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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Despite the weather making it feel like they were winter luncheons, enthusiastic attendance at our Spring luncheons made them a success for presenters and participants alike.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER SERIES

March: Our thanks to **Daniel Thomas** previously of JACOBS (now with the CTA) for discussing the Chicago Downtown Freight Study in March.

April: Held in Naperville with the DuKane Chapter of ISPE: Our thanks to **Christopher Jones**, NIU Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science, for the interesting presentation on U.S. Dependency on Foreign Oil.

May: Thursday May 22 (Maggiano's, Downtown): Mark E. McNabola of Cogan & McNabola, P.C. discussed the role of Transportation Engineers in the legal field.

June: Was held in partnership with ASCE on June 19 at the Maggiano's in Oak Brook where **Frank Kudrna** discussed the Illinois International Port Authority.

AUGUST GOLF OUTING

Aside from the Midwestern District in Chicago we're taking a break! Join us for a round of golf at:

The Bloomingdale Golf Club 181 Glyn Ellen Road Bloomingdale, IL

Date: August 7, 2008

Time: Registration - 12:30 P.M. Shotgun Start - 1:00 P.M.

Cost: For further information watch for e-mail announcements

Speaker: Tiger Woods (invited)

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The conference is being hosted by the Illinois Section.

It will be held July 6 - 8, 2008 at the Hard Rock Café in Chicago. I would like to extend my thanks to **Mark Rinnan** and **Peter Lemmon**, who are serving as Co-Chairs of the conference planning committee. The committee members have been working quite hard in putting together the technical, training, and social program together.

The ITE 2008 International Annual Meeting and Exhibit is in Anaheim, CA, from August 17–20. You can plan on joining nearly 2,000 transportation professionals as they exchange ideas on transportation issues.

CONTINUED LEARNING - REFRESHER COURSE

The Section has scheduled a PTOE/ TOPS refresher course on July 9th at Cook County Highway Department. Prof. **Robert Seyfried** from Northwestern University will teach this full day course. It is a great opportunity to get an overview of topics, key references, and an independent study guide for the certification examinations or to get an update on traffic operations and engineering.

ITE SECTION SPONSORSHIPS FOR PRETRANS PROGRAM

Our Section has recently sponsored Illinois Institute of Technology's Pre-trans program (Co-Directors are **Dr. Zongzhi Li** and **Kevin Smith**) to send multicultural or women high school students to IIT to interact with faculty and to select high school juniors to participate in a one week sum-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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mer internship.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Section's Annual Illinois Section Golf Outing is scheduled for August 7, 2008 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 a web announcement on how to register and/or sponsor the event.

SECTION STUDENT DAY

Planned for October 23rd at IIT, Illinois.

SECTION COMMITTEES

We have few changes in our Section committees. Mike Phan from ENTRAN will take over Records and Mailing and assist Section webmaster Jae Ju with the website. I thank Joe Emry of Civiltech for his many years of dedicated service towards Section activities.

Chris L. DeRosia of Metro Transportation

Group, Inc. will head the seminar committee under the Technical Group.

ENDOWMENT FOR YOUNG MEMBERS

The Section Board is looking into putting together an Endowment for young members to attend the ITE International and Midwestern District conferences. Funding is planned to come from Past Presidents and a Section match to collected funds up to a maximum level. I request all past Section Presidents to provide your suggestions and contribute towards this fund by contacting **Peter Lemmon** at (312) 853-0820 or me at (773) 693-3809.

Your ITE Section Board of Directors and Committee members are working hard on your behalf. I encourage you to get involved and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming luncheons and the 2008 Midwestern District conference in Chicago.

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2008 ITE Illinois Section President

CONDOLENCES

It is our sad duty to report to you Robert "Bob" Grady, a 1993 President of the Illinois Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and a year 2000 recipient of the Illinois Section's Past Presidents Award, passed away on March 10, 2008. Bob's years of service to our Section were greatly appreciated and he will be missed.

Mr. Grady's most recent position was as a Senior Transportation Planner with T.Y. Lin International (TYLI) where he was responsible for a variety of traffic and transit planning projects. Prior to joining TYLI, Bob had 26 years of transportation planning and management experience with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA).

Bob's career in traffic engineering and operations planning was highlighted by planning and managing the shuttle bus network of 11 routes serving 53 hotels and 16,000 delegates to the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. His broad-based experience has included transit operations planning, program development, passenger information and operational graphic design, construction oversight, interagency relations, and policy level management.

Bob is survived by his wife Diane, his daughter Carrie and son Michael.

IN MEMORIUM

This issue is dedicated in memory of Lauren LaPlante, daughter of Past President John LaPlante, who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 23rd at the age of 40. She will be remembered for her loving concern for all living things. A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 2nd, 4 pm at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Avenue. A Memorial gift of \$100 was made by the Illinois Section as the most appropriate way to remember Lauren and her too short life. The family has donated such gifts to Orphans of the Storm of Riverwoods, Illinois.



CMAP DIRECTOR RANDY BLANKENHORN'S BLOG

The following is a reprint of the May 30th edition of CMAP Update, a weekly e-mail newsletter distributed by CMAP Director Randy Blankenhorn. You can also visit his blog at http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/blog.aspx

New at www.goto2040.org. "Innovation: The difference between good and great" is a new entry that I contributed to the GO TO 2040 blog. Our region and agency have an opportunity to look beyond the ways in which we have traditionally addressed quality-of-life issues. We need to bring different ideas and different people to the table as we look at the future of northeastern Illinois and the challenges that we face. Also, please read and comment on our new strategy report on brownfields, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines as "abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination." Our report describes the multiple layers of benefits economic, environment, and social -- that

brownfield redevelopment can offer the region.

City of the Year. Congratulations are once again in order for the City of Chicago, which has been named 2008 U.S. City of the Year in the June issue Fast Company magazine. According to Fast Company, "The real Chicago isn't so easy to keep up with. It's constantly reinventing itself . . . But what any Chicagoan will also tell you is that the past is very much present. It doesn't go away. It shouldn't. In fact, that's Chicago's lure and its beauty: its ability to take what was and figure out what could be." Be sure to see the magazine's slide show of "Five Things You Don't Know About Chicago," one of which is that 29 percent of downtown Chicago residents have graduate degrees, which is 3.3 times the national average. According to Fast Company editor Bob Safian, "Chicago stood out in our reporting for its creative energy and business vitality, for its effective sustainability programs and for the forward-looking efforts of its business and civic leaders."

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US CONGRESS CONSIDERS COMPLETE STREETS

COMPLETE STREETS

In early May, Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.) introduced the "Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2008." This bill would require states that receive federal funding for their road improvement projects to implement complete streets policies. These policies ensure that any new road construction or rehabilitation efforts would accommodate the safety and convenience of all

users of the transportation system. In March, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-lowa) introduced similar legislation (S. 2686). Both pieces of legislation ensure that future transportation investments create appropriate and safe transportation facilities for all those using the road: motorists, transit vehicles and riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

ILLINOIS SECTION WINS BEST WEBSITE AWARD

Congratulations to Jae Ju Young, the Illinois Section webmaster, for his efforts which have resulted in winning the ITE Midwestern Districts award for 2008 Best Website. Factors considered during the competition include overall appearance and format, ease of navigation through the site, amount of information presented, applicability of information presented and current information content. Chosen over

websites operated by the other three sections and various chapters in the District, the Illinois ITE website offers information on five functional areas (Activities, Operations, Public Affairs, Student Affairs, and Technical) as well as access to officers, and membership information. If you haven't done so already, visit this award winning site at www.ilite.org



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

EUGENE "GENE" WILSON, P.E., PTOE

Strengthen ITE by helping to solve critical professional and societal core issues. Gene will use his experience in education and training to help achieve solutions in the areas of safety, management and operations, designing for all users and workforce development.

Strengthen ITE by working together as a community of transportation professionals. Gene will help ITE provide member services to strengthen your local professional recognition. Gene wants to help you become more active in ITE at all levels. The stronger our membership is; the stronger ITE's voice becomes. He will work within the ITE community, forming new partnerships as appropriate and will work with ITE's global networks to achieve solutions.

Strengthen ITE's global network of members.

Gene will provide more opportunities for international member involvement. Gene will use his experience with the World Interchange Network (WIN) to create an international ITE communications network. An ITE WIN network will provide more opportunities to share worldwide knowledge of transportation developments. This international networking will help all ITE members.

Strengthen ITE member communications and educational training. These are keys to more members and more active members. Gene pledges to listen and respond to your professional needs and issues.

SELECTED SERVICE TO ITE AND THE PROFESSION

- International Board of Direction, Technical Council Representative, 1991–1994
- ITE's representative to the Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. (TPCB), 1998– 2007
- Technical Council, 1982–1994, Chair, 1991– 1994

- Transportation Safety Council, Execu-tive Committee, 1997–2007, Emeri-tus Member, 2007
- 41st Annual District 6 Meeting, Technical Program Chair and Compendium Editor, 1988
- Chapter Author, "Teaching Safety," ITE Traffic Safety Toolbox, 1999
- Assistant Editor, Traffic Control Devices Handbook, ITE, 2001
- ITE Journal, Conference Proceedings and Westernite – author and co-author of 30+ articles
- ITE Technical and specialty committees 20+ committee memberships and/or chair activities

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Active in ITE for nearly 40 years, Gene has a broad base of experience.
- As a University of Wyoming Professor Emeritus,
 Gene has been privileged to prepare young engineers for a career in transportation.
- Gene has worked for DOTs providing research, traffic engineering and transportation planning expertise.
- Gene has been active in ASCE, ARTBA, NACE, APWA, TRB, NLTAPA, NCHRP and the MUTCD National Advisory Committee.
- Involvement in many sectors has helped Gene to understand the complexity of transportation and the importance of ITE's role.
- Gene values transportation certification's role in protecting public safety. The TPBC is a team success affiliated with ITE. Gene is proud to have been the first chair of this team effort.
- Gene continues to work as a transportation engineering consultant.
- 100+ technical publications
- 100+ national and international conference presentations
- 200+ workshops taught worldwide

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at Arizona State University, (Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning)
- Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Civil Engineering at University of Wyoming



International Vice President candidate Eugene "Gene" Wilson, P.E., PTOE



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

PAUL ENG-WONG, P.E., FITE

Professional enrichment through active and meaningful member participation is the center-piece of my vision for ITE. The organization must serve as a conduit between individual spirit and collective resolve if ITE is to continue playing a central role in elevating our profession. My vision includes these key areas:

Professional Development – The heart of ITE is its membership, and nurturing the careers of transportation professionals requires effective programs for leadership development. We need to have the membership's pulse at our fingertips; understanding your needs and interests should help guide everything that we do. I will strive to communicate with you and continue to invest in our future.

Technical Advancement – ITE must remain at the forefront of technical expertise to satisfy the needs and demands of transportation systems that are constantly growing in magnitude and complexity. We have an opportunity to bring the best and brightest minds to bear on a wide-array of technical challenges, and I will promote ITE as the premier resource for technical excellence and technological innovation in the transportation industry.

International Partnership – As a worldwide organization, ITE should persist in its commitment to increase collaboration with the international community of transportation professionals. I will encourage an exchange of ideas, technology and research that can be developed globally and applied locally.

These areas of emphasis have something very important in common; they rely on the participation, enthusiasm and commitment of an active membership. I have always believed that ITE is both a resource and a responsibility, and I have seen first-hand the benefits of investing my time in all that the organization has to offer. Every time I give to ITE, I get back so much

more in return. With you, me and ITE working together, we can ensure that ITE continues to be the organization of choice for the transportation profession.

ITE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

This year I am celebrating my 30th year of active membership in ITE, with which I started at the grassroots level as a member and committee chair in the Metropolitan Section of NY and NJ, before going on to be elected President and Section Director. I was later elected Chair and International Director of the Northeastern District and served as Chair for both the Transportation Planning Council and Transportation Consultants Council. I have also been honored to receive various awards from ITE, including the International Board Certificate of Recognition, the Ivor S. Wisepart Transportation Engineer Award from the Metropolitan Section and the Harvey Boutwell Distinguished Service Award from the Northeastern District.

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

I co-founded Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates, a traffic and transportation engineering firm, in 1988. Serving as president, I have led its growth to a 50-person company celebrating its 20-year anniversary. Among a wide-range of traffic, ITS, parking, transit and pedestrian studies, I hold overall responsibilities for issues pertaining to technical oversight, corporate finance and human resources. I strive to cultivate an environment of enthusiasm and collaboration, promoting the highest standards of professional ethics, workforce development, education and community participation that echoes those values attained in a lifetime of ITE service. Prior to establishing Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates, I worked at The RBA Group and Edwards & Kelcey. I earned both my Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and am a licensed Professional Engineer in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Florida.



International Vice President candidate Paul Eng-Wong, P.E., FITE



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS FUND RAISER

The Engineers Without Borders (EWB)
Summer Fundraiser will be held on June
26. Learn about EWB Chicago's international projects, bid on silent auction items and enjoy food, beverages and lively conversation. Commissioner Suzanne Malec-McKenna from the City of Chicago's Department of Environment will lead a discussion on urban sustainability.

Suzanne Malec-McKenna was nominated by Mayor Daley in August 2007. Malec-McKenna brings more than 15 years of experience in environmental issues including sustainable development and ecological preservation and restoration. She has served for nearly 14 years in the Department of Environment most recently as Deputy Commissioner of Natural Re-

sources and Water Quality. Prior to joining City government she worked as an Urban Forestry Manager for the Openlands Project. "Suzanne has worked tirelessly in her previous role to protect and preserve our green spaces, water and other natural resources," said Mayor Daley. "As we move forward, I am confident that Suzanne will continue the work that has put Chicago well on its way to being the most environmentally-friendly city in the nation."

Proceeds from the event will be used to support small-scale education, clean water and public health projects across the globe. Tickets are \$50 per person if purchased before June 13. Visit ewb-chicago.org for more details.

ITS AMERICA CALL FOR ENTRIES

WASHINGTON, DC, June 9, 2008 – The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) today announced a call for entries for the "Best of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Awards." The deadline for entering is September 8, 2008.

Presented by ITS America, the Best of ITS Awards is the only program in the world that honors the most innovative, effective, and influential achievements in the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) industry. This highly competitive program recognizes the organizations whose projects have demonstrated specific and measurable outcomes and exemplified innovation by establishing a "new dimension" of performance.

Private businesses and public organizations will be recognized before an international audience on November 17, 2008 at the 15th World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems in New York City.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- . Best New Product, Service, or Application
- Rural ITS Project of the Year
- Sustainability in Transportation
- Outreach
- Partnership Deployment: Business-to-Business or Government-to-Government
- Partnership Deployment: Public-Private
- Research and Innovation

More details and information on how to enter the Best of ITS Awards is available at www.itsa.org/itsa/files/2008BestITSAwards-App.doc or contact Sabrina Quirarte, Director of Communications, Intelligent Transportation Society of America, 1100 17th Street NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036, Office: 202-721-4205.

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Personal Information Form
on the Illinois Section website at http://www.ilite.org/
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accessing http://
www.ite.org then log in
using your member no. and
password. Your personal
information page is then
displayed. Hit the edit
button and make changes
as needed.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) PROJECT MANAGER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), located in downtown Chicago, is currently accepting applications to fill the position of Project Manager, Special Programs. Under the direction of the Program Manager, Special Programs, the incumbent conducts or manages varied, multifaceted planning studies in support of the RTA's Community Planning program and other Division initiatives. Works with local communities, the RTA service boards, and other regional planning agencies to develop, promote, and evaluate new initiatives consistent with RTA policies and the Strategic Plan. Position involves attending night and weekend meetings and travel within the six-county RTA service area. Minimum Starting Salary: \$53,879. For more information on the RTA, the position and to apply, visit www.rtachicago.com. EEO/AA



The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is accepting applications to fill the position of Project Manager, Engineering & Technology. Under the direction of the Manager of Engineering and Technology, manages multifaceted and complex technical projects related to transportation technology. Most projects are in the area of transit Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), which encompass the application of information and communication technologies to enhance operational efficiencies and traveler information. Duties include performing and/or project managing the planning, design, implementation, evaluation, operations and maintenance of the RTA's ITS technologies. Participates on state and local technical committees to ensure the coordination of ITS activities involving transit applications with other transportation entities. Prepares and presents analyses to the RTA and Service Board committees/staff. Minimum Starting Salary: \$53,879. For more information on this position, the RTA and to apply, visit www.rtachicago.com. EEO/AA



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A hearty welcome to recently joined Illinois Section members Mark Fayta, the Regional Manager for ITERIS, Inc, Richard Kerhlikar, Chief Structural Engineer at Crawford Murphy and Tilly, Matthew Papirnik, Project Manager at Burns and McDonnell, Sean Widener, an Engineer III with Clark Dietz, Inc, Ms. Priyanka Singh, a Project Engineer with Woolpert, Incorporated, Tara Fifer an Associate Transportation Analyst at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Jarrod Cebulski who is a Project Manager at Patrick Engineering, Mr. Kamal Kannan, a Transportation Engineer at Earthtech, and Steven Brown a Transportation Analyst at Cambridge Systematics, Incorporated. We also welcome the renewal of Dominick Gatto's membership. Dominick is Director-Program Management & Oversight at

the Federal Transit Administration.

They join the more than 11,000 member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), an international professional society of transportation engineers, planners, and others responsible for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods on our streets, highways, and transit systems.

ITE is divided into ten Districts worldwide to better serve its members. The Illinois Section is part of District 4, which encompasses eleven states in the Midwest. Within District 4, there are four sections: Illinois, Movite (Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, and Nebraska), North Central (Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota), and Wisconsin.



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.

DESIGNING AND SIGNALIZING FOR TURN LANE SAFETY

Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

CURRENT PRACTICES FOR SIGN-ING AND MARKING NEAR SCHOOLS

Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$50 Site Registration Fee:

ROUNDABOUT SAFETY AND DE-SIGN

Thursday, June 19, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

ACCESS MANAGEMENT PRICIPLES AND PRACTICES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

FUNDAMENTALS OF WEATHER MANAGEMENT

Thursday, August 21, 2008, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SERIES

Fridays, June 27 to August 8, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CDT \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275or 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET per session. ITE Member Price: \$750/Nonmember Price: \$900 for series or \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275 for each module.

PROFESSIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER REFRESHER COURSES

Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 9–25, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/.9 IACET Price: \$750/Nonmember Price: \$900

PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC OPERA-TIONS ENGINEER (PTOE) RE-FRESHER COURSES

Thursday, October 23 to November 20, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CDT Credits 7.5 PDH/.75 IACET Price: \$575/Nonmember Price: \$600.

ACEC-IL IDOT SEMINAR -BEST PRACTICES IN A/E FIRM PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Extended seminar series, September 16 & 17, 2008 ~ Hilton Suites, Chicago, IL. Check http://www.acec-il.org/events.cfm for additional information as it is developed.

Registration forms will be made available by the American Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois (ACEC-IL) by calling 217/529-7430 or e-mailing acec-il@acec-il.org.

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:

Mark.Rinnan@jacobs.com or fax the information to 312.251.3015. The contact will be provided membership information and acknowledgement of your referral.



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2008 DISTRICT CONFERENCE—SWEET HOME CHICAGO!

We are less than 2 weeks from the start of the ITE Midwestern District 2008 Conference! Yet it's not to late to register (see pages 7 and 8 for mail or fax in registration form or register online at www.midwesternite2008.org.)

With Chicago now a candidate city for the 2016 Olympics, our Opening Session with keynote speeches by John Murray, Chief of Bid Operations, Chicago 2016, and Rosemarie Andolino, Executive Director, O'Hare Modernization Program is sure to be packed. The only way to see those speakers is by full or single day registration. Another not to miss event is the Tuesday plated lunch with keynote speaker Milton Sees, Illinois Secretary of Transportation. You can attend that event as a full or single day registrant or for \$60 as an al-a-carte luncheon event.

If you have watched the headlines lately you heard the CTA Superstation planned for the Block 37 development has been put on hold due to cost issues. Unfortunately this caused us to cancel that technical tour. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may have caused. When we originally scheduled this tour the project was moving along well and appeared to be on track for a scheduled opening. we will be issuing refunds at the conference unless you express an interest in in attending one of the other technical tours.

The good news is the other technical tours are filling but still have space. The Chicago 9-1-1 center offers a unique look into the operations of city services. The Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Systems Center shows you how expressways in the Chicago region are monitored and managed.

If you're planning on coming downtown for the icebreaker, and haven't gone on an architectural tour, why not consider joining the Chicago Architecture Foundation walking tour of Chicago skyscrapers? Other events that are filling but still have room include a sail on Lake Michigan on 34-foot keelboats with a profes-

sional captain on Monday beginning at 5 PM (ala-carte for \$70). Also there are still group tickets to the Chicago Cubs vs Cincinnati Reds July 8th 7:05 PM game at Wrigley Field. It seems most out-of-towners have booked their tickets so contact Mark Rinnan at (312) 424-5419 to reserve your seats.

If you're not into sailing you can cruise Lake Michigan aboard a much larger motor vessel Odyssey. The cruise with the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) and Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) starts boarding at 6 PM Monday evening from Navy Pier. ASCP-AESOP are holding their conference here at the same time and have offer ITE members the opportunity to sail with them for a reduced cost of \$90 (pay by Master-Card of Visa only). Contact Kirsten Dazevedo, reservations manager at ACSP by phone at 850.385.2054 or by e-mail at kdd@acsp.org and mention you are with the ITE Midwestern District.

Finally if you can't commit time to attending the entire conference or even a single day, al-a-carte on-line registration (www.midwesternite-2008.org) is now available for the following events:

- Icebreaker in the very cool Hamer Room of the Hard Rock Hotel Chicago. Cost is \$30
- Chicago Architecture Foundation skyscraper tour, Sunday, July 6th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
 Cost for this walking tour is \$15.
- Illinois Secretary of Transportation Milton Sees keynote address at a plated luncheon on Tuesday, July 8th. Cost is \$60
- IDOT Traffic Systems Center Technical Tour, Monday, July 7th from 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Cost is \$25
- Monday, July 7 buffet luncheon. Cost is \$50
- Millennium Park Bicycle Station technical tour, Monday, July 7th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Cost for this walking tour is \$10.
- Chicago 9-1-1 Center technical tour, Tuesday,
 July 8th from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM. Cost is \$25



CHICAGO GUIDE

AIRPORTS

http://www.flychicago.com/

TDANCI

http://www.transitchicago.com/maps/ systemmaps.html

http://rtachicago.com/

PARKING

http://www.chicagoparkingmap.com/

VISITOR INFORMATION

http://www.choosechicago.com/ Pages/default.aspx

http://chicago.metromix.com/

TASTE OF CHICAGO

http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/ webportal/portalEntityHomeAction.do? entityName=Taste+of+Chicago&entityNameEnumValue=166

SPORTS

http://cubs.mlb.com/index.jsp? c_id=chc

http://whitesox.mlb.com/index.jsp?
c_id=cws

NAVY PIER

http://www.navypier.com/home.html

MILLENNIUM PARK

http://www.millenniumpark.org/

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

June 26—July 27 KOOZA under the Grand Chapiteau, United Center Parking lot K Cirquedusoleil.com





ONLINE REGISTER STARTS April 10, 2008 at: www.midwesternite2008.org (Additional registration options below -Vendor registration by phone, fax or E-mail only)

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Full Conference — Up to 10.5 PDHs available! Includes Ice Breaker Reception, Luncheons, Technical Sessions, access to Vendor Exhibits, post-conference MUTCD Update, and a good time.	Sand Quantity
Single Day Monday Tuesday	\$175
Student Full Conference (\$25 to be refunded if student volunteers for 2+ hours)	\$50
Technical Tours IDOT Traffic Systems Center - Mon. 10:15 A.M. (transportation provided) Millennium Park Bicycle Station - Mon. 3:30 P.M. (1/2 mile walk)	\$25 \$10
Chicago 911 Center – Tues. 10:30 A.M. (transportation provided) SEE PAGE 2 FOR ID YOU MUST PROVIDE FOR THIS TOU	\$25
Add-on Session PTOE/TOPS Refresher Training (Wednesday, July 9 – OFF SITE) 1st Come-1st Serve Limit 35, e-mail Chad.Hammerl@iacobs.com to confirm	\$150
Social Activities Chicago Architecture Foundation walking tour: Sunday 3 – 5 P.M.	\$15
2 hr. sail on Lake Michigan: Monday 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Space limited (1/2 mile walk to 34' keel boat(s), \$80 No on-line registration, e-mail <u>Chad.Hammerl@jacobs.com</u> to confirm, No sailing experience required.)	Indicate # participants
Cubs vs. Cincinnati: TUESDAY, July 8, 7:05 PM, Space Limited, Preference to Full and Single Day Conference Registrants (\$40 per seat includes Chicago Transit Authority 1-day pass. No on-line registration, e-mail Mark Rinnan Transit Scott to confirm). Payment due and tickets provided at on-site conference registration table.	Check Chetce/Indicate # tickets I ticket 2 tickets Up to 4
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CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBIT

Sunday to Tuesday, July 6-8, 2008, at the Hard Rock Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. For additional information visit http://www.midwesternite2008.org

ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EX-HIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, August 17-20, at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. For more information visit http://www.ite.org/Conference/ or phone Sallie Dollins at 202-289-0222 ext. 149 or e-mail her at sdollins@ite.org

57TH ANNUAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE

Thursday and Friday, October 23 & 24, in Urbana, Illinois. Specific conference information is not yet available but check the University of Illinois Continuing Education website at http://www.continuinged.uiuc.edu/conferences/ or watch check the autumn edition of ITEms for conference information as it is made available.



CALL FOR PAPERS AND STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD 88TH ANNUAL MEETING

TRB is now accepting papers for consideration as part of the program for the TRB 88th Annual Meeting, January 11-15, 2009, in Washington, D.C., and for publication in the Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board (TRR). Papers in non-PDF format must be submitted prior to 11:59 p.m. EST Monday, July 28, 2008. Papers in PDF format must be submitted prior to 11:59 p.m. EST Friday, August 1, 2008. All papers must be submitted via TRB's Paper Submission website. Authors planning to submit papers receive password-controlled, limited web access to individual papers published in the TRR since 1996. Access will be provided after submission of an abstract for a paper via the paper submission website. This feature allows authors access to some of the latest research in their areas of interest.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND INTEREST- TASK ORDER RESEARCH FOR THE AASHTO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) has issued a request for expressions of interest in participating as a taskorder contractor for NCHRP Project 20-65 by submitting a statement of qualifications and availability. The objective of NCHRP Project 20-65 is to provide flexible, ongoing, quickresponse research on public transportation issues in support of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO's) Standing Committee on Public Transportation activities. The research is designed to develop improvements to analytical methods, decision-support tools, procedures, and techniques employed by practitioners addressing public transportation issues. Statements are due July 15, 2008. For more information, visit http://www.trb.org/news/ blurb_detail.asp?id=9098.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- July 6 to 8— ITE Midwestern
 District Conference and Exhibit,
 Hard Rock Hotel, Chicago, IL.
 Visit the website at http://
 www.midwesternite2008.org/
- July 8 Cubs Outing, Chicago Cubs vs Cincinnati Reds, 7:05 PM, Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois
- July 9 PTOE/TOPS Refresher Course, Cook County Department of Highways, Chicago, Illinois
- August 7 Joint Illinois Section ITE Irish American Engineers Golf Outing, Bloomingdale Golf Club, Bloomingdale, Illinois
- August 15-ITEMS Deadline
- August 17 to 20— ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA. Visit the website at http:// ite.org/AnnualMeeting/ default.asp



ANOTHER REASON TO ATTEND THE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

Cirque Shanghai Gold's only appearance in the United States will be at Chicago's Skyline Stage at Navy Pier. Skyline stage offers amazing views of Chicago's skyline as well as affordable seat in an intimate outdoor setting for this visually pleasing acrobatic spectacle. For more information, visit the Cirque Shanghai Gold website at http://www.navypier.com/cirqueshanghai/.



ILLINOIS SECTION '08-'09 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 to verify details.

2008

September 18	Holiday Inn, Naperville – Joint Meeting (Dinner), ISPE
October 23	Student Day - IIT
November 20	Cliffbreaker's, Rockford
December 18	Bella Bacino's - Happy Hour - Year End Wrap-up
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January 23	Annual Awards Dinner at Wellington, Arlington Heights, IL
February 20	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet
March 19	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
March 22 - 25	ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit , Phoenix AZ
April 16	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
May 21	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
June 11	Suburban Maggiano's – Joint Meeting, ASCE (Tentative)
June 17-19	Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the Wisconsin Section
July 16	Golf Outing – Joint Outing with the Irish Engineers Group
July 23	Location TBA, Joint Meeting, WTS
August 9-12	ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit , San Antonio TX
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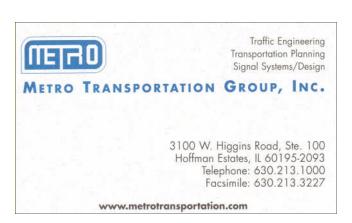
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INDUSTRY NEWS

BAXTER & WOODMAN PROMO-TIONS ANNOUNCED

CRYSTAL LAKE, IL. (April 30, 2008) - The recent restructuring of Baxter & Woodman, Inc.'s
Transportation Group included several staff promotions. Louis D. Haussmann, PE, PTOE was named Transportation Group Leader. Mr. Haussmann earned his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and joined the firm in 1996. "Lou has managed projects in all areas of the transportation group and is well suited for the expanded responsibilities of this position," said Darrel R. Gavle, President & CEO. Mr. Haussmann is based out of the firm's Mokena, Illinois, office.

Jason J. Fluhr, PE, PTOE was named as Transportation Municipal Projects Department Manager. Mr. Fluhr earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Marquette University, and joined Baxter & Woodman in 1999. He has worked under Mr. Haussmann for a number of years and has managed federally, state and locally funded projects. Mr. Fluhr is based out of the Crystal Lake, Illinois, office.

Daniel C. Durig, PE was named Wisconsin State Highway Department Manager. This is a newly created department under the firm's Transportation Group. Mr. Durig earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Bringing 20 years of experience, he joined Baxter & Woodman in 2007. Mr. Durig is based out of the Madison, Wisconsin, office.

LOU NEUDORFF JOINS ITERIS

SANTA ANA, Calif. (June 11, 2008) — Iteris, Inc. (AMEX: ITI), a leader in the traffic management market, is pleased to announce that **Louis**Neudorff, P.E. has joined Iteris as vice president in the Transportation Systems group starting May 12, 2008. Iteris Transportation Systems provides engineering consulting services in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), traffic engineering and transportation planning.

Mr. Neudorff joins Iteris with over 30 years of experience in transportation engineering and traffic control and management. In his new role, he will focus on developing Iteris' Northeast practice and contributing his nationally-recognized freeway, corridor, and regional management and operations experience to Iteris' rapidly growing consulting business.

Prior to joining Iteris, Mr. Neudorff was the National Manager for the Project Development and Delivery Group of Siemens ITS, overseeing the management of major ITS and system integration projects. He has managed or participated at a significant level in projects covering the entire traffic management spectrum, with an emphasis on regional and corridor management and operations and systems engineering.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Neudorff has been involved in several high profile and innovative projects including assisting USDOT through leading the foundational development of the Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Initiative, one of nine "Tier One" initiatives of USDOT. He led the most recent update of the FHWA Freeway Management and Operations Handbook. Mr. Neudorff was Responsible Manager for NYSDOT's Statewide ITS Strategic Plan development and Quality Control Support for the Dubai FALCON Transportation Management System.

Mr. Neudorff holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Northwestern University in Illinois. He is a registered Professional Engineer in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Illinois.

COOK COUNTY ANNOUNCES EN-HANCED WEBSITE

Pete Godowski at the Cook County Highway Department encourages you to have a look at the recently enhanced Cook County new and improved web site which offers new content and capabilities. Please check it out at http://www.co.cook.il.us/portal/server.pt.

ROUND ABOUT DESIGN WORKSHOP

NE ROUNDABOUTS is conducting a 2-day workshop on Modern Roundabout Design at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24, 2008. For information and to register visit http://www.roundabouts.cc/

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