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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



We've enjoyed a good start to the year and are now heading into the summer months. We've had good attendance and participation at our spring Section luncheons so far, all held at Maggiano's in downtown Chicago. Thank you to **Leanne Redden** of RTA for discussing the Moving Beyond Congestion effort to improve public transportation serving the Chicagoland area in March. Thanks also to **Kim Kolody** of CH2M Hill who spoke in April about the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). In May, **Mark Walbrun** of TranSystems gave a very interesting presentation on the Planning for Chicago's Airport Express Project at Block 37. For the rest of the year, the monthly luncheons will be hitting the road and going to different locations each month including Chicago, Oak Brook, Naperville, and Rockford. Our next luncheon will be held in partnership with ASCE on June 21, 2007 at the Maggiano's in Oak Brook where **Randy Blankenhorn** will speak regarding the vision and roles of CMAP. I hope to see you at upcoming luncheons.

For years, the Section Board has tried to increase and encourage public sector membership, participation, and luncheon attendance. In an effort to do so, I'd like to take this opportunity to

announce that the Section now offers a reduced luncheon fee of \$15, from the standard \$30 fee, for public sector members.

With respect to another Section activity, the Annual Illinois Section Golf Outing is scheduled for July 19, 2007 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club in Bloomingdale, IL. This is a great chance to get out of the office, have some fun, and help contribute to the Illinois Section Scholarship Fund, as proceeds from the event will help fund annual student scholarships and student paper awards. We have had successful outings the past few years and look forward to continuing that tradition. Please look for the announcement in this issue of ITEMS to register and/or sponsor a hole.

Finally, the upcoming ITE Midwestern District Conference will be held June 13 - 15, 2007 in St. Louis, Missouri, hosted by the MOVITE Section. Next year, will be the Illinois Section's turn to host the 2008 ITE Midwestern District Conference. I would like to extend my thanks to **Mark Rinnan** and **Dennis Dal Santo**, who are serving as Co-Chairs of the conference planning committee. Mark, Dennis, and the committee have been hard at work researching hotel and venue availability, considering dates, developing a budget, and evaluating a potential conference theme and program. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact Mark at [mrinnan@ekmail.com](mailto:mrinnan@ekmail.com) or Dennis at [dennis.dalsanto@parsons.com](mailto:dennis.dalsanto@parsons.com). Stay tuned for further information on the conference. We hope to see you in Chicago next summer for what is sure to be an exciting event.

Peter Lemmon, P.E., PTOE, President,  
Illinois Section, ITE

**JUNE LUNCHEON**

Join us at **Maggiano's**,  
240 Oak Brook Center,  
Oak Brook, IL  
**Date:** June 21, 2007  
**Time:** Reception - 11:30 A.M.  
Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$30 private sector members  
\$15 public sector members  
\$12 Students  
**Speaker:** Randy Blankenhorn  
**Topic:** Vision and Roles of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning



## INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

### RODNEY W. KELLY, P.E. (F)

ITE has been my passion for 45 years. I have supported and still do fully support ITE. I am committed to the educational and scientific principles that it stands for and its continuing mission to enrich and enhance the movement of people and goods worldwide.

ITE exists for the benefit of its members, the transportation professionals. ITE's officers and International Board of Direction are charged with knowing and anticipating the needs and expectations of members and responding accordingly. If elected International Vice President, I will fulfill the responsibilities of my office through the enactment of **five major areas of emphasis** that I have developed and which are outlined below.

I will further dedicate myself to ensuring that ITE is working for its members. ITE strives to continually excel in its commitment to the transportation profession. My pledge is to provide the leadership and support needed to fulfill that commitment.

Providing Membership Services For You The theme, **membership services for you**, is timely and critical to the continued growth of ITE, the enrichment of its members and its responsibility to the transportation profession.

To fulfill this vision, I have established membership growth and service goals that include:

- **Advancing technical excellence and credibility**
- **Developing and mentoring the next generation of ITE leaders**
- **Increasing volunteer participation**
- **Identifying and grooming new members**
- **Sustaining current and seeking new revenue sources to keep ITE robust**

I have developed **five major areas of emphasis** to accomplish these goals.

#### 1. Knowing What Members Want and Need

- **Seeking continuing, periodic input from the members on all aspects of membership services, especially regarding mega-issues**

- **Using focused communication mechanisms such as surveys, forums, e-mail and listening sessions at local meetings to identify and understand member needs**

#### 2. Responding with Specific Actions

- **Addressing and prioritizing mega-issues such as:**

##### **Safety**

- **Developing partnerships with agencies and groups such as TRB, AARP and AASHTO to address mutual issues of concern**
- **Focusing on emerging issues such as aging drivers and driver distractions**
- **Promoting the issues to elected officials and other decision-makers responsible for the allocation of funds**

##### **Workforce development**

- **Partnering with universities to promote careers in transportation**
- **Continuing to provide relevant continuing education**
- **Working with employers to promote value-based salary structures**
- **Identifying other concerns through input and feedback from you, the members**
- **Developing Next-Generation Engineer/ Professional Member Participation**
- **Implementing a progressive Next-Generation Engineers council, standing committee, or forum that offers the following:**
- **Technical, management and ITE leadership training**
- **Mentoring programs**
- **Advice on professional registration and certification**
- **Forums to express membership needs and desires**
- **Opportunities to present innovative ideas to the entire membership**



**Rodney W. Kelly, P.E. (F)**  
Vice President, Parsons, Dallas, TX, USA

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE TO FULFILL THE VISION

Served at all levels of ITE, including the International Board of Direction, representing two different Districts. Provided leadership and involvement in a broad range of ITE activities as a current member of the Coordinating Council and Chair of the Transit Council. Experienced with all modes of transportation and most technical areas of the profession. Experienced in the planning, design and operation of transportation systems. Experienced in the public, private and academic sectors. Served in numerous professional and private life leadership roles that afford the expertise and skills to serve as International Vice President

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## INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

### KENNETH H. VOIGT, P.E. (F)

Over the past 40 years, I have been a traffic engineer, a transportation planner, a university adjunct professor and a proud member of ITE. I have just completed three years as an ITE International Director, developing our mega-issue program strategies. All of this has allowed me to appreciate the many facets of our ITE family. We have challenges ahead that we can meet with my toolbox of ideas.

Ken's Toolbox for ITE's Future Four main areas are critical to our profession's growth:

1. **Core Technical Excellence.** We must enhance our technical leadership in transportation.
  - **ITE Journal.** Sponsor articles on timely technical topics. Seek grassroots articles on current practices. Increase university-published articles.
  - **Workshops and urban forums.** Our Webinars reached 10,000 people last year. Webinars can be augmented with face-to-face workshops.
  - **Sponsored publications.** Increase technical materials available and expand our financial support of important technical publications.
2. **Membership (Project 20,000).** We need to grow locally and internationally.
  - **Existing members.** Enhance core services for our practicing transportation engineers and planners with a focus on increasing our government agency memberships.
  - **Student and academic members.** Increase our appeal to academic members, by creating:
    - A "University Page" in every issue of *ITE Journal*
    - A peer review program that qualifies for tenure consideration
    - A national student competition that energizes university chapters and provides national media recognition for ITE
    - Planners and designers. We must reach out to transportation planners and designers. They are an important part of the transportation solution for our communities.
3. **International Membership.** ITE's international role is a mega-issue, and all members benefit from understanding transportation issues around the world.
  - **Communication.**
  - **Co-sponsor international symposiums.**
  - **Create an "International Activities Page" in every issue of *ITE Journal*.**
  - **Sponsor an ITE international reception during TRB when many members are in the United States.**
  - **E-membership**
  - **An e-membership category for international members could increase international benefits and reduce costs.**
  - **Regionalism**
  - **Create international regions for transportation communication in regions such as Europe, Asia and South America. We need to work with transportation partners in developing countries where transportation safety is a major issue.**
4. **Enhancing Our Image.** Communities and universities are dropping transportation engineering departments and programs. We do not want to see the future as a Bureau of Sewer, Water and Transportation!
  - **Awards**
  - **National awards recognize our profession as well as its outstanding achievements. We need to publicize these successes at the grassroots level.**
  - **Elected officials and the media**
  - **Establish a local elected officials briefing on transportation issues similar to ITE's monthly *Executive Digest*. We must encourage elected officials and media contacts to seek out ITE for current information.**
  - **ITE gear shop**
  - **Create an ITE gear shop, with logo clothing, portfolios and other items to show our pride in ITE**



**Kenneth H. Voigt, P.E. (F)**  
Senior Traffic Engineer, Ayres Associates, Waukesha, WI, USA

### ITE EXPERIENCE

2004–2006 International Director; 2006 International Annual Meeting Co-Chair; 2005 Transportation Achievement Award Committee Chair; District 4 Annual Meeting Chair; Wisconsin Member Program for Growth Chair; Traffic Engineering for Small Communities Workshop Founder; Technical Council Department Chair; District 4 Vice Chair; Wisconsin Section President; Multiplex Theater Trip Generation Task Force Chair; Nominations Committee; Smart Growth Task Force; Elected Leadership Task Force; Consultants Council Executive Committee.

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## RODNEY KELLY STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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4. Enhancing Member Interaction Worldwide
  - **Supporting recommendations of Canadian and District 8 white papers**
  - **Developing partnerships with professional societies, agencies and groups**
  - **Expanding the Transit Council efforts in publishing articles on technical topics of worldwide interest to all technical councils**
5. Increasing Participation in Council Activities
  - **Creating incentives to attract volunteers**
  - **Implementing white paper recommendations to enhance member recruitment, management and recognition**
  - **Focusing on next-generation members to take advantage of their energy, enthusiasm and insights**
  - **Consulting similar organizations for additional ideas**

## ILLINOIS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

The Illinois Section ITE completed a successful 2006 with approximately 450 members, total assets of \$46,246.46, and no liabilities. The section met eleven times with lunch meeting attendance varying from 14 to 68, including the Annual Banquet, attended by 60 members and guests. Our most successful luncheon in 2006 was attended by 68 people on May 19th, when the Illinois Secretary of Transportation presented the Illinois Transportation Improvement Program.

Increased contact with universities and colleges in the state, as well as improved student activities offered by the section, led to double the number of applicants for our general undergraduate/graduate Student Scholarship Award from the previous year. The graduate Student Paper Award experienced even greater growth in the number of applicants! With a field of several highly qualified candidates, the Stu-

Summary In summary, I have the technical knowledge and management skills to proficiently preside over the broad range of issues and personalities involved in the fulfillment of my vision for ITE.

If elected your International Vice President, my commitment will be to reduce my professional workload significantly and devote a substantial amount of my time to accomplishing the membership growth and service goals that are necessary to the continued growth of ITE. I will work diligently, patiently and persistently to ensure that ITE continues to extend and enhance the services we need and expect.

My proposed **five major areas of emphasis** are designed to accomplish the goals of seeking member input and providing services. It is my quest to see ITE offer every opportunity for each of its members to participate in ITE-sponsored activities that will be beneficial to both the individual member as well as the transportation profession as a whole.

dent Affairs committee was able to select two winners to attend the Annual Banquet in January as honored guests.

On September 28th, the Section held its student event at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chicago, Illinois. With the help from IIT professor **Dr. Zongzhi Li**, a new format was implemented in order to obtain more student participation and attendance.

The focus was on developing technology enablers to serve Section members continued in 2006. Distribution of ITEms, the Section's quarterly newsletter, exclusively by electronic means (unless otherwise requested) was completed in 2006. Electronic balloting for Section officers was conducted for the first time. The board made initial deliberations about implementing an electronic payment system with a tentative plan to have the system in place by 2007 or 2008.

## ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT BOARD NOMINEES

In accordance with the by-laws of the Midwestern District-ITE, the nominee for District President is **Jeff Young** (Illinois Section) and for District Vice President is **John Davis** (Wisconsin Section).

This year's nominees for the position of Secretary/Treasurer are from the North Central Section and include:

- **John Crawford**
- **Mike Spack**



## KENNETH VOIGT STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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and promote our organization.

### Education and Professional Registration

- **Master of Science, Transportation Engineering, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee**
- **Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Wisconsin–Madison**
- **Registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin**

### Awards

- **2003 Voigt Soccer Park, City of Brookfield**
- **2002 Olympic Torch Runner**
- **2000 Wisconsin State Soccer Hall of Fame Inductee–Administrator**
- **2000 HNTB Fellow Technical Expert**
- **1998 Wisconsin Distinguished Service Award**
- **1998 University of Wisconsin–Madison Student Chapter Outstanding Instructor Award**
- **1998 AASHTO Exemplary Partner Award**
- **1996 Wisconsin Association of Consulting Engineers Engineering Excellence Award**

## STREETS AS PLACES

New York City, London, Paris, Shanghai, Copenhagen—these world-class cities have begun to dramatically rethink the design of their streets and public squares. From Trafalgar Square to the Paris Plage, city streets are being transformed from throughways to popular places for residents and visitors to shop, eat, meet, greet, and relax.

Did you miss the Metropolitan Planning Council's March roundtable on Streets as Places? Now you can watch the video, courtesy of CAN-TV. The 1 hour 9 minute video can be viewed at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=4163319199471406480>

See and hear how **Fred Kent**, of Project for Public Spaces, describes what it takes to transform rundown streets into desirable neighborhood places, and Chicago Dept. of Transportation

### Why Ken?

It has been an honor to serve ITE as an International Director for the past three years. During this time, I have been actively involved in developing our mega-issues and determining how ITE can move these issues forward. I co-authored a white paper for our next mega-issue, "Raising the Image of Our Profession." I was co-chair for the ITE 2006 Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Milwaukee, WI, USA. I am also on the committees that developed our Elected Leadership Webinars and our current Membership Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation Task Force.

When I first joined ITE, I was mentored by Harvey Shebesta. I never thought I would have the opportunity to follow in his footsteps and run for ITE International Vice President. I have learned so much about the ITE family. This knowledge strengthened my commitment to ITE and what it stands for. My Olympic flame still burns with a passion to use my toolbox of ideas for ITE's future. I ask for your support in making a difference for our profession.



Kim Kolody receives speaker recognition from Joel Christell for her presentation on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) at the April Luncheon

Commissioner **Cheri Heramb** discusses how the place-oriented street design movement is transforming Chicago's streets. The video also features **Marisa Novara**, a member of the Ogden Avenue Redesign Coordinating Committee, **Tom Samuels** from **Ald. Mary Ann Smith's** office (48th Ward), and **Tony Smith**, practice leader at S.B. Friedman & Company.

Another excellent resource is Project for Public Spaces (PPS). PPS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining public spaces that build communities. They provide technical assistance, training, research and other services. Since 1975, they have worked in 2,000 communities in the United States and around the world, helping people turn their public spaces into vital community places. Visit their website at <http://www.pps.org/>.



## PHOTO ENFORCEMENT - GIVE 'EM A BRAKE

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) joined with the State Police and Illinois Tollway to remind motorists construction season is about to kick in to gear and warn that tough new laws are on the books that target drivers who flout work zone speed limits and endanger the lives of construction workers and other drivers.

According to provisional data from 2004, 39 people were killed in work zones last year, with two of them being workers. In 2003, 44 people were killed in work zones, with 5 being workers.

"Preventing the accidents and injuries caused by crashes occurring in work zones is a significant responsibility for the Illinois State Police," said ISP Director Larry Trent. "We must protect these workers who ultimately make all of us safer by improving our roadways. Troopers assigned to work zone details will take a zero tolerance approach when issuing citations to speed limit violators. The message is clear – Slow down; we're serious about workzone safety."

Under enhanced penalties passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich last year, starting in July, State Troopers will deploy specially equipped vans that can take photographs of drivers speeding in IDOT and Tollway construction and maintenance zones. Tickets will be issued by mail to vehicle owners.

Photo enforcement vans will be equipped with cameras designed to record a clear image of the vehicle and driver, its speed, and registration plate. The registered owner will not be liable if someone else is driving the vehicle.

Photo speed enforcement will be taking place at various construction zones around the state, including on the Dan Ryan and Kingery projects and Tollway projects in the Chicago area as well as various downstate projects.

Increased work zone speeding penalties include:

- **First-time work zone speeders, including those caught on camera, will be hit with a fine of \$375, with \$125 of that sum going to pay off-duty State Troopers to provide added enforcement in construction or maintenance zones.**
- **Two-time offenders are subject to a \$1,000 fine, including a \$250 surcharge to hire Troopers, and the loss of their license for 90 days.**
- **Drivers who hit a worker are subject for up to a \$10,000 fine and 14 years in prison.**

Penalties and photo speed enforcement are just two of the recommendations of the Work Zone Safety Task Force assembled by Governor Blagojevich in 2003. Other recommendations of the Task Force, comprised of members from IDOT, Illinois State Police, the Tollway, Federal Highway Administration, labor and industry representatives include:

- **Better defined work zones—projects on multi-lane highways have signs better identifying the appropriate speed in a particular work zone and also when it is safe to resume normal speed.**
- **Modified driver education curriculum—A compact disc and teaching manuals have been mailed to more than 1,500 high schools and private driver education facilities.**
- **New Signage—A new sign has been developed and is being placed at projects throughout the state publicizing work zone related penalties, "Hit a worker, \$10,000 fine, 14 years in jail".**
- **Enhanced use of stationary and portable changeable message boards in and around work zones.**
- **More consistent looking work zones.**
- **Remote controlled flaggers—IDOT is using federal research funds to test 20 newly developed remote flagger workstations.**
- **"Trooper in a Truck"—allowing state police to covertly enforce speed limits, out-of-uniform and in IDOT trucks.**
- **Trooper Hire-back—\$4.7 million has been identified to fund additional troopers in work zones throughout the state. Additional troopers allow state police to deploy work zone details in areas of heightened concern.**

### 2008 TO 2013 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Illinois Department of Transportation's FY 2008-2013 Proposed Highway Improvement Program totals \$10.875 billion and includes an FY 2008 annual program of \$1.875 billion. Funding for the 6-year program is made up of \$7.037 billion in federal funds, \$3.128 billion in state funds and \$710 million in local funds. Approximately 73 percent of the State program is allocated for roadway system and bridge maintenance. To view the entire program document, visit <http://dot.state.il.us/hip0813/hwyimprov.html>



## TAKE ACTION FOR TRANSIT FUNDING

For some time now, RTA has been saying that 2007 is the year of decision for transit in Northeastern Illinois. Either invest in the transit network to meet growing needs or retreat and watch the economy, air quality, and overall quality of life decline.

Now is the time to step up and join this effort. For those of you that have joined the RTA effort and written letters....Thank you. Everyone else, we urge you to take the following steps:

- **Write Letters of Support.** The draft letter of (see sidebar this page) and instructions (see below) is provided for your use. Use the draft, make it your own and mail it to the Governor and legislative leaders. Fax copies to 312-673-1305 for the RTA's legislative proposal.
- **Sign Up as a Transit Partner.** If your company is not an RTA Partner for Transit, go to the RTA's web site at [movingbeyondcongestion.org](http://movingbeyondcongestion.org) and sign up.
- **Forward to your Employees.** Forward the provided link to your employees so they can read about the crisis and send emails of their own.

Fortunately, there is growing awareness in Springfield that transportation is among the most important investments Illinois can make today. The future of the State and regional economy depends on sound infrastructure and sound infrastructure depends on consistent investments.

The plan (additional details posted at <http://movingbeyondcongestion.org/funding-and-reform.html>) generates \$452 million annually through four sources:

- **A quarter cent sales tax hike in the six counties of northeastern Illinois served by CTA, Metra and Pace. (\$280M)**
- **A three-tenths percent tax on real estate transfers in the City of Chicago (\$42 million)**
- **The accompanying state match (\$80.5M)**
- **State paratransit assistance (\$50M) - not a new tax - simply a change to reflect the commitment the Governor has made in this year's budget and the previous two years.**

We need to help our legislators make the right decision by telling them that we want them to invest in transit.

Instructions for Filing Letters of Support :

- 1) Please open the file of the letter and format to your organization's letterhead.
- 2) A signed copy of the formatted letter should also be faxed to Resolute Consulting at 312-673-1305 or emailed to [mbc@resoluteconsulting.com](mailto:mbc@resoluteconsulting.com) so it can also be submitted as part of the Regional Transportation Authority's legislative proposal.
- 3) Signed letters should be mailed via U.S. Postal Service to:

Rod R. Blagojevich  
Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Emil Jones Jr.  
Senate President  
327 Capital Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House  
300 Capital Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Frank C. Watson  
Senate Republican Leader  
309 Capital Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Tom Cross  
House Republican Leader  
316 Capital Building  
Springfield, IL 6270

If you have any questions please contact Armando Saleh at 312-673-1301

### SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Sirs,

Our organization is home to many taxpayers, voters and active citizens of the State of Illinois, eager to see our state grow and prosper and offer future generations a better quality of life. We are strong supporters of public transit and I respectfully urge you to answer the alarm raised by the Illinois Auditor General as well as thousands of transit advocates across Northeastern Illinois including transit agencies, community leaders, seniors, students, people with disabilities, elected officials and business leaders: invest in public transit before the system falls into further disrepair threatening our economy, our environment and our future.

Growing traffic congestion undermines our way of life forcing more and more commuters to spend hundreds of hours each year wasting precious time away from family and work. Wasted time and stress takes a toll on our employees and makes our region less competitive. Air quality suffers as pollution increases. Job growth declines if people do not have safe, convenient, affordable methods of commuting. The only solution to these problems is public transportation.

The need is great, but the opportunity is even greater. A \$10 billion capital investment over five years and \$400 million more per year in operating dollars will enable Illinois to return CTA, Metra, and Pace to a more reliable and consistent level of service by reducing slow zones, replacing aging railroad cars and buses, and upgrading basic infrastructure from track and signal systems to bridges and viaducts. The payoff will be a transit system poised to serve changing urban neighborhoods and growing suburban communities throughout the six-county region. Your actions could even help bring the 2016 Olympics to Chicago.

Illinois faces many challenges from rising costs for education, pensions and health care to improving the environment and creating jobs. Public transit goes hand in hand with all of these important investments and I strongly encourage you to work together in the weeks ahead to help Illinois maintain, enhance and expand public transportation. This is the year of decision and the only responsible choice is to invest in our future.

Sincerely,



## NEW AASHTO LOGO

A new logo was launched today for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) which represents the transportation departments of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in the nation's capital.

"We are very proud of this new logo – our first identity update in more than 30 years," said AASHTO Executive Director John Horsley. "We've only had two logos in our 97-year history, and AASHTO is a name known around the world, so we were thoughtful about this design and what it would ultimately convey to the viewer.

"The launch of this new design comes at a time when we are asking our members and associated groups to help us develop a new vision for transportation, one that can take us decades into the future. We believe this logo also will carry us well into the 21st Century," Horsley said.

The new AASHTO logo, created by staff designer Belinda Bates, was called for by a task force of

AASHTO member CEOs drafting a new strategic plan for the organization. Among the task force's findings was that AASHTO should be the voice of transportation, and should create a brand that communicates that mission.

"The new AASHTO logo clearly identifies not only our name, but our mission," Horsley said.

"The type selection reflects our scientific and technical roots, and the overarching 'T' reflects the fact that this is an association of state transportation departments with responsibility for all modes, not just highways."

In recognition of the fact that AASHTO's long-time circular seal has attained a strong recognition factor worldwide on AASHTO technical standards and publications, that seal will continue to appear on such publications in addition to the new logo.

AASHTO's policy and communications materials – including its website, policy reports and stationery – will exclusively feature the new logo.



### 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.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc.

Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc., a growing full-service transportation engineering firm, has an immediate opening for a traffic engineer to work on Signal Coordination and Timing (SCAT) projects, traffic signal design, and various traffic engineering and Phase I studies.

The position provides an excellent opportunity for professional growth and advancement. HLR offers an outstanding benefit plan including health, life, and disability insurance, 401(k) plan and flexible work hours.

Candidate must have a minimum 3 - 4 years experience and be a licensed P.E. or on track to be licensed. Experience with Sychro/SimTraffic, and HCS software required. IMSA certification or field experience with traffic signal controllers is a plus.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Submit cover letter and resume via e-mail to [nmoran@hlreng.com](mailto:nmoran@hlreng.com)

Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc.

380 Shepard Drive, Elgin, Illinois 60123-1023

[www.hlrengineering.com](http://www.hlrengineering.com).





## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

### CEMCON, Ltd.

Well established west suburban engineering firm seeks experienced traffic engineer to complete Traffic Impact Studies, Intersection Design Studies and Traffic Signal Plans in support of a design team serving both public agencies and private clients throughout Northeastern Illinois.

#### DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Study vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns; investigate accident trends; prepare engineering recommendations.
- Plan and supervise field data collection including traffic counts, travel time, delay, gap and/or parking studies as required.
- Estimate traffic generated by proposed developments, determine impacts on existing and proposed roadways, and plan necessary improvements.
- Prepare preliminary and final traffic reports, geometric plans, cost estimates, and specifications.
- Design traffic signals and signal timing systems, signage, pavement markings, and temporary traffic controls.
- Present findings of traffic impact studies to municipalities and highway agencies, and work with municipalities and permitting agencies to obtain approval for improvement plans.
- Interface with clients to discuss potential impacts of development concepts, determine scope of required studies, and explain results of studies.

#### SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS:

Ideal candidate has Illinois P.E.; 5 or more years experience completing traffic impact studies for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional developments, intersection design studies, safety studies, geometric plans, and signal design plans. P.T.O.E. recommended but not required. Will also consider candidates with less experience, with ability to obtain P.E. within 2 years. Must have familiarity with IDOT policies on geometrics and traffic signal design, and proficiency in highway capacity and modeling software. Must possess good presentation skills and be fluent in English.

We offer competitive salaries, and a comprehensive employee benefits package including 401k and profit sharing, as well as the opportunity for professional growth in a challenging work environment. Please send a letter of interest and resume to:

Kevin Serafin, P.E.

Vice President

CEMCON, Ltd.

2280 White Oak Circle, Suite 100

Aurora, IL 60502

Email: [kevins@cemcon.com](mailto:kevins@cemcon.com)

#### DO YOU HAVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

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

William Eidson  
847.823.0500  
[weidson@cbbel.com](mailto:weidson@cbbel.com)



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

### ITE WEB SEMINARS

Registration for the ITE web seminars listed below 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.

### TRAFFIC SIGNAL CHANGE INTERVALS

Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.  
CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 CEU ITE Member  
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

### SIGNAL WARRANTS BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET Member  
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275.

### ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.  
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member  
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

### ADVANCED SIGNAL TIMING

Thursday, October 4, 2007, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.  
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member  
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### ACEC-IL IDOT SEMINARS

Registration forms for all American Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois (ACEC-IL) seminars are available from ACEC-IL by calling 217/529-7430 or e-mailing [acec-il@acec-il.org](mailto:acec-il@acec-il.org). A listing of planned seminars follows:

### FHWA HIGHWAY TRAFFIC NOISE ABATEMENT

Tuesday to Thursday, September 18 to 20, 2007~ Hilton Hotel, Lisle, IL.

### THE FUTURE OF DESIGN-BUILD

Wednesday, July 25, 2007~ NIU Conference Center, Naperville, IL.

### LEGAL OVERVIEW FOR ENGINEERING FIRMS

Tuesday, August 28, 2007~ DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL.

### SELF PACED ON-LINE SEMINARS

In preparation for the October 27 and 28 PE and FE exams, these self-paced on-line seminars, available through the ACEC website at [http://www.acec.org/education/acec\\_080806.htm](http://www.acec.org/education/acec_080806.htm), are listed for your consideration.

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A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

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Monday and Tuesday, June 11 & 12, at Northwestern University, Chambers Hall, Evanston, Illinois. For more information visit <http://www.acec.org/education/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=909> or phone LaCreshea Makonnen at 202-347-7474.

### ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday to Friday, June 13-15, at the Hyatt Regency Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri. For more information visit <http://www.meetmeinstl07.movite.org/> or phone Shawn Leight at 314-878-6644 or e-mail him at [sleight@cbbtraffic.com](mailto:sleight@cbbtraffic.com).

### THE LATEST FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS

Tuesday, June 19, at the DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois. For more information visit <http://www.acec-il.org/events.cfm>, phone Dana Saal at 217-528-2460 or e-mail her at [acecdana@acec-il.org](mailto:acecdana@acec-il.org).

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### TRB 2007 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND AIR QUALITY CONFERENCE

Monday to Wednesday, July 9-11, at Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel, Orlando, Florida. For more information visit [http://www.trb.org/news/blurp\\_detail.asp?id=6671](http://www.trb.org/news/blurp_detail.asp?id=6671). Early bird registration ends June 1, 2007.

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Tuesday to Friday, July 17-20, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Seattle, Washington. For more information visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/aashtove/2007Conference/> or phone the conference coordinator at 360-705-7235 or e-mail [VEConf@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:VEConf@wsdot.wa.gov).

### ITE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, August 5-8, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information visit <http://www.ite.org/annualmeeting/> or phone Heather Talbert at 202-289-0222 ext. 138 or e-mail her at [htalbert@ite.org](mailto:htalbert@ite.org).

### 29TH INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

Sunday to Wednesday, August 19-22, at the Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW Airport, Irving, Texas. For more information visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/iatc07/> or call the Transportation & Development Institute at 703-295-6420.

### TRB BEST PRACTICES: COORDINATION OF TRANSIT, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LAND USE CONFERENCE

Sunday to Tuesday, August 26-28, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Denver, Colorado. For more information visit <http://trb.org/conferences/2007/Transit/Announcement.pdf>.



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## CONFERENCE CALL (CONTINUED)

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Sunday to Wednesday, September 9-12, at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Hotel, Irvine, California. For more information visit [http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=7679](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=7679)

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Sunday to Wednesday, October 7-10, at the Hilton Charlotte Center City and Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, North Carolina. For more information visit [http://www.apta.com/conferences\\_calendar/annual/index.cfm](http://www.apta.com/conferences_calendar/annual/index.cfm) or phone Anitha Atkins at 202-496-4839 or e-mail [aatkins@apta.com](mailto:aatkins@apta.com).

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For the first time ever, the 2008 TRB 87th Annual Meeting, January 13-17, 2008, in Washington, D.C., will offer two opportunities for businesses and other organizations to receive exposure at the meeting. TRB is launching commercial exhibits at which products and services may be showcased to the more than 10,000 transportation professionals in attendance during the meeting. In addition, general and targeted meeting sponsorship opportunities will

### 56TH ANNUAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE

Thursday and Friday, October 25&26, at the University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. For more information e-mail [trafficsafety@ad.uiuc.edu](mailto:trafficsafety@ad.uiuc.edu) or phone Ray Benekohal at 217-244-6288.

### RAIL-VOLUTION 2007

Wednesday to Saturday, October 31 to November 3, at the Lowe's Miami Beach Hotel, Miami, Florida. For more information visit <http://www.railvolution.com/> or e-mail [info@railvolution.com](mailto:info@railvolution.com).

be available. Exhibit space and several sponsorship opportunities will be limited. To receive the TRB 2008 Annual Meeting Exhibit and Sponsorship Prospectus scheduled for release in June, interested organizations should provide contact information at the following website: [http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=7677](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=7677) and then click on the Express Interest in 2008 Commercial Exhibits and Sponsorship link.

## STATE DOT STAFF RESOURCES FOR ADMINISTERING FEDERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Research Results Digest 314: State DOT Staff Resources for Administering Federal Public Transportation Programs examines the staff resources that state departments of transportation (DOTs) devote to public transportation programs and explores the ability of the states to adequately administer exist-

ing and emerging Federal Transit Administration public transportation programs. Appendices A through E to the report were published as NCHRP Web-Only Document 99. For more information visit web-sites at [http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=7665](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=7665) and [http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=7364](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=7364)

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## CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

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The Preliminary descriptions of projects expected to be undertaken as part of

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) fiscal year 2008 activities are available for review. These projects do not represent the entire NCHRP FY 2008 program, only those for which requests for proposals are expected to be issued during August and September of this year. Deadlines for proposals vary, but are generally in October and November. For more information visit [http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp\\_Announcement2008.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_Announcement2008.pdf).

### IBTTA TRANSPORTATION FINANCE SUMMIT

Interested persons are invited to submit an abstract for the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Associations Transportation Finance Summit. The submittal deadline is Tuesday, June 12, 2007. For more information visit <http://www.ibtta.org/Events/content.cfm?ItemNumber=1443&navItemNumber=1225>

### TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH FORUM 2008 ANNUAL FORUM

The 2008 TRF Annual Forum will be hosted by the Texas Transportation Institute and held March 17-19 2008, in Fort Worth, Texas. The 2008 conference themes include: Corridor Planning, Capacity Management Strategies, Transportation Funding, Energy and the Environment, and Air Cargo. Panel session proposals are particularly welcomed on topics related to the conference themes. Abstracts are due by July 1, 2007. TRF has instituted a Web-based process for submission and review of papers. Instructions can be found below under the heading "Instructions for Abstract/Paper Submittal" at their website <http://www.trforum.org/callpapers/#guidelines>.

### TRB GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) IN TRANSIT CONFERENCE

TRB is cosponsoring the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Transit Conference on November 6-8, 2007, in Tampa, Florida. The conference is designed to provide opportunities for GIS and transit professionals to learn about new and relevant issues associated with GIS as it relates to transit. Authors and presenters interested in preparing a paper or presentation for the conference should electronically submit an abstract, not to exceed 250 words, by July 16, 2007. For more information visit <http://www.nctr.usf.edu/gis/>.

### ITE 2008 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT OR ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT

The Institute of Transportation Engineers invites you to submit a paper abstract or sponsored session to be considered for presentation at the 2008 ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Making a Difference in Transportation Safety, or the 2008 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit. Instructions for submitting an abstract for either meeting can be found at [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org). Papers chosen for the technical program and published on the conference/meeting compendium earn 10 professional development hours. Authors and presenters interested in preparing a paper or presentation for the conference should electronically submit an abstract, not to exceed 250 words, by August 1, 2007. For more information call Aliyah N. Horton at 202.289.0222 ext. 137, e-mail Aliyah at [ahorton@ite.org](mailto:ahorton@ite.org), or watch <http://www.ite.org/meetcon/index.asp> for additional details as they are posted.



### AN ENGINEER'S STORY PROBLEM

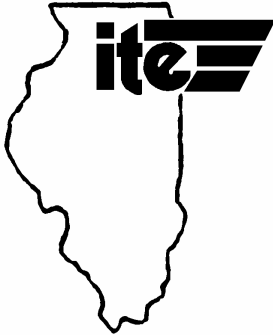
A Backhoe weighing 8 tons is on top of a flatbed trailer and heading east on Interstate 70 near Hays, Kansas. The extended shovel arm is made of hardened refined steel and the approaching overpass is made of commercial-grade concrete, reinforced with 1 1/2 inch steel rebar spaced at 6 inch intervals in a criss-cross pattern layered at 1 foot vertical spacing.

Solve: When the shovel arm hits the overpass, how fast do you have to be going to slice the bridge in half? (Assume no effect for headwind and no braking by the driver...)

Extra Credit: Solve for the time and distance required for the entire rig to come to a complete stop after hitting the overpass at the speed calculated above. Yes, you can neglect friction...

Demonstrative Solution: (Doesn't look as though he could get up enough speed to make it all the way...)





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**Golf Outing  
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The ITE - Illinois Section is hosting a Golf Outing on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 12:30 P.M. The proceeds of the Golf Outing will go towards the ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Fund to assist future Transportation Engineers in their education.

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SHOTGUN START

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**FEATURING:**

**DATE:** THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2007

**PLACE:** BLOOMINGDALE GOLF CLUB  
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**COST:** \$80.00 PER PERSON FOR 18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART IN ADVANCE OR AT THE COURSE PLEASE REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>.

**TIME:** 12:30 P.M. - REGISTRATION  
1:00 P.M. - SHOTGUN START

## ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Registration Form

NAME:

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**SECTION CALENDAR**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- **June 5—Parking 101: Transportation Enhancement Districts and Beyond, Chicago Architecture Foundation, 1st Floor, 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL. Visit the website at <http://www.metroplanning.org/calendar.asp?objectID=3869>**
- **June 8 — CTA President Ron Huberman presents at Business Leaders for Transportation Quarterly Luncheon. Register at <http://www.metroplanning.org/businessleaders/calendar.asp> or contact Jackie Diaz at 312-863-6016**
- **June 13 to 15— ITE Midwestern District 4 Conference and Spring MOVITE Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Visit the website at <http://www.meetmeinstl07.movite.org/>**
- **June 21 — Illinois Section Joint Luncheon with ASCE, Maggiano's Oak Brook**
- **July 12 — Illinois Section Joint Luncheon with WTS, location to be determined**
- **July 19 — Joint Illinois Section Irish-American Engineers Golf Outing, Bloomingdale Golf Club, Bloomingdale, Illinois**
- **August 5 to 8— ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, David L. Lawrence Convention Center Pittsburgh, PA. Visit the website at <http://www.ite.org/annualmeeting/>**
- **August 15—ITEMS Deadline**

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**ILLINOIS SECTION '07-'08 PLANNER**

Please note all dates, locations, and topics are tentative. Check the section calendar in future editions of ITEms or on line at [www.ilite.org](http://www.ilite.org) to verify details.

**2007**

- September 20 Joint Dinner with ISPE at the Holiday Inn, Naperville
- October 18 Student Welcome Back Luncheon at UIC
- November 15 Monthly Luncheon in Rockford at Cliffbreakers
- December 13 Year End Event at Bella Bacino's, Downtown Chicago

**2008**

- January 25 Annual Awards Dinner at Wellington, Arlington Heights, IL
- February 22 Engineer's Week Washington Banquet
- March 20 Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
- March 30 - April 2 ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit , Anaheim CA
- April 17 Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
- May 22 Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
- Mid-June or Mid-July District 4 Annual Conference hosted by the Illinois Section
- June 19 Suburban Maggiano's - Joint Meeting, ASCE (Tentative)
- July 17 Golf Outing - Joint Outing with the Irish Engineers Group
- July 24 Location TBA, Joint Meeting, WTS
- August 17-20 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit , Anaheim CA
- September 18 Holiday Inn, Naperville - Joint Meeting (Dinner), ISPE
- October 23 Student Day - IIT
- November 20 Cliffbreaker's, Rockford

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**NEW IDOT DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND REGION 2 ENGINEER**

Springfield, IL, March 13. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Acting Secretary **Milt Sees** today appointed **George F. Ryan**, a 28-year veteran of the Department, to serve as

Deputy Director of Highways and Region 2 Engineer in charge of two Highway Districts in northern Illinois that stretch from Indiana to the Mississippi River.

Ryan, who was the chief IDOT engineer on the recently completed Upgrade 74 project in Peoria, will supervise IDOT's Highway District activities in the 10 counties of District 2, headquartered in Dixon, and the nine counties of District 3, based in Ottawa. The area is responsible for 530 miles of Interstate highways and 3,265 miles of primary routes. The Highway Districts are responsible for planning, construction and maintenance of IDOT roadways under their jurisdiction.

"George Ryan is an engineer who has worked his way up from an entry level trainee position at IDOT to his most recent assignment, which involved supervising one of the most complex reconstruction projects the state has seen," said Acting Secretary Sees. "I am confident that his broad experience as a planner and builder of roads and as an expert on work zone safety

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will be a tremendous asset to all the people that IDOT serves in Highway Region 2."

Ryan replaces **Gregory Mounts**, who left the Department last year to enter the private sector.

Ryan, originally from Mossville, Ill., is married and the father of two and grandfather of four. He joined IDOT in June of 1978 as a Technician Trainee. In 1980, he returned to school to pursue an engineering degree. He graduated from Bradley University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

### JACOBS ENGINEERING ACQUIRES EDWARDS AND KELCEY

PASADENA, Calif., March 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (NYSE: JEC) announced today that they signed a letter of intent to acquire Edwards and Kelcey, a 1,000-person firm headquartered in Morristown, N.J.

In making the announcement, Edwards and Kelcey CEO **Kevin McMahon** stated, "We are excited about the prospect of joining Jacobs and believe that this offers many benefits to our staff and clients. Our combined engineering and construction services practice will be more comprehensive with a broader geographic presence and access to more services, specialists, and experts for current Edwards and Kelcey and Jacobs clients. There is little duplication of markets, clients, or geographies. Our combined leadership teams are complementary and are excited about the opportunity to join forces to provide more comprehensive services to our existing clients."

Jacobs, with over 45,000 employees and revenues approaching \$8.0 billion, provides technical, professional, and construction services globally.

### CTA ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT

May 1, 2007. The Chicago Transit Board today appointed **Ron Huberman** as the new President of the Chicago Transit Authority.

Huberman had been Mayor **Richard M. Daley's** Chief of Staff for the last two years and previously served as Executive Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Communications.

"We are delighted that Ron is joining CTA and are eager to move forward with efforts to address the agency's immediate funding issue," said Chicago Transit Board Chairman Carole Brown. "His experience in City government should serve him well as he works with us to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the second largest transit agency in the country."

"I appreciate the support expressed by members of the Chicago Transit Board," said Huberman. "Even with the cuts in spending and management improvements that have already been put in place, it's evident to me that we need to make even tougher financial decisions in the days and weeks ahead. It is vital that Chicago's public transportation system be financially sound and healthy and I look forward to taking the CTA the next step of the way."

Ron Huberman replaced **Frank Kruesi**, who resigned after 9½ years as the transit agency's chief executive officer.

### TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING COMMISSION

**Dana Levenson**, Managing Director of the Chicago Branch, Royal Bank of Scotland and previously the CFO of the City of Chicago was named as a member of the newly convened National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission. The commission is charged to analyze finances, the Highway Trust Fund and make recommendations regarding alternative approaches. USDIOT contact is Jack Wells, Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9224, jack.wells@dot.gov.



Ron Huberman, President, Chicago Transit Authority

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