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MARCH LUNCHEON

Join us at **Maggiano's**, 1847 Freedom Drive, Naperville, IL

Date: June 25, 2009

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

Cost: \$40 members
\$50 non-members
\$15 Public Sector
\$5 Students

Speaker: Randy Blankenhorn,
Executive Director,
Chicago Metropolitan
Agency for Planning

Topic: Go To 2040



June is here and it has already been a busy year for the Illinois Section of ITE!

Attendance levels at Section events continue to be on the rise, due in no small part to the excellent speakers and technical topics that have been offered (see page 3). Through our first three luncheons this year (held downtown and in Naperville), nearly 150 attendees have come out to learn about important projects that will help create the transportation landscape in Illinois for years to come. If you missed any of these great luncheons, be sure to check out the presentation slides that are now archived on the IL ITE website (www.ilite.org).

We are very excited to have **Randy Blankenhorn**, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), speak about "Go To 2040" at our next luncheon on June 25. Please note the new luncheon fee structure: unchanged for members (\$40), \$50 for non-members, \$15 for public agency members, and \$5 for students or unemployed professionals. As always, if you attend an IL ITE event as a non-member, any additional event cost above the member fee can

be applied directly to Section membership, which, at this point of the year, is a reasonable \$15.

In an effort to you get the most out of your membership dollars, the Illinois Section hosted an ITE webinar luncheon event, "The Challenges of Urban Intersection Design," on May 12 (see page 3). Between host sites at the **DuPage County Division of Transportation** in Wheaton, **Baxter & Woodman** in DeKalb, and **Jacobs Engineering** downtown, nearly 80 participants took advantage of this opportunity to learn about urban intersection design, earn professional development hours in this Illinois P.E. renewal year, and network with colleagues. Normally a \$250 expense, the IL Section offered the course free to ITE members and at a very low cost to non-members. The success of this event has encouraged us to arrange for future sessions (at a slightly increased cost) as the year progresses. Please contact Technical Group Director **Dan Nowak** with any webinar topic suggestions.

On June 17-19 the Midwestern District of ITE will be hosting its Annual Meeting at the Kalahari Resort at the Wisconsin Dells (page 8). Those who attended the event the last time it was at the Dells know to expect a great time and a strong technical program. With a student reception and the first Midwestern District Traffic Bowl, this year's event has a strong student member theme. With overhead dollars in short supply, having a large regional transportation conference just a short drive from the Illinois border is a great opportunity for many of us. Why not bring the whole family and make a weekend of it? I hope to see you there!

Between the "mini" Capital Bill for Illinois, the impending Illinois Capital Plan, and the upcoming reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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the transportation industry in Illinois is on the verge of an injection of funding not seen since Illinois FIRST ten years ago. ITE at both the Section and National level is working to keep you updated on developments and what they mean to you (page 4).

Please read further to learn about industry news and other Section initiatives in the next few months, including a social event in July, our annual golf outing in August, and the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in San Antonio. I would ask that you encourage your co-workers and colleagues in the transportation field to join

you at these events and consider joining ITE as a full or affiliate (Section) member. Please see the Section website for an overview of the many benefits of membership, as well as details on membership (especially the discounted membership program for public agencies).

As always, please do not hesitate to offer ways that your Illinois Section leadership can do a better job of serving you.

Thank you.

CHICAGO REQUESTS VOLUNTARY 2 PERCENT CUT

Recently the City of Chicago mailed renegotiation letters to all active vendors, contractors and, prequalified firms with active city contracts, basically, anyone who does business with the City. The letters describe the budgeting challenges faced by the City and acknowledges the dire economic conditions have affected both the City and firms doing business in the State of Illinois, and even nationally. The letter further requests these businesses voluntarily provide a 2% discount on the full value on new contracts, new task orders on active blanket or DUR agreements, or on new amendments on existing agreements contract.

During a recent American Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois (ACEC-IL) Government Affairs Committee meeting, representatives from the Chicago Department of Procurement Services provided responses to the following questions:

1. Consultants have great concerns on renegotiating contracts for work already completed or for future work on contracts which are substantially completed (i.e. more than 75%).

- **DPS Response: The price renegotiation is not for past work or for current contracts underway. The City is not looking for the consultant to send the City a check for reimbursement. It pertains to new contracts, new task orders on active blanket or DUR agreements, or on new amendments**

on existing agreements. The City is seeking the price reduction only on the new amendments, not on the base contract.

2. To obtain full benefit of this 2% reduction program, subsequent approvals are needed from subconsultants and major vendors. Is the City expecting full documentation of acceptance by subconsultants?

- **DPS Response: The City has not requested this discount to any subconsultant or vendor providing services to the prime consultant since the City only has a contract with the prime consultant. It is up to the prime consultant to make a decision to contact its subconsultant or vendor to request the discount. It is then up to the subconsultant or vendor to agree to the discount. The City is still looking to receive a 2% discount on the full value of the contract. The City will review each contract on a case by case basis.**

3. Will contract amendments be issued to reflect this renegotiation or will this be documented in a letter and executed on a voluntary basis?

- **DPS Response: No amendment will be issued. Upon receiving a letter from the consultant, the City will prepare a letter documenting this price reduction which will need to be signed by the consultant. The discount will then be applied to each invoice.**

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT - ACTIVITIES GROUP

By Activities Director Brian DeSalle. It has been a busy start to the year in the Activities Group. We have held three very successful luncheons, beginning in downtown Chicago in March. Mr. **Peter Harnet** of IDOT District One gave an excellent presentation on the current status of the Elgin-O'Hare West Bypass Study. Over 50 transportation professionals were in attendance for his presentation. In April, a joint luncheon was held with the ISPE DuKane chapter at the Maggiano's in Naperville. It was our first luncheon at this new venue, and Mr. **Rick Powell** of IDOT District Three gave another great presentation on the Prairie Parkway Phase I Study to over 50 in attendance. Finally, we returned to downtown Chicago in May for a presentation by Mr. **Rick Harnish** of the Illinois

High Speed Rail Association about the Illinois Fast Track Initiative, a plan to bring high speed rail to many locations in Illinois. Over 30 professionals were in attendance for the May meeting. Our thanks go out to all three of our speakers and all of the members who have attended the luncheons so far this year.

The Activities group encourages everyone to continue coming out to the luncheons in large numbers as we have been seeing so far this year. Keep your eyes open for announcements regarding the Annual Golf Outing in August, a possible social event in July, and the June 25 luncheon, at which Mr. **Randy Blankenhorn**, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning will be presenting on the Go to 2040 planning process. See you there!



It was a packed house for the March 19 luncheon featuring Illinois Department of Transportation District One Planning and Programming

WEBINAR SUCCESSES IN CHICAGO-DEKALB-DUPAGE

By Technical Director Daniel Nowak. On May 12th, 2009, the ITE - Illinois Section hosted the ITE Webinar, "The Challenges of Urban Intersection Design", at three locations within the State of Illinois: **Jacobs Engineering** office in downtown Chicago, **DuPage County** Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building in Wheaton and **Baxter & Woodman** office in DeKalb. The Illinois Section covered the webinar registration fee for all three locations and provided pizza and soda for attendees. ITE members were admitted free while non-ITE members were charged \$5 each. 27 registrants attended the downtown Chicago location, 34 attended the Wheaton location and 15 attended the DeKalb location. The webinar was presented by the ITE Professional Development Program and instructed by **Dr. Kay Fitzpatrick**, FITE, Research Engineer with the Texas Transportation Institute and **Dr. Joseph D. Blaschke**, FITE, P.E., President of Transportation Engineering Analysts. The webinar provided a background, key considerations and challenges that designers face in urban areas.

Information was provided on the operational and safety aspects associated with the geometric design of intersection urban areas. Content of the webinar is from the ITE Urban Street Geometric Design Handbook. At the conclusion of the webinar, attendees were able to:

- **Define the functional area of an intersection.**
- **List publications that can assist with intersection design.**
- **Identify key design elements for intersections.**
- **Describe benefits and disadvantages of turn lanes and turn lane geometric characteristics.**
- **Identify pedestrian street crossing issues.**
- **Recognize design features outside of the travel way that can affect intersection design.**
- **List signal components that affect intersection design.**

Due to the success and overwhelming interest in this webinar, the Illinois Section has plans to host another ITE webinar during the month of July. Details will be released soon.



Webinar participants in Chicago intent on discovering solutions to the Challenges of Urban Intersection Design.



It wasn't all work at the webinar. Chicago participants enjoy networking over pizza.



A CAPITAL PLAN WITHOUT A BILL

By Public Affairs Director Chad Hammerl. Last month I wrote about the importance of a state Capital Bill. At the time of this article state lawmakers are on the brink of the passage of an Illinois Capital Bill. The Illinois House and Senate have unanimously approved a \$28.4 Billion Capital Road Bill, but Governor Quinn has yet to sign the bill.

The governor mostly supports the bill, but has said publically that he wanted to sign the bill in conjunction with two other pieces of legislation; a balanced state budget and an ethics reform bill. Unfortunately the Illinois House failed to pass a balanced state budget by the May 31st deadline and now the Governor has threatened to veto the Capital Bill. This would be a huge opportunity lost to politics.

ITE applauds the lawmakers for working together to pass a Capital Bill and now encourages the Governor to sign the bill. The Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association and other organizations are working hard to encourage the governor to sign the bill, even without the full complement of legislation.

The bill that sits on the Governor's desk includes \$28.4 billion dollars to improve the state infrastructure. This bill comes on the heels of a \$9B "mini" road plan passed in early April. The combination of the mini and "full"

bills could increase infrastructure spending by 600% once federal funding is included. By comparison IDOT's 5 year plan released before the Capital Bill called for \$11.25 Billion of total spending, including both state and federal dollars.

CAPITAL BILL FACTS

The Capital Bill funding breakdown includes:

- **\$15.2 B for road programs**
- **\$4.7 B for public transportation**
- **\$150M for passenger and freight railroads**
- **\$600M for CREATE**
- **\$ 7.4B for other non-transportation related infrastructure related projects.**

The bill will be funded by leasing the lottery, permitting video poker machines in pubs and truck stops, and a variety of fee increases and changes to the sales tax code to include additional items or adjust the percentage charged on a variety of items.

We are truly on the brink of what could be a great step forward for the State of Illinois. Without the Governor's signature now, matching federal funding could be lost for some high speed rail initiatives and some of the state funded summer construction programs could be stopped.

TRAGIC ENGINEERING MAGAZINE REKINDLED

By 1977 Past President Roy Fonda. On Wednesday, May 20th, a group of Illinois Section ITE "old timers" got together for lunch and reliving memories of past ITE events. It was at the Wellington Restaurant in Arlington Heights. Those in attendance included **Larry Dondanville, Marty Blachman, George Kloak, Mike Hartigan, Carl Kowalski, Chester Kropidowski, Fred Potenza, Wally Barry and Roy Fonda**. Some wives joined us. As usual stories about the Midwest Section (precursor to the Illinois Section) hosting the national ITE Con-

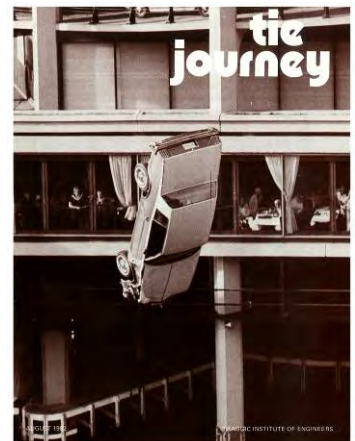
vention in 1960 were the focus of discussion with Mike Hartigan, Marty Blachman and Larry Dondanville the leading story tellers. It would be worth while for you to have a meeting centered around the hilarious stories that Mike, Marty and Larry can tell about that event, the famous issue of "Tragic Engineering" magazine and the spoof movie film produced for that meeting. Thanks and best wishes to all. Keep up all the good work. Editors note: Roy can be contacted via e-mail at rdfonda@comcast.net.

RTA TRAVEL SURVEY

The Regional Transportation Authority is conducting a survey of travelers in the Chicago region to study how you use transportation. All information collected will be used to understand how transportation can be improved to best meet your daily travel needs.

Survey participants will be kept anonymous and will be automatically entered into a drawing for cash prizes.

Register to take the survey on-line at <http://www.surveycave.com/RTAcontact/contact.asp?sname=R>



August 1982 edition of the journal of the "Tragic Institute of Engineers", (yes, 2 gs) a spoof on the ite Journal. Look for a pdf of this magazine to be posted at www.ilite.org



INVENT THE FUTURE

To plan a prosperous future for our region, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has launched GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago's first truly comprehensive planning campaign. The plan will guide growth for Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties for the rest of this century. In addition to land use and transportation, GO TO 2040 also addresses the full range of quality-of-life issues, including the natural environment, economic development, housing, and human services such as education, health care and other social services.

To coincide with the Burnham Centennial, the GO TO 2040 campaign has entered an important new phase called "Invent the Future." Our seven-county region needs to make some critical decisions over the next several years. We can't solve everything at once, so it's all about trade-offs.

- **Should rapid growth outward continue? Or should we consolidate housing and jobs where infrastructure already exists?**
- **Should we emphasize roads or transit — or invest in both?**
- **How can we reduce energy use while also strengthening our region's economy?**

READING THE TEA LEAVES

There has been a buzz on the internet and as reported by independent publisher The Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) that House Transportation Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) has sketched out a major program restructuring of the US Department of Transportation under the next surface transportation authorization.

The two-page outline includes

- **a consolidation of DOT's 108 programs into four "major formula programs": critical asset preservation, highway safety improvement, surface transportation program, and congestion mitigation and air quality improvement.**
- **a focus on a "national strategic plan" and on**

In fall 2009, your input will help CMAP develop a preferred scenario that will best reflect the region's desired future. Real-world public policies and investments -- including roads, transit, and other infrastructure -- will be the result when our GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan is finalized in 2010.

Web tools developed by CMAP and MetroQuest (sponsored in part by The Chicago Community Trust) let you create your own future scenarios -- and even mail them to friends and post them at sites like Facebook -- to tell CMAP how you want metropolitan Chicago to plan for the additional 2.8 million residents expected by 2040. Or attend one of 50 "Invent the Future" GO TO 2040 scenario workshops that CMAP is holding with partners across the seven counties.

Besides participating in our interactive workshops across the region, you can also visit a kiosk at particular locations in northeastern Illinois. The Invent the Future kiosks will be traveling around all summer long and you can conveniently check them out when they arrive in your neighborhood. For more information on the GO TO 2040 campaign, including kiosk locations and a schedule of workshops, visit <http://www.goto2040.org/default.aspx>.



A GO TO 2040 Kiosk in the Sears Tower offers a opportunity for public opinion polling on the shape of the future of the Chicago region.

"mega-projects."

- **a call for "transit equity." Right now the feds pay 80 percent of highway projects and 50 percent of transit projects. That would change.**
- **a framework with a title heading "the future of transportation," would create a new undersecretary or assistant secretary for intermodalism who would meet monthly with all modal administrators. The phrases "national strategic plan" and "mega-projects" are listed with the agencies that would take part in the monthly meetings.**

Also suggested is that metropolitan planning organizations receive sub-allocations based on population.



INDUSTRY NEWS

IDOT UNVEILS \$11.25 BILLION MULTI-YEAR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

May 28, 2009, Springfield, Illinois. Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary **Gary Han-nig** today unveiled an \$11.25 billion Multi-year Highway Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010-2015 that focuses on maintenance of the current road system. The proposal aims to preserve and maintain the existing highway system of roads and bridges, upgrade existing facilities for congestion mitigation and safety improvements and expand the system to help spur economic development in the state of Illinois.

The Department of Transportation's FY 2010-2015 Proposed Highway Improvement Program includes an FY 2010 annual program of \$1.885 billion. Funding for the 6-year program is made up of \$7.499 billion in federal funds, \$3.047 billion in state funds and \$704 million in local funds. Approximately 81 percent of the State program is allocated for roadway system and bridge maintenance. Project information included for the FY 2009 federal ARRA stimulus projects and for the FY 2009 Illinois Jobs Now projects are included as separate listings.

The Highway Improvement Program including the Illinois Jobs Now Program and Projects for The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 can be downloaded as a pdf from the internet at: http://dot.state.il.us/hip1015/html/Listings/2010-15_MYP_intver.pdf or you can download the programs separately by accessing links at http://dot.state.il.us/hip1015/html/Listings/2010-15_MYP_intver.pdf

COOK COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

May 6, 2009, Chicago, Illinois. In a recent e-mail to members of the Cook County Committee of American Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois, **Theodore P. Georgas** announced his

intent to retire from his position as Assistant Superintendent of Highways. Mr. Georgas said "I will be retiring from CCHD at the end of May. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with all of the members of this committee over the years. Thanks so much to all of you for helping us have better working relationships between the County staff and all of the consultants that work with us."

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Chris DeRosia, PE, PTOE is seeking employment in the Transportation Engineering and Planning field. He is currently a Professional Engineer in the state of Illinois, a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) with five years of professional experience, and the chair of the ITE Illinois Section Seminars committee. The bulk of his experience includes performing various traffic analyses and preparation of traffic simulations, preparation of traffic reports for a range of public and private sector clients, communication with clients via phone and attendance at project meetings, coordination with design and signal systems staff to ensure transparency, and establishing project scope, schedule, and budget for potential projects. Studies have included traffic impact, downtown and corridor planning, parking, and highway interchanges; including experience with rural, suburban, and urban roadways and intersections and consideration for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit activity.

His responsibilities typically include estimation of trip generation, distribution, traffic projection, analysis, and documentation. In addition, recommendations for roadway cross-section, traffic control, and striping were often provided. Preparation of traffic reports typically included traffic signal timing optimization, conceptual geometric design, sight distance evaluation, traffic signal warrants, site plan review, and access management and/or justification. Chris can be contacted by phone at (517) 402-8165, by e-mail at chrislderosia@gmail.com, and has a profile on Linked-In.



The Illinois Department of Transportation FY 2010 to 2015 Highway Improvement Program is now available on the web.



CHICAGO REQUESTS CUT (CONTINUED)

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4. For federally or state funded projects, the cost savings directly to the City appear to be minimal. Would the City consider this cost reduction request solely on City-funded contracts?

- **DPS Response: If the agreement is funded 100% by a combination of federal or state funds, the City would not be seeking a price reduction since the City will not be benefitting from the reduction. If there is any City funding within the contract, whether 10% or 100%, the City is interested in the price reduction on the entire value of the contract. The City will work with the FHWA and IDOT to pass on this reduction to the State and FHWA.**

5. For federally funded or state funded projects, will the consultants be involved with subsequent approvals through Springfield?

- **DPS Response: The City is not aware of other approvals which will be needed since the discount is taken from each invoice.**

6. What is the timeframe for this price reduction? Many of the members are concerned with keeping the time frame open ended.

- **DPS Response: The consultant can designate the duration of the reduction in the acceptance letter. The City anticipates that it will be for the length of the project or the duration of a multi-year task order. As stated earlier, the City will continue to send letters requesting the price reduction for the foreseeable future until the**

economy turns.

7. For consulting firms who do not accept the 2% reduction for some or all of their active contracts, will this be a direct impact on future selections?

- **DPS Response: The City stated that this is a voluntary program and that there will be no repercussions. The City will not prepare a list of those consultants who are providing this discount and those firms who are not providing the discount. The selection process for future projects will not be altered from the manner in which firms are currently selected. However, a current criteria of the selection process is how responsive the consultant is. This criteria of responsiveness may take into account whether the consultant has provided this discount for current contracts.**

The consultants asked about the option to simply provide a reduced upper limit for the contract. The City stated that it would not prefer that method since the consultant may not ever reach that upper limit. The City seeks true price reductions on a monthly basis.

The City will continue to send letters to consultants when they are awarded new contracts or task orders for the foreseeable future. The City stated that the vendors, including A/E consultants, have thus far been very open and agreeable to this renegotiation request in phone calls and actual response letters.

ENR TOP 500 DESIGN FIRMS

In April Engineering News Record published their annual list of Top 500 Design Firms. Together, these firms generated design revenue of \$90.58 billion in 2008, up 12.36% from \$80.62 billion in 2007. That increase however was the end of the boom market. Of the 474 firms that returned a survey, 304 showed revenue gains over 2007, while 166 saw a decline in revenue. The top five firms on the list were:

- **At #1 - Jacobs, an Engineering Architectural Construction firm headquarter in Pasadena, CA, up from the no. 2 spot in 2007**

- **Second is AECOM Technology Corporation an Engineering Architecture firm based Los Angeles, CA, up from #3 in the previous year**
- **Placing third is URS Corporation, an Engineering Architectural Construction firm in San Francisco, CA, down from the first position in 2007**
- **Maintaining the fourth position for the past 2 years is Fluor Corporation, Engineer-Constructors based in Irving, Texas**
- **Also holding position for two years in a row is CH2M HILL at #5, an Engineering Architectural Construction firm headquarter in Englewood, CO.**

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.

ENR.com
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See the complete list on line at <http://enr.construction.com/toplists/DesignFirms/001-100.asp>



S U S T A I N A B I L I T Y :

Rethinking our Transportation Future



43rd Annual Midwestern District Conference at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center June 17th-19th, 2009

Hosted by the Wisconsin Section

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

On behalf of the Wisconsin Section of ITE, we cordially invite you and your family to join us at the 43rd Midwestern ITE District Annual Conference at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. The conference is taking place June 17–19, 2009. We are planning an exciting technical program with topics in both transportation engineering and planning. The program will feature speakers from across the district as well as the nation. Our theme for this year is: “Sustainability: Rethinking our Transportation Future.”

The planning committee selected Wisconsin Dells for this year’s conference because a variety of activities are available for family members of all ages. The Dells offers scenic boat tours, amusement parks, water recreation, and outdoor adventures. Plus, the convention is being held at the Kalahari, home to the nation’s largest indoor waterpark and all-new theme park!

We can’t wait for June and we look forward to seeing you in the Dells!

John Bruggeman & Marcus Januario
District Conference Co-chairs

DEADLINES & CONTACTS

Deadlines

May 17 - Hotel Reservations (for conference room rates)
June 1 - Early Conference Registration
June 1 - Registration Refund

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Websites

Online Registration/Conference Information: www.midwesternite.org
Resort Information: www.kalahariresort.com



PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL PROGRAM

General Session

- Committee Welcome
- ITE International President: Ken Voigt
- International Vice Presidential Candidates: W. Hibbett Neel & Robert Wunderlich
- Keynote Address: "Just What Is Sustainability?" — Dennis Randolph, *TransCore*

Thursday Lunch

- Stephan Filmanowicz, *Center for New Urbanism*

Technical Sessions

Measuring Sustainability

- Developing Performance Measure Tools — Tara Ramani, *TTI*
- Rating Sustainability in Highway Improvements — David Heslinga, *V3 Companies*

Safety

- WI Intersection Ranking Tool Development — Xiao Qin, *UW-Madison*
- MnDOT Intersection Warning System — Dennis Foderberg, *SEH*

Re-Engineering

- Implementation Updates on 4-to-3-Lane Conversions — Keith Knapp, *University of Minnesota*
- Improving Corridor Ops Using Alternative Intersection Designs — Anita Shanker, *Stantec*

Neighborhood Planning & Design

- Effect of Connectivity on Fire Station Service Area & Capital Facilities Planning — Matt Magnasco, *Charlotte DOT*
- Wicker Park Bucktown Connections: Engineering a Neighborhood's Sustainable Transportation Future — Mark de la Vergne, *Land Strategies*
- Transit-oriented Development Around CTA Stations — Fred Schwartz, *Kimley-Horn*

Multi-Modal Transportation

- Carsharing in University Communities — Dave Platz, *FHWA*
- Transit Travel Training — Virginia Lingham, *HNTB*

Sustainability Outside Urban America

- Are Interstates the Key to Sustaining Rural Economies: The I-69 Experience — Kent Ahrenholz, *Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates*
- Sustainable Transportation in Developing Countries — Javad Hedayati

Access Management

- Making Your Roadways Last Longer — J.L. Gattis, *University of Arkansas*
- Applying Access Management — Kristi Sebastian, *Dakota County Minnesota*

Alternative Roadway Design

- Diverging Diamond Interchanges: Answers to FAQ's — Smith Siromaskul, *HDR*
- Alternative Designs for Major Intersections — Jeff Young, *McHenry County, Illinois DOT*

Traffic Signals

- The State of Standards for Traffic Controllers — Bob Rausch, *TransCore*
- Signal Timing as a Cost-Effective Means to Improving Corridor Operations — Jess Billmeyer/Brian Porter, *AECOM*

Designing for all Users

- Accessibility for the Visually Impaired or Blind — Larisa DeZayas
- Cycling Against the Grain - a New Look at One-Way Streets — Lewis Thorwaldson, *Rutgers University*
- WisDOT Pedestrian Practices/Policies — Tom Huber, *WisDOT*

Construction Management/Mitigation

- New FHWA/WisDOT Preventative Maintenance Agreement Overview — Dave Platz, *FHWA*
- Safety & Mobility During Construction: The I-94 N/S Corridor TMP — Andy Kowske, *MTP*
- Oregon's Work Zone Analysis Web Tool — Smith Siromaskul, *HDR*

Engineering for Weather Emergencies

- CTH A & Dell Creek Dam Modification, Lake Delton, WI — Rusty Chesmore, *Mead & Hunt*
- 21st Century Snow & Ice Operations — Ray Murphy, *FHWA*

Transportation Planning Tools

- Top TIA Issues in Wisconsin — Art Baumann, *WisDOT* & Pat Hawley, *RA Smith National*
- Analysis of Trip Generation Factors for Mixed-Use Developments — James Shea, *HNTB*



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Registration

Early registration is encouraged and early room registration is important. Please complete the registration form and return before the June 1st, 2009 deadline. Make checks payable to "ITE Wisconsin Midwest District Annual Conference." The enclosed registration form may be copied. Full conference registration includes the following:

- Wednesday Ice Breaker/Traffic Bowl Competition
- Thursday and Friday Continental Breakfasts & Breaks
- Thursday and Friday Luncheons
- Technical Sessions
- Student Workshops & Poster Presentations
- Vendor Exhibits

Hotel Accommodations

Registrants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. A block of rooms is reserved at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center. Kalahari is holding rooms for ITE until May 17th at the reduced rate of \$129 per night for up to four people. Rooms for up to six people are also available for \$229 per night. Rates are daily per room, and do not include taxes. All reservations received after the block of rooms is full or after the May 17th room block hold will be subject to availability. Entrance to the indoor and outdoor waterparks is included with your room (normally \$40/person). An all-day Theme Park pass is also available for hotel guests for \$19.95/person.

Make your reservations with Kalahari as early as possible by calling (877) 253-5466. Be sure to mention that you are participating in the Midwestern ITE District Annual Conference. For more information on the Kalahari, visit www.kalahariresort.com.

Vendor Exhibits

Vendors who specialize in products and services useful to transportation professionals will be exhibited at the conference. Time will be available to look at their displays and talk with experts before, after, and between technical sessions.

ITE Student Member Reception - Bowling/Pizza Party

To honor our future transportation engineers, a student reception will be held on Thursday evening in the all-new Kalahari Theme Park. All are welcome to attend! Free bowling will be offered to all full-time ITE student members. Pizza and soda will be offered to both ITE student members and professionals for a nominal fee. This will also give you a chance to check out all of the other fun activities offered in the theme park, including: climbing wall, go-karts, mini-golf, arcade, and more! The hours of the reception will allow for Duck tour participants to join us after their tour.

Traffic Bowl/Ice Breaker Social Event

Be a part of history as we introduce the first-ever Midwestern District Traffic Bowl! Students representing the engineering colleges from across the district will come together to compete in this knowledge competition for a chance to advance to national level competitions. Come and cheer on your alma mater to victory! This is a great opportunity for all attendees to test their transportation engineering knowledge and socialize with fellow professionals and students. Drinks and appetizers will be provided for this fun-filled event!

Ducks Boat Ride

The duck tours are one of the most popular attractions in the Wisconsin Dells. If you haven't done the ducks tour, this is a must see! The duck tour includes some Wisconsin geology and history, along with some humor. This optional tour is scheduled for Thursday night. If you would like to take the tour, please indicate that on your registration form. Transportation will be provided. For additional Wisconsin Dells activities and attractions, visit www.wisdells.com.

Golf Outing

We will be holding a 9-hole golf outing on Friday, June 19th from 2:30–5:30 pm at the Trappers Turn Golf Club. This event will be a fun opportunity to meet other transportation and planning professionals! Transportation is provided from/to the Kalahari Resort. If you are interested, please indicate that on the registration form.

Airport Information

If you plan on flying in for the conference, nearby airports include Madison (~ 1 hour drive), Milwaukee (~2 ½ hour drive), and Minneapolis/St. Paul (~3 hour drive). Transportation shuttle services are available from the Madison and Milwaukee airports. Please contact the Kalahari directly should you require transportation from the airport.

Block the Sun Run

Challenge your boss to a race! The 3rd Annual Block the Sun Run 5K Run/3K Walk will take place on Saturday June 20th in the Wisconsin Dells. Proceeds from this family-friendly event will benefit the Melanoma Research Foundation. Please consider extending your stay for this great cause! For more information and registration, visit www.blockthesunrun.com.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you register and find that you cannot attend, please make every effort to find a substitute. We will refund your registration fee if notified in writing on or before June 1st, 2009. Please note that a \$10 administrative fee will be charged for online registration cancellations or can be done by calling Brian Porter at (608) 828-8133 to avoid the fee (before June 1st).



C O N F E R E N C E R E G I S T R A T I O N

	Before June 1	After June 1	Total
Full Registration <i>(Includes: Ice Breaker, Continental Breakfasts, Luncheons, Technical Sessions, Vendor Exhibits)</i>	\$180	\$200	\$ _____
One-Day Registration <i>(Includes: Continental Breakfast, Luncheon, Technical Sessions, Vendor Exhibits)</i>	\$100	\$110	\$ _____
Full Registration (ITE Student Member) <i>(Includes: Ice Breaker, Continental Breakfasts, Luncheons, Technical Sessions, Vendor Exhibits)</i>	\$25	\$40	\$ _____
One-Day Registration (ITE Student Member) <i>(Includes: Continental Breakfast, Luncheon, Technical Sessions, Vendor Exhibits)</i>	\$15	\$20	\$ _____
Extra Tickets <i>(if not included in the above/guests)</i>			
• Wednesday Ice Breaker/Traffic Bowl	\$30	\$30	\$ _____
• Thursday Night ITE Student Member Reception <i>(all are welcome to attend!)</i>	\$5	\$10	\$ _____
Other Activities			
• Ducks Boat Ride (Thursday Night) Ages 6-11	\$8	\$8	\$ _____
Ages 12 & Up	\$18	\$18	\$ _____
• Golf Outing (Friday Afternoon)	\$45	\$45	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed:			\$ 0

LUNCHEON CHOICES Please Check ONE for EACH DAY

- Thursday**
- Chicken Parmigiana
 - Hawaiian Sunfish
 - Roasted Top Sirloin
 - Vegetable Lasagna
 - Not Attending Thurs. Lunch

- Friday**
- Buffet
 - Not Attending Fri. Lunch

CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOX:

If you need more information regarding receiving Professional Development Hour (PDH) credits for attending this conference

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Please indicate ITE Section: WI IL NC MOVITE Other: _____

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Rooms are reserved for this conference **UNTIL MAY 17th**. Please book your rooms directly with the Kalahari at (877) 253-5466 as early as possible. Indicate that you are attending the ITE Conference.



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.

REDUCING COLLISIONS ON HORIZONTAL CURVES WEB SEMINAR

Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

URBAN STREETS GEOMETRIC DESIGN SERIES WEB SEMINARS

Tuesdays, June 9 - August 4 and Thursday August 20, 2:00–3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 10.5 PDH/1 IACET ITE Member Price: \$875/Nonmember Price: \$1093/Full-Time Student Price: \$435.

ROUNDAABOUT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: KEY ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

INTRODUCTION TO HIGHWAY SAFETY SERIES WEB SEMINARS

Tuesdays and Thursday s, August 4 - September 24, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 13.5 PDH/1.4 IACET ITE Member Price: \$1000/Nonmember Price: \$1250/Full-Time Student Price: \$500.

PROFESSIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER REFRESHER COURSE SUITE

Tuesdays, August 18 - September 22, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/.9 IACET AICP Approved CM ITE Member Price: \$750/

Nonmember Price: \$938/Full-Time Student Price: \$375.

TRIP GENERATION: FUNDAMENTALS AND APPLICATIONS

Thursday, September 10, 2009, 2:00–3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

TRIP GENERATION: ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS

Thursday, September 17, 2009, 2:00–3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING COLLISIONS INVOLVING BICYCLES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275/Full-Time Student Price: \$125

TRB CLIMATE CHANGE 101 WEBINAR

Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. CDT. PDH Credits are not offered. \$99 site license for non-members, TRB sponsors are free of charge. Register at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/543458008?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Transportation%20Research%20Board&utm_campaign=TRB+E-Newsletter+-+06-02-2009&utm_content=Customer&utm_term=

Dr. Steven Davis-Mendelow, a spokesperson for The Climate Project, will provide an engaging presentation about the fundamentals of climate change to help the transportation community better plan policy and projects. Mr. William Malley, partner at the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP, will provide comments after Dr. Davis-Mendelow's presentation. This webinar is based off of a 2009 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting session.

CELEBRATING THE BURNHAM PLAN

As part of the festival this summer honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Plan of Chicago, DePaul University invites you will join them for one or more of the following special events:

- Tuesday June 23 6 p.m. "The World According to Burnham and Bennett: Virtual Burnham Initiative Roll-out" Lake Forest College
- Saturday, June 27 10:30 a.m. Morning Tea with the family of Daniel Burnham, Jr.
- Monday, June 29 5:30 p.m. "1933 Century of Progress" discussion and site visit
- Thursday, July 9 5 p.m. Festival Reception and visit to "Chicago Model City" Exhibit
- Saturday, July 11 9:30 a.m. Daniel Burnham and Chicago's Great Railway Terminals Mini-bus Tour
- Tuesday, July 15 5 p.m. "Daniel Burnham and Jane Addams meet St Vincent DePaul" Discussion

Save the Date: Burnham Birthday Celebration and Banquet, September 11, 2009. Additional festival events can be found on-line at <http://las.depaul.edu/Burnham>





CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBIT

Sunday to Tuesday, June 17-19, at the Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. For additional information visit the conference website at <http://www.midwesternite.org/conferences.htm> or contact John Burggeman at 262-317-3353 or by e-mail at john.burggeman@rasmithnational.com.

AASHTO MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Sunday to Wednesday, July 15-17, at the Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan. For program details and registration information, check the conference web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/mvc2009>, or call Jan Pohl, at 517-373-9571 or via e-mail at pohlj@michigan.gov

ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, August 9-12, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San An-

tonio, Texas. For program details and registration information, check the conference web site at <http://www.ite.org/AnnualMeeting/registration.asp>, or call Sallie Dollins at 202-289-0222 ext. 149 or via e-mail at sdollins@ite.org

ACEC FINANCE FORUM

Monday and Tuesday, September 14-15, at the Westin Chicago River North, Chicago, Illinois. For additional information visit the conference website at <http://www.acec.org/education/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=1088> or call La'Creshea Makonnen at 202-347-7474 or via e-mail at education@acec.org.

58TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE

Wednesday to Friday, October 21-23, at the Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, Illinois. Program details and registration information will be posted at a later date. For preliminary information call Mitzi Green at 877-455-2687 (toll free) or via e-mail at mgree2@illinois.edu.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - TRB ECONOMIC AND TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS FOR SITING FREIGHT INTERMODAL AND WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

TRB's National Cooperative Freight Research Program (NCFRP) has issued a request for proposals to develop a guide that informs public-sector freight policy and decision-makers about important factors used by private-sector companies to site logistics facilities. Proposal submittal requirements can be found on-line at <http://www.trb.org/TRBNet/ProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=2665> or by contacting Dr. William C. Rogers by phone at 202-334-1621 or via e-mail at wrogers@nas.edu. Proposals are due July 9, 2009.

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD 89TH ANNUAL MEETING

TRB is now accepting papers for consideration as part of the program for the TRB 89th Annual Meeting, January 10-14, 2010, in Washington, D.C., and for publication in the Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board (TRR). Papers must be in PDF format and submitted prior to midnight Saturday, August 1, 2009 in your time zone. All papers must be submitted via TRB's Paper Submission website. Authors interested in submitting papers are advised to visit <http://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting/default.asp> review the Information for Authors.



The Riverwalk in San Antonio Texas



SECTION CALENDAR

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- June 17 to 19— ITE Midwestern District Conference and Annual Meeting, Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI. June 25 — Illinois Section Luncheon, Maggiano's, Chicago, Illinois
- June 25 — Illinois Section Luncheon, Maggiano's, Chicago, Illinois
- August 6 — Joint Illinois Section ITE Irish American Engineers Golf Outing, Bloomingdale Country Club, Bloomingdale, IL (TENTATIVE)
- August 9 to 12— ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. Visit the website at <http://www.ite.org/conference/>
- August 17—ITEms Deadline

AASHTO PUBLICATION - DRIVING DOWN LANE-DEPARTURE CRASHES

Of the more than 42,000 people killed on our nation's highways annually, over 25,000—almost 60 percent—died in crashes caused when their vehicles veered from the lane. In some cases, the vehicle crossed the centerline and was involved in a head-on crash or opposite direction sideswipe. In others, the vehicle left the roadway to roll over or impact one or more natural or man-made objects. To address these devastating statistics, AASHTO embarked on a plan to cut fatalities by half within two decades, with an ultimate goal of zero deaths on our nation's highways. To accomplish this goal, we need to reduce the number of traffic fatalities by approximately 1,000 per year.

The first copy of this plan is free online for all AASHTO E-Affiliates as Item Code: PLD-1 -OL. Additional copies are available for \$15 each. Please call customer service at 1-800-231-3475 if you wish to order more than one copy.



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

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

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
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