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MARCH LUNCHEON

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

Date: March 19, 2009

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

Cost: \$40 members
\$15 Public Sector
\$12 Students

Speaker: Peter Harmet, PE
IDOT District One, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Programming

Topic: O'Hare Western Bypass Study Study



A belated happy New Year from the Illinois Section of ITE!

The Section has already been very busy thus far in 2009. In January, we celebrated another great year at our Annual Banquet, which was held on a new day (Saturday) and at a new venue (White Eagle in Niles). The program included scholarship and student paper awards, a live and silent auction that raised over \$2,000 for the 2009 scholarship, and a presentation by the new ITE International President **Ken Voigt**. Special congratulations are due to **Mark Rinnan**, the IL ITE Past Presidents' Award recipient for 2009. In addition to serving as the newsletter editor for both the Illinois Section and the Midwestern District, Mark orchestrated a highly successful District conference last June as the conference co-chair.

During the Annual Banquet we also swore in our new Executive Board: **Tim Sjogren** (Vice President), **Kim Kolody Silverman** (Secretary), **Joel Christell** (Treasurer), **Brian DeSalle** (Activities Group Director), **Sara Disney Haufe** (Student Affairs Director), **Tom Hein** (Operations Group Director), **Chad Hammerl** (Public Affairs Director),

and **Dan Nowak** (Technical Group Director). You can read all about the ongoing activities of their groups on the following pages.

In February ITE hosted our spring Student Event at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Nearly 100 students, professors, and professionals attended the event, which included a job fair, luncheon, and presentations by engineering professionals and hiring managers. Thanks to **Kevin O'Neill** for putting the event together and to Professor **Zongzhi Li** for hosting (you can read more about the Student Event on Page 4).

In addition to these Section events, ITE members recently participated in various Engineering Week activities. **Jim Powell**, **Kevin O'Neill**, and I acted as judges for the Future Cities Competition (www.futurecitychicago.org) on January 24th at the University of Illinois at Chicago (see Page 2). This great event promotes an awareness of engineering and urban planning amongst 7th and 8th graders in the area. The competition is always looking for additional participating schools, mentors, and judging volunteers, so stay tuned for Future Cities 2010. On February 20th I was honored to serve as the Section representative for the Chicagoland Engineering Awards Banquet at the University Club. In addition to giving out awards to all of the various E-Week student competition winners, the prestigious Washington Award was presented to **Clyde Barker** for his 50+ years of innovative geotechnical design work.

Don't worry if you missed these great events; there are plenty more opportunities for you to take advantage of your ITE membership in the coming months (see Pages 14 and 15). On March 19th **Pete**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Harmet of IDOT will speak about the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway at Maggiano's downtown. The Activities Group continues to search out interesting and prescient topics for our upcoming luncheons, and we welcome your suggestions. We are also working with our sister organizations to garner top speakers, increase networking opportunities, and maximize our event budgets by holding joint events throughout the year. In addition to our regular luncheons, we are now making arrangements to hold a spring seminar and to host at least one ITE webinar at a significantly discounted price. If successful, we hope to expand our webinar events to locations across Illinois later this year.

FUTURE CITY 2009

By Matt Letourneau. On Saturday, January 24, a few Illinois Section members participated as special award judges for the Illinois Future City Competition (www.futurecity.org) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The mission of this event, held each year across the country, is "to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for seventh- and eighth-grade students that combine a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future." The competition involves the creation of a SimCity4 Deluxe city model, an essay describing the details of the city, and attendance at the formal competition which includes creating a scale model of a portion of the SimCity model. The student teams are supported by their teachers and an engineering professional mentor. In addition to the special awards competition (which included numerous engineering and planning agencies), all of the teams were scored based on general criteria and an overall winner was chosen to move on to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

This year, fourteen teams from schools from Chicago to Missouri were on hand to present

In the coming weeks we also hope to improve our methods for informing you of upcoming events to give you every opportunity to join the fun.

The Board and I are committed to providing you with many cost-effective opportunities over the next year to get the most out of your membership by expanding your technical knowledge, networking with other professionals and potential employees/employers, and building up our scholarship funds along the way. Throughout the year, please feel free to contact any member of the Board if you would like to participate in the Section in some way, and do not hesitate to offer us suggestions on how we can do a better job of serving you. Thank you.

their vision of how major metropolitan areas might look 50, 100 or 500 years from now. Some ideas were consistent across all of the competing cities: extensive rail lines to move citizens from place to place; flying (either personal or transit) vehicles; and reusing water, waste, and other byproducts of city living to provide a more environmentally sound existence. All of the teams showed a strong awareness of the issues that we face today and the innovations that are being considered to deal with them in the future.

The IL ITE judges, **Jim Powell** and **Matt Letourneau**, judged the competitors on how well they addressed transportation safety and considered environmental impacts. Section member **Kevin O'Neill** was also on hand to help with special award judging for the APWA.

All IL Section members should consider volunteering for this great event, either as a mentor, judge, or coordinator. Please contact **Don Wittmer** at HNTB (312.930.9063) to get involved. For more on the Future City Competition in Chicago, watch the YouTube video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRY3pnR-SwQ&url=http://columbiachronicle.com>.

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Immaculate Conception Grade School took the Illinois Section ITE award for Excellence in Transportation Safety and Operations



ILLINOIS SECTION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

By Student Affairs Director Sara Disney-Haufe. This past year, the Illinois Section awarded two general scholarship prizes amounting to \$2,000 each and one Student Paper award in the amount of \$1,000. Both awards were highly successful, with 17 total applications received from five Illinois colleges and universities. As always, our applicants were highly qualified individuals ranging from undergraduate to PhD students and with career aspirations towards all areas of the transportation engineering industry. After a thorough review by the selection committee, the following winners were chosen for this year's prizes.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS:

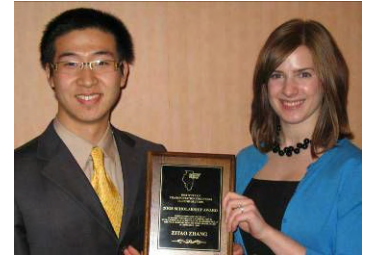
Taha Hossein Rashidi is a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he is working toward a PhD in Transportation Systems with the university's Civil Engineering department. Mr. Rashidi is the president of UIC's Student Chapter of ITE and also participates in a number of other transportation and civil engineering-related groups. He was also the recipient of last year's ILITE Student Paper Award. Mr. Rashidi hopes to pursue an academic career to further his research, which to date has included the improvement of transit for senior citizens and the development of a model for

accurate travel attribute estimation.

Zitao "Arthur" Zhang is a PhD student at Northwestern University, majoring in Transportation Systems Analysis and Planning. To complement his studies, Mr. Zhang is also working on a degree in Economics. With the knowledge he's gained thus far, Mr. Zhang worked as an intern at Northwest Airlines, where he came up with a new method of data sorting to improve their travel demand forecasting system. The resulting success of his efforts earned him an award normally reserved for full-time employees. He hopes to use his background in engineering, economics, and finance to help improve efficiency of our transportation systems as an engineering consultant or as part of a research institute.

PAPER AWARD WINNER:

Juan Medina is a PhD student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In his research paper "Optimization of Traffic Signal Timing and Geometry from the Highway Capacity Manual Using Simple Genetic Algorithms", Mr. Medina has explored an alternative to Highway Capacity Software by using his own algorithm to establish the optimum geometry and signal timings for an isolated intersection.



Zitao Zhang presented one of two Section Scholarship awards by Scholarship Chair Sara Disney



Juan Medina accepts the Section Paper award from Scholarship Chair Sara Disney



Section Scholarship award winner Taha Hossein Rashidi and Scholarship Chair Sara Disney

ITE HIGHWAY SAFETY MANUAL WORKSHOP

By Technical Director Daniel Nowak. On December 4th, 2008, forty-eight professionals attended a full-day workshop on the "Draft" Highway Safety Manual - Practitioner's Guide for Urban and Suburban Multilane Streets and Intersections, which was held in the first floor auditorium at the DuPage County Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building in Wheaton, IL. The workshop was co-sponsored by both Illinois Sections of ITE and ASCE and was conducted by **Fred Ranck**, Safety/Geometrics Engi-

neer for the Federal Highway Administration's Safety/Design National Technical Services Team. At the time of the workshop, the final Highway Safety Manual had not been published, which is scheduled for release sometime in 2009. Fred Ranck provided the registrants an introduction to the Highway Safety Manual, which uses equations to predict safety performance of urban and suburban multilane streets and intersections by its geometric and traffic characteristics.



AWARDS BANQUET WRAP-UP

By Activities Director Brian DeSalle. The 2009 ITE-Illinois Section Annual Banquet was held on January 24, 2009 at White Eagle Banquets in Niles, Illinois. Over 50 attendees enjoyed good food and a great program. The Section had another successful year, with much corporate and individual support. The corporate support came from **Lin Engineering, HNTB, Civiltech Engineering, Metro Transportation Group, Sam Schwartz Engineering, Jacobs, and Pan-Oceanic Engineering**. Individual donations were made by **Ken and Sue Voigt, Matt and Emily Letourneau, Joel Christell, Amarpal Matharu, Mark Rinnan, John Mick, Eric Bullerman, and Brian and Valerie DeSalle**. Combining the donations, auction and raffle, the money raised for the scholarship fund was over \$2,500. Thank you to all the bidders and donations.

The \$150 Student Chapter Award for most scholarship applicants was presented to the University of Illinois, Chicago. The award was

accepted by **Dr. Kouros Mohammadian** on behalf of the chapter. Congratulations to the winners and also to all the applicants this year.

As part of the night, the Past Presidents Award was given to **Mark Rinnan** for his dedication and contributions to the Illinois Section. This is one of the most distinguished awards given to an ITE – Illinois Section Member. We thank Mark again for his contributions to ITE.

We were honored to have **Ken Voigt** the ITE International President attend the Annual Banquet and install the New Board for 2009. We thank Ken again for taking the time to attend our function. Also speaking was **Jeff Young**, Midwestern District Past-President. Jeff emphasized the importance of involvement with ITE at all levels and noted this year the Illinois Section is to nominate both a District Secretary/Treasurer and an International Director. Attendees were encouraged to submit their name to the nominating committee.



Dr Mohammadian is presented the Section's Student Chapter Award by Sara Disney-Haufe



Mark Rinnan is presented the Section's Past President award by Peter Lemmon

STUDENT DAY CAREER FAIR AND LUNCHEON

By Kevin O'Neill. Each year, the Illinois Section of ITE holds a Student Day event for local university undergraduate and graduate students in transportation planning and engineering disciplines. The event attracts a group of enthusiastic students not only from Illinois but from around the Midwest. The purpose of this event is to give the students the opportunity to interact with the Section's general membership and to provide a forum for our membership to share their professional experience with the students.

The Student Day event was attended by students from the following schools: **UIC** (25students), **IIT** (6), **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** (3), **Purdue University** (3), **Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology** (4), **Marquette University** (2), **McGill University** (2), **University of Wisconsin-Madison** (1), and **University of Wisconsin-Platteville** (3). The Section would like to thank all of the students that partici-

pated in this year's Student Day event, and we hope that you will join us for next year's event.

This year the Illinois Section arranged a Student Career Fair to kick-off the Student Day activities. The Section brought in representatives from 19 transportation, traffic, and ITS engineering and planning firms to represent their firms in a casual "meet and greet" setting at the Student Day event by:

- **Most importantly, just talking generally to the students about their firms, the type of work/projects their firms do, and the type of projects recent grads and interns might expect to work on at their firms**
- **Talking to students about possible permanent openings and/or internships, and**
- **Taking resumes from students**

The Section was pleased to have the following firms in attendance at the Student Career Fair:

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Milhouse Engineering staff describe professional roles at the Section's Student Day Career Fair



MEET THE 2008 ILLINOIS SECTION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

MATTHEW LETOURNEAU, P.E., PTOE

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

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

VICE PRESIDENT

TIM SJOGREN, P.E., PTOE

Mr. Sjogren is a Senior Transportation Engineer with Metro Transportation Group in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. His work experience has taken him from Champaign (he received his degree in Civil Engineering from the U of I—Urbana/Champaign) to Boston, and now to Chicago. He has served as a project manager for over 100

transportation related projects with both private and public sector clients. Since graduating in 2000, Tim has been an international and associate member of ITE. As an active member, he has served as chairperson of the Illinois ITE scholarship committee and Director of Student Affairs.

SECRETARY

KIM KOLODY-SILVERMAN, P.E.

Ms. Kolody Silverman, P.E., has worked for CH2M Hill for over 9 years. She is a Project Manager and engineer on a variety of projects, including transportation safety work with the IDOT Bureau of Safety Engineering. She obtained her masters degree from Michigan State University.

TREASURER

JOEL CHRISTELL, P.E.

Mr. Joel Christell, P.E., has worked for Civiltech for over 9 years. He serves as a Project Manager and Engineer on a variety of project including highway and roadway design, environmental and location design studies, Pre-Phase I studies and location drainage studies. Joel has a bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and currently serves the Section as Activities Group director.



Section President Matt Letourneau



Section Vice-President Tim Sjogren



Section Secretary Kim Kolody - Silverman

WINTER SOCIAL AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

By Activities Director Brian DeSalle. The Illinois Section held its winter social event on December 16, 2008 at the Brunswick Zone in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Nine Section members braved blizzard-like conditions and four hour travel times to attend the event. Once everyone was thawed out, food was provided in the form of pizza, and the fun was provided by the section members bowling a few games. The evening was an exhibition of some good and

some not-so-good bowling technique, but in the end, everyone had an enjoyable time. The Section also welcomes **Matthew A. Papirnik, Richard J. Kerhlikar, Sean M. Widener, Tara C. Fifer, Steven J. Brown, Benjamin M. Jones, Michael P. May, Satya S. Tallamraju, and Stephen M. Pernal** all who became new members in 2008. We look forward to seeing both recently joined and long-time members and the many activities we have planned for 2009!



Section Treasurer Joel Christell



STUDENT DAY CAREER FAIR (CONTINUED)

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Alfred Benesch & Co., Burns & McDonnell, Cambridge Systematics, Christopher B Burke Engineering, Civiltech Engineering, AECOM, Delcan Corporation, EJM Engineering, HNTB Corporation, Milhouse Engineering, Patrick Engineering, Regina Webster & Associates, Sam Schwartz Engineering/Land Strategies, STV, Telvent Transportation, TransCore, TY Lin International, URS Corporation, and Wilbur Smith Associates. Please accept the Section's most sincere gratitude for your participation in this most important event.

The Student Career Fair was followed by a catered luncheon that provided the opportunity for students, Section members, and company representatives to sit and converse with one another and to also hear presentations from a panel of practicing professionals. The Section was pleased to welcome three wonderful speakers to the luncheon panel. **Ralph Tompkins**, Regional Manager for Baxter & Woodman spoke career and job opportunities in the Transportation Engineering field, the technical life of a transportation engineer, and making career transitions. This presentation was of interest to the students, our Section members, and the other practicing professionals in attendance. **Sara Disney Haufe**, Transportation Consultant for Metro Transportation and a 2005 graduate from University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana, spoke about the job search experience, what a new grad might expect to encounter in the workforce in terms of the types of projects that one might work on, the importance of finding mentors, working with other engineers and managers, interactions with clients, and a number of other relevant situations that a new grad might be faced with when entering the work force. Finally, **Mark Manalad**,

Human Resources Consultant for Patrick Engineering, spoke about the job search process, the status of the job market, and what companies like Patrick Engineering and other transportation engineering consultants are looking for in new grads. The panel presentations were followed by an open question and answer session that lasted nearly 30 minutes. There was a wonderful back-and-forth of questions, answers, and ideas between and amongst the students, our panel speakers, Section members, and others in attendance. It was a perfect way to cap what was widely considered to be a most successful Student Day event. Some of the company representatives and students shared their thoughts about Student Day in the days following the event.

"Thank you so much for inviting us to this event. We were impressed with the candidate pool. Please keep us in mind for future events." – **Rick D. Walker**; Human Resources Generalist; Burns & McDonnell

"I especially thought the speakers were very appropriate – I hope the attending students found their remarks worthwhile." – **Jim Powell**, PE, PTOE; Senior ITS Manager; Wilbur Smith Associates

"Thank you for organizing such a nice career fair at IIT and providing an opportunity to explore potential career opportunities with various companies." – Student, **Ravi Pavuluri**, University of Wisconsin – Madison

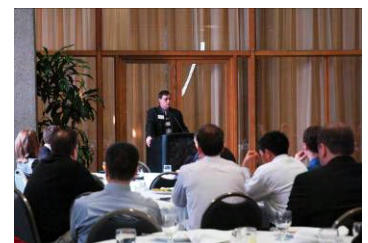
The Illinois Section of ITE would like to sincerely thank all of the students, companies, and Section members that joined us for Student Day. We welcome your comments and suggestions about the Student Day event and how we can improve the event in coming years.



Students question a prospective employer during the Section's Career Fair



Lunch, provided at no cost to students, provides an opportunity to find out more about opportunities within the profession in an informal setting



The luncheon concluded with speakers offering advice and information on career management and job seeking skills



SUPPORTING A CAPITAL PLAN

By Public Affairs Director Chad Hammerl. The State of Illinois has been without a solid source of transportation funding since the Illinois First program expired in 2004. Billions of dollars of SAFETY-LU infrastructure funding remain in Washington D.C. waiting for the required local match. Of course now the state has federal "stimulus" money that does not require a local match, but a majority of these funds from this plan, officially known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), will focus primarily shovel ready on road resurfacing projects. While resurfacing will certainly accomplish the goals of relieving the pothole situation and stimulate the economy, the ARRA is short operational improvements and long term solutions to congestion and the safety problems that plague our transportation system.

THE FUTURE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING IN ILLINOIS IS DEPENDANT ON THE PASSAGE OF A STATE CAPITAL PLAN.

While other states and national organizations are already talking about the reauthorization of SAFTEY LU, the state of Illinois is still talking about finding a local match in order to access the first SAFTEY-LU funds. Over the past two years the various state capital plans ranging from \$25 billion to \$32 billion have been promoted, but little action was taken due to distrust of Governor Blagojevich and disagreements on how it should be funded.

Governor Quinn announced on March 1st that he is open to passage of capital plan funded by

raising income taxes, business taxes, and the gas tax. These tax increases would raise between \$5 billion and \$8 billion dollars, but this would only be the beginning as federal transportation dollars would quickly be available for use as planned in Illinois.

WHAT WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT A CAPITAL PLAN

While no one likes to pay more taxes, especially in these uncertain times, it is important that ITE Members support passage of a capital bill whether from Governor's office or from the IL Congress. Passage of this bill will lead to projects that will improve more than just potholes.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with who your state or federal congress representative are and write, e-mail or call to share your support. Sample letters often available at the Transportation For Illinois Coalition (TFIC) or Illinois Road Builders Association.

FIND YOU LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE:

<http://www.elections.illinois.gov/DistrictLocator/SelectSearchType.aspx?NavLink=1>

TRANSPORTATION FOR ILLINOIS COALITION

<http://www.tficillinois.org/>

ROAD BUILDERS

<http://www.irtba.org/>

RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT WEBSITES

Information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can be found at [.http://www.recovery.gov/](http://www.recovery.gov/).

Illinois economic recovery information is available at <http://recovery.illinois.gov/default.htm>

The Illinois Department of Transportation has issued a summary of ARRA funds for highways, transit, intercity rail, and aviation. It includes information about the \$1.5 billion nationally for "Supplemental Discretionary Grants" and about general grantee reporting requirements. View the summary at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=14294>



INDUSTRY NEWS

US SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION - RAY LAHOOD

Ray LaHood became the 16th Secretary of Transportation on January 23, 2009.

Secretary LaHood's primary goals in implementing President Obama's priorities for transportation include safety across all modes, restoring economic health and creating jobs, sustainability – shaping the economy of the coming decades by building new transportation infrastructure, and assuring that transportation policies focus on people who use the transportation system and their communities.

As Secretary of Transportation, LaHood leads an agency with more than 55,000 employees and a \$70 billion budget that oversees air, maritime and surface transportation missions.

Before becoming Secretary of Transportation, LaHood served for 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 18th District of Illinois (from 1995-2009). During that time he served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and, after that, on the House Appropriations Committee.

The secretary maintains an official blog at <http://fastlane.dot.gov/>

LAND STRATEGIES ANNOUNCES MERGER WITH SAM SCHWARTZ ENGINEERING

Land Strategies, Inc. is pleased to announce their merger with Sam Schwartz Engineering (SSE). The purchase was finalized on November 5, 2008 and will open up new transportation opportunities for SSE in the Midwest. **Todd Fagen**, Land Strategies founding partner and now SSE Vice President and Chicago General Manager says, "the merger will strengthen our ability to perform at a higher level. The technical capabilities of SSE in transit planning, pedestrian modeling, roadway calming and safety, management of traffic and construction inspection is top notch and we look forward to a rewarding future." In addition to New York and

Chicago, SSE has offices in Newark, Washington D.C. and Detroit-Windsor.

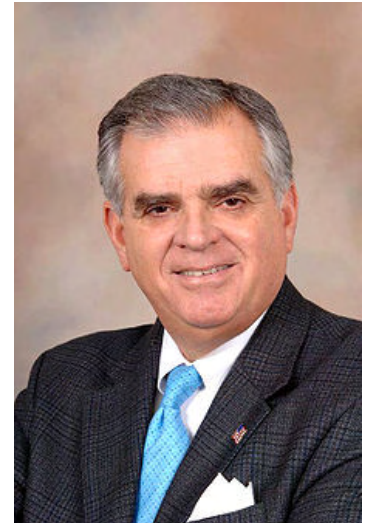
BAXTER & WOODMAN ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER

[MARCH 2, 2009. CRYSTAL LAKE, IL] Baxter & Woodman, Inc. Consulting Engineers is pleased to announce the appointment of Ed Davila as Senior Resident Engineer. Mr. Davila earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Chicago Tech, and has more than 28 years of experience in highway construction. Based out of the firm's Crystal Lake office, Mr. Davila is an integral part of Baxter & Woodman's commitment to meeting the demand for safe and reliable infrastructure.

"Ed's experience in transportation and underground includes bridge reconstruction, roadway widening, resurfacing, reconstruction, and intersection improvements," said Craig D. Mitchell, PE, Construction Services Group Leader. "We are excited to add him to the Baxter & Woodman Construction Services team, and feel that his abilities will greatly benefit our clients."

DAN RYAN EXPRESSWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WINS EMINENT CONCEPTOR AWARD

The Engineering Excellence Awards Competition conducted by the American Consulting Engineering Council of Illinois recognizes projects of engineering achievement by Illinois consulting engineering firms. This year the Eminent Conceptor Award, the highest award, bestowed on the Illinois Department of Transportation's I-90/I-94 Dan Ryan Reconstruction project. The \$825M reconstruction project was well conceived by the IDOT, then organized and executed by a large dedicated team of public agencies, private companies, and determined individuals. Major elements included: reconstruction/expansion of 14 to 16 traffic lanes, reconstruction/reconfiguration of 21 cross-street interchanges, and rehabilitation of dual High Bridge viaducts. The project was constructed over 5 years under 120 separate contracts.



US Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood



The north end of the Dan Ryan looking south, a major artery between downtown Chicago, northwest Indiana, and other connecting urban expressways



NEW TRANSPORTATION LEADERSHIP IN ILLINOIS

Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn has appointed **Gary Hannig** as Secretary of Transportation. Since 1979 Mr. Hannig has served in the Illinois General Assembly as elected representative for the 98th District and was recently the Deputy Majority Leader. In the General Assembly his assignments included House chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, chairperson of the Appropriations-Public Safety committee, Vice-Chairperson of Computer Technology committee, Sub-Chairperson of the Revenue Sales and Other Taxes subcommittee, and member of the Rules committee. He was born July 22, 1952 in Litchfield, Illinois and is a 1970 gradu-

ate of Mount Olive High School. He has a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Accounting from the University of Illinois and is a Certified Public Accountant. He is married to his wife Betsy. The Illinois Section, Institute of Transportation Engineers welcomes Secretary Hannig to his esteemed assignment and looks forward to opportunities to hear from him.

Also announced on February 6, 2009 was **Mike King** as the Interim Executive Director for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. Mr. King formerly served as Chief of Communications and Marketing for the Tollway.



Illinois Secretary of Transportation
Gary Hannig

ITE YOUNG CONSULTANTS AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Young Consultants Award, sponsored by and funded by ITE's Transportation Consultants Council, recognizes achievement in transportation consulting by younger employees of member firms of the Transportation Consultants Council. The award is bestowed annually for a paper reporting on transportation consulting activities; the paper does not have to report upon a total project, but can cover the portion of the project for which the writer was responsible.

AWARD:

- Recognition at the ITE Annual Meeting and in ITE Journal
- Plaque
- \$1,500 travel reimbursement to attend ITE Annual Meeting

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS:

- Any employee of a member firm of the Transportation Consultants Council who is also a member of ITE and who has not reached his/her 35th birthday by April 1 is eligible to apply for the award.

SUBMITTAL:

- Paper can be no longer than 20 pages double-

spaced which includes a one page abstract and a statement indicating the candidate's relationship to the study or project in terms of design, conduct of work, analysis of data and authorship of the paper itself.

- Please submit material electronically formatted in Adobe Acrobat. Those submittals received after April 1st may not be considered.
- In addition, each submittal must have a cover letter from the firm's representative to the Transportation Consultants Council, in which the representative approves the submission of the paper for entry into the awards competition.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Originality – 20%
- Significance – 20%
- Scope, Format and Clarity – 20%
- Validity – 20%
- Applicability – 20%

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Please send submission electronically (in Adobe Acrobat) no later than 5:00pm on April 1, 2009 to Tatyana Jenkins at tjenkins@ite.org Attn: Young Consultants Award.

REFER A FRIEND

The Illinois Section will send a complementary issue of ITEMS to your friend or business acquaintance who may be interested in joining ITE. E-mail the contact information to your ITEMS editor at: mrinnan@ekmail.com or fax the information to 312.251.3015. The contact will be provided membership information and acknowledgement of your referral.



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

W. HIBBETT NEEL, P.E., ITE FELLOW

President/CEO, Neel-Schaffer Inc., Jackson, MS, USA

I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for Vice President. ITE has been an important part of my professional career and I am looking forward to applying my experience to help make ITE an even stronger organization.

ITE is the worldwide advocate for effective transportation solutions. ITE provides for the professional development needs of its members. I am committed to strengthening this mandate in every way possible.

In addition to supporting our technical professional development initiatives and the many specialty councils, I will focus on the following goals:

- **Expand marketing of ITE and the transportation profession to ensure funding of transportation improvements.**
- **Support professional development of our members to provide the training we need to be recognized as transportation leaders.**
- **Support student chapters and the professional development of our young professionals.**

ELECTED ITE OFFICES HELD

- **1st President/Co-founder—Deep South Division (Section)**

- **All offices—Southern Section (District)**
- **Representative—Southern District 5 to the International Board of Direction**

ITE COMMITTEES

District

- **Southern District Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee—Chairman (three times)**

International

- **Southern District 5—Representative**
- **Ethics Task Force—Chairman**
- **Policy and Legislative Committee—Chairman**
- **Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation (3R) Committee—Chairman**

ITE COUNCILS

- **Transportation Consultants—Chairman**
- **Transportation Expert Witness—Executive Committee**
- **Traffic Engineering**

ITE AWARDS

- **Deep South Section—Outstanding Service Award**
- **Southern District—Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award**
- **Southern Section—Marble J. Hensley Individual Activity Award**

For more details, please visit:
www.ite.org/candidates/hibbettneel



International Vice President candidate W. Hibbett Neel, P.E., FITE

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The ITE Consultants Council is again sponsoring a scholarship program for young professionals in the transportation industry. Ten winners of this scholarship will be provided \$1,000 in travel assistance to attend the 2009 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in San Antonio, Texas.

AWARD

- **Ten \$1,000 Travel Assistance Scholarships**
- **Recognition at ITE Annual Meeting, ITE Consult-**

ants Council Newsletter and in the ITE Journal

ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicants must be 35 years old or younger by March 31, 2009.**
- **Be a member of ITE (student members are ineligible for this award)**
- **Practicing in a transportation related discipline relevant to ITE**



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INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

ROBERT C. WUNDERLICH, P.E., ITE FELLOW

Senior Managing Director-Transportation and Engineering, City of Garland, TX, USA.

"Every day our members work to make the world's transportation systems better. Our members care whether people can walk, ride, drive or be driven safely and efficiently. It's important work-work that makes a difference in peoples' lives. We do it with passion, caring, and a sense of responsibility that goes beyond ourselves."

VISION FOR ITE

- Give all professionals working on transportation issues a home in ITE.
- Build upon our clear leadership in the staples of the profession so that we have the information we need to do our jobs.
- Explore and understand the larger issues of society so that we are positioned to address them.
- Provide professionals with electronic, virtual workspaces so that we can easily collaborate on boards, councils and committees.
- Make sure our members can access the vast amount of knowledge we have developed - quickly and easily, from wherever we work in the world.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

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SUBMITTAL

- Complete application form (available for download at <http://www.ite.org/awards/ConsultantsScholarship.pdf>)
- Submit a one-page essay on why the individual should be selected to receive the travel scholarship
- Attach a current resume
- All application materials must be submitted electronically (formatted in Adobe Acrobat) and are due no later than 5:00pm on April 1, 2009.

- Tell the world about our capabilities. We need to make sure that public leaders understand that our expertise is vital to solving transportation problems.

WHY ROBERT?

Robert leads. He has consistently accepted and succeeded in leadership positions in ITE, his career and community

Robert knows that the strength of ITE lies within its members and their efforts to make themselves and their profession better.

Robert innovates. He brought a teen driving safety program to Garland that has been introduced into all the high schools.

Robert listens and acts. He started student presentation poster sessions at District Meetings after consulting with student members about their needs.

Robert understands the big picture and the day-to-day needs of ITE members. Although he is on his city's executive management team, he still practices transportation engineering with his staff.

For more details, please visit: www.robert4.ite.org



International Vice President candidate Robert C. Wunderlich, P.E., FITE

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CURRENT...

...by using the Change of Personal Information Form on the Illinois Section website at <http://www.ilite.org/public/membership/ChgInfo.pdf> and by 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.

NOTIFICATION

- Winners will be notified after May 15, 2009.
- Winners are responsible for their own travel arrangements, ITE meeting registration and all other costs above \$1,000

Upon acceptance, scholarship recipients will be asked to submit a 1500 to 2000 word article about their experience attending the Annual Meeting. This article is due no later than September 2, 2009. It should be written for possible publication in the following: ITE Consultants Council Newsletter, ITE Web Site and the ITE Journal.



IOWA - ILLINOIS I-74 CORRIDOR PROJECT

The I-74 corridor provides a vital link between Iowa and Illinois, and an important gateway to the Quad Cities region. Growing population and employment over the past several decades has led to increasing traffic volumes. The current configuration of roadways and bridges along I-74 does not provide consistent travel times along this major transportation corridor. Traffic incidents and maintenance activities on the narrow Mississippi River bridges impede traffic flow. Therefore, improvements to the I-74 corridor are needed to enhance the movement of persons and goods between Iowa and Illinois, and serve the transportation needs for continued economic development in the Quad Cities region.

That's why the Iowa Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Transportation have joined forces with other agencies and local officials for the I-74 Iowa-Illinois Corridor Study. This project has examined a wide range of alternatives designed to improve traffic flow and mobility in the project area, which extends from Avenue of the Cities in Moline, IL, to 53rd Street in Davenport, IA.

The Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation are working closely with a committee composed of transportation and community officials. Communication with all interested parties is important to the project's success, and has been maintained through a series of public hearings to present the findings in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), public information meetings, small group meetings, and a speakers bureau.

The concept alternatives include the following improvements to I-74 and connecting arterial roadways.

- **I-74 would be reconstructed and widened to six lanes (three lanes in each direction) from south of the 23rd Avenue interchange in Illinois to the U.S. 6 interchange in Iowa. Additional auxiliary lanes would be provided at various locations within the project limits.**

- **Existing bridges, including the Mississippi River structures, would be reconstructed and widened to match the proposed roadway improvements. Existing overhead structures would be modified, as appropriate, to accommodate the proposed widening along I-74.**
- **I-74 would be realigned in the vicinity of the Mississippi River. Three alignment alternatives have been developed for this area.**
- **Existing interchanges at 23rd Avenue, 7th Avenue, River Drive, State Street/Grant Street, Kimberly Road, Middle Road, U.S. 6 (Spruce Hills Road/Kimberly Road), and 53rd Street would be improved to update the design and enhance access to adjacent communities.**
- **Connecting arterial roadways adjacent to the I-74 interchanges would be widened and improved to enhance travel flow.**

The process of selecting a new bridge for the I-74 Mississippi River crossing has been underway since the early phases of the project. Choosing a bridge type from the many alternatives that were developed is a significant decision and a variety of factors were considered. While aesthetics was one component that was figured into this important decision, the river crossing itself has many features that dictate what type of bridge can effectively be constructed.

The Bridge Type Selection Process can be described in 3 phases. The first phase developed basic requirements such as the location of I-74 across the Mississippi River and the number of travel lanes required on the bridges. During the second phase the project team identified feasible types of bridges that satisfied the location, number of lanes and navigational requirements. Phase 3 of the process is the Preliminary Bridge Design of the Basket Handle True Arch Twin Bridge. The project is now in the public comment portion of hearing process and a record of determination is expected this year.

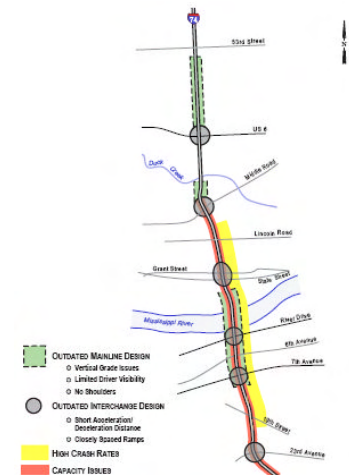
In addition, project information is available in regular newsletters and on-line at <http://www.i74corridorstudy.org/>.



Rendering of proposed True Arch type bridge from a drivers perspective



Rendering of proposed bridge as viewed from the Mississippi River bank



Graphic illustration of traffic operation and design issues within the corridor



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), located in downtown Chicago, is currently accepting applications to fill the following positions:

STRATEGIC PLANNER

Under the direction of the Manager, Regional Planning, conducts analysis in support of multifaceted and complex studies and projects related to transit system planning. Assists in developing special studies for implementation, identifying needed data, and coordinating the collection and analysis of this material with Service Board staffs and/or consultants. Prepares and presents analyses to RTA and Service Board staff/committees. Minimum Starting Salary: \$55,495 The RTA offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. Relocation is not available. For more information about the RTA, the position and to apply, visit our website at www.rtachicago.com. EOE

PROJECT MANAGER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Under the direction of the Program Manager, Special Programs, the incumbent conducts or manages varied, multifaceted land use and transportation planning studies in support of the RTA's Community Planning and Subregional Planning programs and other Division initiatives. Works with local communities, counties, 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 evening and weekend meetings and travel within the six-county RTA service area. Minimum Starting Salary: \$55,495 The RTA offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. Relocation is not available. For more information about the RTA, the position and to apply, visit our website at www.rtachicago.com. EOE



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HIGH SPEED RAIL FUNDING A PRIORITY

The \$787.2 billion economic recovery bill signed into law by President Barack Obama on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, includes \$8 billion for high-speed rail. During his Presidential campaign Obama included high-speed rail as part of his "rebuilding America" vision.

"The time is right now for us to start thinking about high-speed rail as an alternative to air transportation connecting all these cities," he said. "And think about what a great project that would be in terms of rebuilding America."

An additional \$1 billion for each of the next 5 years was included in the 2010 budget announced February 26, 2009. The combined sum surpasses anything before attempted in the United States and does not include the \$10 billion statewide bond issue passed by Califor-

nia voters last November. Just last October, former President George W. Bush signed a bill authorizing up to \$1.5 billion for high-speed rail through 2013.

Critics already argue that the money is misplaced in a stimulus bill since it will be hard to spend quickly. This landmark transportation investment would have regional effects in almost every corner of the nation. However much depends on winning the cooperation of Class 1 freight lines that control many of the rights of way outside the Northeast.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is given 60 days to come up with a strategic plan for the funds.



US Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration High
Speed Rail corridor designations



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.

FUNDAMENTALS OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 10 - April 8, 2009, 2:00–3:30 p.m. except April 2, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Credits 13.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Series Site Fee: \$1000 ITE Member /1250 Non-member /\$125 Full-Time Student

ECONOMIC EVALUATIONS OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECTS

Thursday, March 19, 2009, 2:00–3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

LOW COST TREATMENTS FOR HORIZONTAL CURVE SAFETY

Thursday, April 2, 2009, Noon–1:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

TRIP GENERATION: FUNDAMENTALS AND APPLICATIONS

Tuesday, April 14, 2009, Noon–1:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

TRIP GENERATION: ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS

Thursday, April 16, 2009, Noon–1:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

TECHNOLOGY-ORIENTED SAFETY SOLUTIONS: RED LIGHT CAMERA DEPLOYMENT

Thursday, April 23, 2009, 2:00–3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING WITH RESPONSIBLE LAND USE

Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 2:00–3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member Price: \$100/Nonmember Price: \$175/Full-Time Student Price: \$50

IRTBA IDOT SEMINAR - MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FOR RESIDENT ENGINEERS

March 17 - 19 at the IDOT District 1 offices, Schaumburg, IL and April 1 - 3, 2009 in Peoria, IL. Credits 20 PDH. Registration is limited to IRTBA members only and is limited to 2 attendees per firm per date. Fee: \$495 per member.

Registration forms are available on-line at <http://www.irtba.org/documents/re%20feb%20mar.pdf> or by calling the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) at 630/773-1220.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY INSTITUTE INNOVATIONS - SAFETY EDGE

Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. CDT. PDH Credits are not offered. Courses are free of charge. Register at <http://nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/viewconference.aspx?webConfID=15634>

This webinar provides information, strategies and success stories that can help you accelerate the adoption of innovations and new technologies, thereby improving safety and highway quality while reducing congestion caused by construction.

AASHTO ANNOUNCES NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING NATIONAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN

AASHTO's new national marketing campaign "Are We There Yet? We Can Be!" was launched on Monday, Feb. 23 at a Briefing in Washington DC. Aimed at building support for transportation in the run-up to the next authorization, the campaign answers the age-old question with facts, state examples and a detailed plan that will take the country in a new direction. Visit the new transportation webchannel at <http://AreWeThereYet.transportation.org>.



CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

ITE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, March 22-25, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona immediately followed by the National Conference on Transportation Operations for Planned and Unplanned Events. 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

MIDWEST TRAFFIC MONITORING DATA WORKSHOP

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 & 25, at the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus, Ohio. For more information visit <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=d6b24d08-d6a7-4e66-af7f-3fa5969ec47d> or e-mail Matthew Miller at mmiller@nas.edu

ENGINEERING SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE: OPPORTUNITIES IN GREEN TRANSPORTATION AND WATER PROJECTS

Thursday and Friday, March 26-27, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn in Dearborn, Michigan. Visit <http://www.acec.org/education/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=1038> for more information.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

TRANSPORT CHICAGO 2009

Transport Chicago seeks papers dealing with all aspects of transportation, including planning, public transit, freight, air, rail, and bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Paper presentation will occur in one of two separate forums: oral presentation before an audience or display at a "poster session." Student papers are encouraged and will be eligible for prizes on day of conference.

If interested, please submit an abstract (250-word maximum) for anonymous review by the

12TH ANNUAL TRB NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE

Sunday to Wednesday, May 17-21, at the Hyatt Regency in Houston, Texas. Visit <http://trb-appcon.org/> or contact local committee chair Chris Van Slyke at 713-993-4574 for more information.

ITS AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday and Thursday, June 1-3, at the National Harbor, in Baltimore, Maryland. For more information visit http://www.itsa.org/annualmeeting/c396/ITSA_Events/2009_Annual_Meeting_and_Exposition.html or e-mail info@itsa.org.

TRANSPORT CHICAGO 2009

Friday, June 5 at the American Dental Association Building, 211 E. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL. For program details and registration information, check the conference web site at <http://www.transportchicago.org/>.

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBIT

Sunday to Tuesday, June 17-19, at the Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. For additional information contact John Burggeman at 262-317-3353 or by e-mail at john.burggeman@rasmithnational.com

Steering Committee by Monday, March 17, 2008. Abstracts must be in the specified format. For more information visit <http://www.transportchicago.org/> or email andrew.parker@pacebus.com.

TRB NORTH AMERICAN FREIGHT FLOWS CONFERENCE

TRB is sponsoring this conference to be held September 16 & 17, 2009 in Irvine, California. The theme of the conference is Understanding

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SECTION CALENDAR

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **March 19** – Illinois Section Luncheon, Maggiano's, Chicago, Illinois
- **March 21 - 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser** to benefit the Franklin Park Rotary Club and Cancer Run for Life at the Pescatore Palace Banquet Hall, Franklin Park, IL. Call host John Mick at (312) 505-1149 or e-mail jmick@baxterwoodman.com
- **March 22 to 25**– ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Phoenix, AZ. Visit the website at <http://www.ite.org/conference/>
- **April 16** – Illinois Section Luncheon, Holiday Inn, Naperville (TENTATIVE)
- **May 14 to 18**– AASHTO Spring Meeting, Bedford Springs Resort Hotel, Bedford, PA. Visit the website at <http://www.Transportation.org/meetings/195.aspx>
- **May 15**–ITEms Deadline
- **May 21** – Illinois Section Luncheon, Maggiano's, Chicago, Illinois

COMMENTS REQUESTED ON PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has released a second version of proposed Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) process for a 45-day comment period ending April 6, 2009. The Programming Coordinating Committee has substantially revised the DRI process from its original public release last fall. For more information, contact Tara Fifer (tfifer@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8758). Please send comments via email or postal mail to:

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Attention: DRI Public Comments,
233 South Wacker Drive,
Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS (CONTINUED)

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Changes and Improving Data Sources. The meeting will also assess recent changes in the freight transportation environment and identify emerging research needs. Interested individuals or groups are encouraged to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the meeting by April 6, 2009. For more information visit www.trb.org/conferences/2009/NAFF.

TRB NATIONAL COOPERATIVE HIGHWAY RESEARCH PROGRAM - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) has issued a request for proposals to develop a handbook that addresses design, construction, and management aspects of pavements. Proposals are due by March 24, 2009. For additional information visit <http://www.trb.org/TRBNet/ProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=1607>.



ILLINOIS SECTION '09-'10 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.

2009

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| 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 |
| September 17 | Holiday Inn, Naperville - Joint Meeting (Dinner), ISPE |
| October 22 | Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's |
| November 19 | Monthly Luncheon at Cliffbreaker's, Rockford |
| December 17 | Year End Wrap-up (details to be provided) |

2010

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| January 23 | Annual Awards Dinner at The White Eagle, Niles, IL |
| February 19 | Engineer's Week Washington Banquet |
| March 14 - 17 | ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Savannah GA |
| March 18 | Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's |
| April 15 | Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's |
| May 20 | Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's |
| June 17 | Suburban Maggiano's - Joint Meeting, ASCE (Tentative) |
| June TBD | Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the North Central Section |
| July 15 | Golf Outing - Joint Outing with the Irish Engineers Group |
| July 22 | Location TBA, Joint Meeting, WTS |
| August 8-11 | ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, Vancouver BC, Canada |
| September 16 | Holiday Inn, Naperville - Joint Meeting (Dinner), ISPE |
| October 21 | Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's |
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