal Santo**. For the answer to Michelle's question, see page 17.

DUPAGE ENGINEER'S WEEK ACTIVITIES

Jim Powell of Parsons reported the Illinois Section ITE was well represented at the DuPage Engineers Week exhibition held at the IIT Wheaton Campus on February 26, 2006. They had a steady stream of people, kids of all ages and their parents and were able to engage several of them in helping "fix" the intersection that was being demonstrated in a simulation animation. Also provided was an animation of a visual "flyover" of a proposed improvement for the congested 3 closely spaced Fullerton-Damen-Elston intersection in Chicago. This was an animation prepared for Chicago DOT, which they ultimately presented to Mayor Daley. Also presented was an old traffic signal salvaged from a job out on Colorado. Jim hopes this had a positive impact on a few kids, to at least look into transportation engineering.



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

ALFRED A. GUEBERT, P.ENG, PTOE, FITE

TSH Associates Ltd, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

I am honored to have been nominated again for the position of International Vice President of ITE... During the past 76 years, ITE has appealed to transportation professionals as their organization of choice. It has done that by providing great value to its members. The key characteristics that are critical for a leader in this organization include: vision, leadership, experience, knowledge, and passion.

My Vision is to build on and strengthen the Value of the Institute to members by keeping you informed about, and engaged in, the programs, products and services that ITE produces.

This Vision is fairly simple and straight-forward, but it centers on communication and participation.

As the next International Vice President, my specific goals for ITE include...

Technical Excellence... ITE must continue to provide us with relevant, high quality, up-to-date materials... these are the tools of our trade... My priority is to engage the members from every District in the specialty councils, and to communicate the value of those materials to our members.

Transportation Safety... ITE must provide the tools we need to ensure safety-focused design practices, and review processes... My priority is to encourage global input to these best practices, communicate them to our membership, and promote them to the public agency decision-makers and to the general public.

Workforce Development... We need to encourage young men AND young women to consider engineering and planning as career options... and continue to expand the professional development opportunities for our members ... My priorities are: to get the message out that we

need a highly qualified workforce capable of meeting the demand; and to expand the professional development opportunities.

International Growth... We must first strive to understand the needs in other parts of the world... then take steps to meet those diverse needs... My priorities are: to provide members from around the world with opportunities to learn from each other; and to encourage international participation in the development of our products and services.

I have developed the Leadership skills needed to lead the Institute: as a VP Candidate (2005, 2006); on the International Board of Direction (2001-2003); all positions of the District 7 Exec Committee (1993-2001); and as the Founding President, SK Section (1989-1993).

I have the professional Experience required for the position: as a traffic engineer with 21 years in the public sector; and 6 years in the private sector.

I also have the Knowledge to help guide ITE's technical programs: with a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering; and an M.Sc. in Civil Engineering; as well as certification as a PTOE.

... and I have the Passion to take on this role. I have a passion for the Profession; for the People in the Profession; for the Institute; and for the Public we serve... I am committed to keeping you informed about and engaged in ITE!

With an emphasis on Technical Excellence, Transportation Safety, Workforce Development and International Growth, ITE will become more valuable to all of us, and it will continue to be our organization of choice. Check out my website (www.alf4ite.com), or contact me directly (aguebert@tsh.ca).

EDITORS NOTE: As of the June 1, 2006 ITEms publication date, a statement from the opposing candidate was not provided.



Alfred A. Guebert, candidate for International Vice President, Institute of Transportation Engineers



**40th ANNIVERSARY
1966 - 2006**



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.

INNOVATIVE BICYCLE TREATMENTS

Date: Tuesday, June 6
Time: 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Eastern
Registration Fee: \$250 ITE members/\$275 non-ITE members per site
Credit: 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET CEU

The 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 the participant will: be familiar with innovative bicycle treatments in use in the US and abroad; understand advantages and disadvantages of bicycle treatment innovations; be aware of available research conclusions on specific treatments; and identify sources of additional information on specific treatments.

TRAFFIC CALMING: WHAT'S WORKING, WHAT'S NOT

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2006
Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Eastern
Registration Fee: \$100 per site
Credit: 1.5 PDH

Traffic Calming has been used with mixed results around the U.S. and much can be learned from these experiences. This Web briefing will provide a general discussion about what works and what doesn't from a policy and design perspective as well as some specific lessons from Monterey, California's experience with its Traffic Calming Program. Key points include principles of an effective planning approach, the role of citizens and other agencies, design considera-

tions, and implementation issues. Monterey has addressed each of these policy concerns through its program and subsequent neighborhood plans during the past six years.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ANALYSES FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT

Date: Tuesday, June 13
Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$250 ITE members/\$275 non-ITE members per site
Credit: 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET CEU

This training was developed to assist transportation professionals in identifying the steps and tools involved in traffic access and impact studies for site development. Upon completion, the participant will be able to: undertake a site impact analysis; collect required traffic data; use appropriate analysis tools; interpret results; suggest improvements; and prepare a full report.

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS FOR AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Date: Thursday, June 15
Time: 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$250 ITE members/\$275 non-ITE members per site
Credit: 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET CEU

This seminar will expand on crosswalk research contained in the 2001 ITE publication Alternative Treatments for At-Grade Pedestrian Crossings. In addition, the course will focus on crosswalks at uncontrolled locations where new research indicates marking crosswalks is not less safe than having marked crosswalks. For locations where simply marking crosswalks is not an acceptable solution, the seminar will identify additional countermeasures, such as high visibility crosswalks, in-pavement flashers, and overhead flashers that may alleviate safety concerns. Guidelines will be presented for when

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SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS FOR 2007 BANQUET

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.



ITE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEB SEMINARS (CONTINUED)

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to use the appropriate countermeasures. The seminar will address revised warrants for the installation of signals to serve pedestrians and describe other design treatments in use, in the US and internationally, to enhance pedestrian crossings.

INTERSECTION SAFETY AUDITS

Date: Thursday, June 22

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50 ITE members/\$275 non-ITE members per site

Credit: 1.5 PDH/.15

IACET CEU Background: The objective of the seminar is to provide participants with practical tools they can use to proactively identify safety improvement opportunities at intersections. The seminar will provide a brief overview of RSA, including fundamental aspects such as the definition of and steps included in an RSA. Specific information will be provided that assists users in the application of RSA principles to existing intersections and key locations that can benefit from RSA. Examples of how intersection RSA differ from 'traditional' intersection safety reviews will be provided. This seminar compliments the RSA seminar that is also available through ITE. While prior completion of that

seminar and/or knowledge of RSAs is beneficial, neither is essential for participating in this seminar.

PTOE REFRESHER COURSE SUITE

With funding support from the ITE Board of Direction, the ITE Educational Foundation is pleased to offer this Web seminar at a special rate for ITE members. The sponsorship allows ITE to offer the course at a reduced rate of \$50 per site for ITE members. (\$10 additional exam fee may apply) – an 80% discount!

Date: Thursday, June 20 – Tuesday, August 1

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration fee: \$325 ITE members/\$350 non-ITE members per site

Credit: 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET CEU

The suite of courses includes learning modules on traffic engineering, traffic operations analysis, operational effects of geometric design, traffic safety and traffic control devices. Visit the Web seminar site at www.ite.org to view dates and/or to register for the individual modules.

Instructor: Robert K. Seyfried, P.E., PTOE, Director of Transportation Safety, Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, Evanston, IL.



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



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

ACEC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEB SEMINARS

APPLICATIONS OF GIS / CAD & RELATED TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, June 6, 2006 ~ NIU Outreach Center, Naperville

Registration Fee: \$245 ACEC members/\$375 non-ACEC members

For more information visit the web at http://www.acec-il.org/GIS_CAD_RelatedTech_06.pdf

Presented by: Jeff Siegel, HNTB

MANAGING THE UNMANAGEABLE - BEST PRACTICES IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Thursday, June 22, 2006 ~ Hilton Lisle-Naperville

Standard Registration Fee: \$245 ACEC members/\$375 non-ACEC members

Visit the web at http://www.acec-il.org/BestPractices_PM_06.pdf

Presented by: Scott Braley, Braley Consulting, Atlanta, GA



CALL FOR PAPERS

2007 TRB 86TH ANNUAL MEETING: COMMITTEES' CALLS FOR PAPERS

The TRB Technical Activities committees have issued more than 100 calls for papers for the TRB 86th Annual Meeting, January 21-25, 2007, in Washington, D.C. While papers addressing any relevant aspect of transportation research will be considered for the meeting, some committees are soliciting papers in specific subject areas to help potential authors identify topics for their papers. The calls for papers can be sorted by major subject area, title, or sponsoring committee. Solicited and unsolicited papers for presentation and/or publication as part of the 86th TRB Annual Meeting must be submitted directly to TRB via

the online paper submission website by August 1, 2006. The paper submission website will open in June. Also in June, authors planning to submit papers will receive password-controlled, limited web access to individual papers published in the Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board (TRR Journal) since 1996. Access will be provided after submission of an abstract for a paper via the paper submission website. This feature will allow authors access to some of the latest research in their areas of interest. Prospective authors are encouraged to consult the Information for Authors. Authors of submitted papers will be notified of the acceptance or non-acceptance of their papers by the end of October 2006. http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=3642



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A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

TRANSPORT CHICAGO 2006

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>

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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/>

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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

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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.

A TESTIMENT TO QUALITY

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INDUSTRY NEWS

IDOT DISTRICT ONE STAFFING CHANGES

In their newsletter, the Schaumburg Chapter of the Illinois Association of Highway Engineers (IAHE) reported the following position changes were recently made at the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Highways, District One office :

- **Cory Juicius [Bureau of Traffic]; CE IV, Arterial Temporary Traffic Control Supervisor**
- **Brain Carlson [Bureau of Programming]; TM VI, Program Development Section Chief**
- **Adam Lintner [Bureau of Programming]; CE V, Geometric Studies Unit Chief**

- **Temidayo Latinwo [Bureau of Programming]; TM IV, Program Management Unit Chief**
- **Zubair Haider [Bureau of Local Roads]; CE V, Local Roads Field Engineer**
- **Charles Riddle [Bureau of Local Roads]; CE VI, Program and Office Engineer**

And, as reported in an email by Peter Godowski, Cook County Highway Department, Mark Jenkins has assumed Ramesh Gupta's position as Engineering Section Chief in the Bureau of Electrical Operations.

The Illinois Section ITE extends our congratulations to these staff on their recent successes.

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MORE INDUSTRY NEWS

RANDY BLANKENHORN SELECTED TO DIRECT STAFF OF THE NEW REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

The Regional Planning Board (RPB) today named **Randy Blankenhorn** as executive director to lead its efforts in comprehensive planning for land use and transportation in northeastern Illinois. He will report to the board while overseeing daily operations of an 80-person planning staff.

"I am extremely pleased with the board's selection of Randy Blankenhorn as our first executive director," said Gerald Bennett, chair of the RPB and mayor of Palos Hills. "The RPB represents seven counties with more than 280 municipalities and 8 million residents. Our planning mission encompasses a broad range of issues -- transportation, natural resources, the environment, housing, open space and economic development -- that are critical to the livability of our communities. Randy will bring his extremely varied background to bear on each of these important planning topics, to the benefit of northeastern Illinois as a whole."

Organizations including Metropolis 2020, the Center for Neighborhood Technology, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Metropolitan Planning Council have strongly advocated creation of the RPB. In 2004, a task force chaired by then-Congressman William Lipinski had recommended a merger of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC), whose staffs are now being merged by the RPB.

"This board will provide a clear and unified vision for the region's future," Blankenhorn said. "The talented technical staffs and other CATS and NIPC assets will combine to articulate that vision through plans that will enhance our communities' prosperity. The Regional Planning Board is uniquely positioned to speak with one voice -- not only on transportation, but also on issues such as air and water resources, open lands and economic development."

"The selection of an executive director is a significant step for the Regional Planning Board," said Richard M. Daley, mayor of the City of Chicago. "The region should certainly benefit from Randy's experience, combined with the board's continued commitment to integrated land use and transportation. The City of Chicago is committed to this regional approach and looks forward to continued cooperation with the RPB."

Blankenhorn has been working as Urban Program Planning bureau chief for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), where he has been employed since 1984. For IDOT, he has been responsible for metropolitan planning and programming, which includes airport, public transit and railroad capital programs, regional air quality and environmental planning, deployment of Geographic Information Systems and other technology, and coordination of state and federal transportation plans and programs.

"Randy Blankenhorn's strong leadership and planning skills make him a perfect candidate for this very important job," said Robert J. Schillerstrom, chairman of the DuPage County Board. "The Regional Planning Board was created due to widespread belief that our counties and municipal governments should work collaboratively to accommodate growth from a projected 2 million additional residents by 2030. I look forward to partnering with Chairman Bennett, the board and Randy on these important land-use and transportation issues that affect both DuPage County and the region as a whole."

The Regional Planning Board (<http://www.rpbchicago.org>) consists of 15 members appointed by the region's mayors and county board chairs, plus two non-voting members representing CATS and NIPC. In September 2006, the RPB will report to the General Assembly with recommendations on a permanent structure and funding for the board.

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ANSWER TO BRIDGE AND BOAT QUESTION (see page 7)

The bridge only needs to be designed to withstand the weight of the water! Why? A ship always displaces an amount of water that weighs the same as the ship, regardless of how heavily a ship may be loaded. Remember your high school physics, and the fly in an enclosed bottle project? Similarly, the super sensitive scale proved that it didn't make any difference whether the fly was sitting on the bottom, walking up the side, or flying around. The bottle, air, and fly were a single unit of mass and always weighed the same.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- June 14 to 16 - ITE District 4 Annual Meeting at the Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester, MN. <http://www.nc-ite.org/d4ite/>
- June 20 to 23—Bentley Geopak Road I Training at the Bentley Center Oak Brook IL. For registration call (800) 236-8539 x 2805
- June 22 - Illinois Section luncheon, Chicago, IL
- July 13—Technical Tour of Lake County TMC and joint luncheon with WTS. Lunch starts at 11:45 AM, facility overview starts at 12:15 PM, tour starts at about 12:30 PM. To register contact Joel Christell or Brian DeSalle at (630) 773-3900
- July 20 - Illinois Section Golf Outing with the Irish Engineers/Contractors of Chicago, Bloomingdale Golf Club, Bloomingdale, IL
- July 31—29th Annual Chicago Engineering Societies Golf Outing **REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 15, 2006.** Contact Tim Seeden at (630) 724-9770 <http://www.wsechicago.org>
- August 6 to 9—ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit at the Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, WI. <http://www.ite.org/AnnualMeeting/>
- August 15—ITEMS Deadline



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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

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January 12	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
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November 15	Monthly Luncheon at Suburban Location to be determined
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