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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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DECEMBER NETWORKING

Join us at Beverly Lanes, 8 South Beverly Lane, Arlington Heights, IL phone (847) 253-5238

Date: December 10, 2009

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Cost: \$5 Students
\$15 all others

Details: Join ITE for an end of the year social event. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided in addition to the bowling and shoe rental. Donations for the auction to benefit the ITE Scholarship fund at the January 22, 2010 Annual Banquet will be accepted at this event.



The holidays are upon us, as is the end of another successful year for the Illinois Section of ITE. It is a great time to reflect on the many accomplishments of 2009 and look ahead to what is in store for the New Year.

Since January, our membership has increased significantly, with over 30 new Section members having joined at either the affiliate (i.e., Section) or International member level since last year. I am also proud to report that there are six new ITE Life members from our Section: **Michael Goodkind, Roger Ketcham, James Morton, Larry Thomas, Fred Ranck, and Joseph Zgonina**. In total, there are now 49 Life members from the Illinois Section since its inception in 1947. We thank all of our Life members for their many years of service to the Institute and the fine example they have set for us.

As our membership has grown, so have our participation levels at Section events. We are on track to surpass 500 attendees at the various Section events in 2009 – a fine accomplishment! These include student events at IIT and UIUC; luncheons at downtown Chicago, suburban Chicago, and Rockford locations – many in collabo-

ration with our sister organizations; webinars and seminars hosted by various member agencies that provided valuable continuing education credits; and social events like our golf outing, summer improv night, and upcoming year-end bowling tournament. We continue to look for ways to expand these events across the state, allowing all of our members to realize the full benefits of Section membership.

That is the year that has been. Looking ahead, we are already planning some great events for the New Year. These kick off with the “can’t miss” event of our year, the Annual Banquet. This year’s event will be held on Friday evening, January 22, for a second consecutive year at White Eagle in Niles. The evening will include all of the regular festivities that make the event so special: the live and silent auction, the swearing in of the new Board members, special awards including the scholarship/paper awards and the prestigious Past Presidents Award, as well as the opportunity to meet key members of the District and International Board. If you contributed to the ILITE scholarship or donated items to the auction, come on out to meet the exemplary students that benefit from your generosity. If you haven’t been involved in the Section’s activities for a while, this is the chance to catch up with old colleagues and new friends. Or if you’re just hungry on a cold January night, come enjoy some delicious food! The Section’s Annual Banquet is your opportunity to meet with the folks who have made our Section the successful organization that it is and it gives you an opportunity to join us in the fun. If you haven’t already, mark your calendar, send in your RSVP, and plan for a great evening in celebration of the Section.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Soon after the banquet in mid-February comes Engineering Week (<http://www.chicagolandweek.org/home.asp>). These seven days include several great events around the state to promote engineering and encourage grade school and high school students to consider joining our field. This is particularly important considering the engineering workforce shortfalls that are beginning to take hold. Please stay tuned for ways that ITE can help you participate in the fun through events like the Future Cities Competition (January 24 at UIC), Bridge Building Contest (February 10 at IIT), and the MATHCOUNTS regional competition (February 20).

President-Elect **Tim Sjogren** and his newly elected 2010 Executive Board (see page XX) will lead us through these exciting events and more. Congratulations to new Board members **Chad Hammerl** (Treasurer), **Chris DeRosia** (Director), and **Kevin O'Neill** (Director). They join a strong group of individuals that will do a

fantastic job next year. I wish them all the best in 2010!"

To close out my last President's Letter, I would like to give a special thanks to your 2009 Executive Board and our great committee members. They have done a fantastic job of creating opportunities for you, our Section members, to expand your technical knowledge, network with other professionals and potential employees/employers, and build up our scholarship funds along the way! If you would like to be a part of this great organization by serving on a committee in 2010, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board for more information.

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

Thank you.

SECTION NEWS - 4TH ANNUAL STUDENT DAY

By Sara Disney Haufe. On Friday, October 16th, the Illinois Section hosted its Fourth Annual Student Day event at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Student Day was borne out of the Section's annual Student Luncheon with the goal of helping Student Members find internships, co-ops, and full-time positions while learning more about networking and the transportation engineering industry.

This year's event kicked off in the morning with a career fair that included exhibition tables for nine Chicago-area engineering firms and – new this year to Student Day – free resume and cover letter reviews provided by AAA Targeted Writing & Coaching Services. A luncheon (free to students) followed, where roundtable discussion allowed students to talk freely with professionals about finding a job and succeeding in their engineering career. Public Affairs Director

Chad Hammerl of Jacobs helped facilitate the event by introducing a number of discussion topics relating to the political, social, and economical issues facing the transportation industry today.

Student attendees, who have historically come to Chicago from schools throughout the Midwest for IL ITE's Student Day, hailed from IIT, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Bradley University, University of Wisconsin – Platteville, University of Minnesota, and Valparaiso University at this year's event. Thanks to the planning efforts of Student Affairs Director **Sara Disney Haufe** of Traffic Analysis & Design and Student Activities Committee Head **Tracy Shandor** of CH2M Hill, as well as the assistance of **Dr. Zongzhi Li** of IIT and the IL ITE Board, this year's event was a great success for professionals and students alike.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT - TECHNICAL GROUP

By Technical Director Dan Nowak. On September 30th, 2009, forty professionals attended a full-day workshop on the Traffic Signal Timing Manual, which was held in Training Room B at the **Illinois Department of Transportation District One** Headquarters in Schaumburg, IL. The workshop was sponsored by ITE - IL Section and was conducted by **Eddie Curtis**, Traffic Management Specialist, and **Edward Fok**, Traffic Management / Systems Operations Engineer, for the Federal Highway Administration's Operations Team. The workshop focused on the fundamental concepts of signal timing and traffic signal control from an objective oriented perspective. The signal timing process, typical traffic signal equipment and the development of signal timing plans were examined in detail. Low cost methods for developing and optimizing signal timing were introduced and reviewed using exercises and examples.

The section hosted another webinar, "Technology-Oriented Safety Solutions: Red Light Camera Deployment", on November 17th, 2009, at two locations within the State of Illinois: **Jacobs Engineering** office in downtown Chicago and **Engineering Enterprises, Inc.** office in Sugar Grove. A special thanks to EEI for graciously providing lunch for attendees at that location. This was an ITE-member only event (Non-ITE members were able to attend by com-

pleting an ITE - IL Section Membership Application) and members were charged \$15, which included lunch and 1.5 professional development hours. Fifteen registrants attended the downtown Chicago location and nine attended the Sugar Grove location. The webinar was presented by the ITE Professional Development Program and instructed by **Richard Retting**, M.S., MITE, Vice-President of **Sam Schwartz Engineering**. The webinar provided an overview of the empirical information required regarding engineering data and analysis prior to the procurement of red light cameras and described the related regulatory factors and the procurement issues for practitioners charged with deployment and implementation of red light camera enforcement programs. At the conclusion of the webinar, participants were able to:

- **Explain the regulatory issues related to deployment of red light cameras.**
- **Describe common procurement issues associated with contracting for red light camera services with private sector technology providers.**
- **Develop a plan for deployment of red light cameras that includes required resources and identification of success benchmarks.**

The Illinois Section has plans to host more ITE webinars in 2010. Details will be released at a later date.



Traffic Signal Timing was the topic of this seminar held in the Illinois Department of Transportation District One offices in Schaumburg



Participants enjoy lunch and earn PDHs while participating in the Red Light Running webinar held in the Jacobs Chicago office at 1 North Franklin

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - OPERATIONS GROUP

By Operations Group Director Mike Phan. The Operations Group is in the process of updating the Membership Directory on the website (<http://www.ilite.org/start/>). If your Membership information has changed please e-mail me at mphan@entran.us. The website provides information about membership, student scholarships, available jobs, news and upcoming events along with links to ITE Midwestern District and ITE International.

Our Section membership continues to grow this year. We have added 13 new Affiliate Members so far in 2009 and the Board is looking to ap-

prove a minimum of five more Members before the end of the year. I am pleased to welcome **Cha Lee, Jason Osborn, Sarah Lutz, Kristen Hahn, Curtis Cornwell, John Heim, Kalpana Kannan, Kerry Lin, and Ron Krall** as new Members of the Illinois Section of ITE.

The Illinois Section encourages all of its Members to participate in its activities and functions as it provides excellent networking opportunities with fellow transportation professionals. Technical Seminars and conferences keep your skills sharp as well as meeting continuing education requirements.



DIRECTORS REPORT - PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP

By Public Affairs Director Chad Hammerl. While the memories of Chicago 2016 are quickly fading there are still immediate transportation needs that, regardless of the Olympic bid, need to be addressed but requires funding.

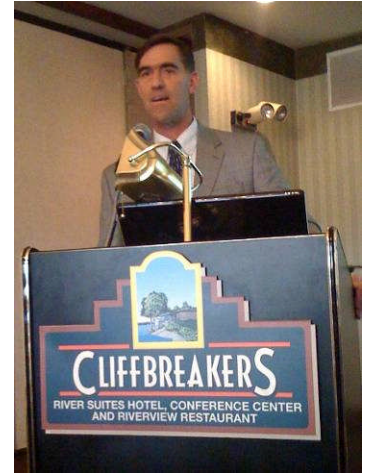
The two primary sources of transportation funding in Illinois are the Illinois Capitol Bill, which passed last summer (a topic of previous ITEMS articles) and SAFETEA-LU, the federal transportation bill. SAFETEA-LU has already been extended twice and now is scheduled to expire December 18, 2009.

Due to the impending expiration of the federal bill, reauthorization becomes the primary objective, not only for Illinois, but for all transportation agencies. Word out of Congress is that SAFETY LU will receive another six month extension before a multi-year bill is passed. However, new double digit unemployment figures

have some in Congress pushing for the passage of a multi-year bill now. For better or for worse, the health care debate is dominating Congressional schedules.

Various drafts of a reauthorized bill included various levels of additional funding. As long as construction costs remain low, the number of improvements would be expected to increase. However, if construction costs increase like they did during the initial SAFETEA-LU, any funding increase would be wiped out by increased costs. The new bill is anticipated to continue most of the same programs of the current bill, but will include increased levels of accountability to document improvements, and increased flexibility with public-private funding initiatives.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season! More information on the reauthorization will come in the New Year.



George Ryan, Regional Engineer gives a presentation on projects and programs in IDOT Region 2 at the November luncheon in Rockford

ILLINOIS SECTION ELECTS NEW BOARD

Results are in for the Illinois Section conducted officer and board elections using on-line balloting. In what is now becoming routine voting method, on-line elections results affirmed **Tim Sjogren** is to advance from Vice-President to Section President for 2010. **Kim Kolody-Silverman** was elected Vice-President from the Secretary position and **Joel Christell** advanced to the Secretary position. **Chad Hammerl** prevailed in the race for Section Treasurer. Congratulations to all candidates, and thanks to **Sagar Sonar** for his willingness to run. A listing of the first time office holders by position and their biographical summaries follows.

TREASURER ELECT—CHAD HAMMERL, P.E., PTOE

Mr. Chad Hammerl has been an active member of ITE since his sophomore year at Marquette University. After graduation he joined the Illinois Section of ITE where he has been an active member for 13 years. He is currently completing the second year of a two-year term as the Public Affairs Group Director and served as co-

chair of the IL Section of ITE Local Arrangements Committee for the 2008 Midwestern District Conference. Mr. Hammerl began his career with the Village of Schaumburg where he served as a Traffic Analyst working on variety the traffic studies. For the past 11 years he has worked for Jacobs as a Project Engineer and more recently as a Project Manager. When asked for his view of the position, Mr. Hammerl stated "As an officer with IL Section, I would apply the skills of working with those with varying opinions, understanding their concerns, and then making my decisions based on what I believe is best for the section."

DIRECTOR ELECT—CHRIS DEROSIA

Mr. Christopher DeRosia is a Project Engineer in Chicago and a registered professional engineer in Illinois. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University. Since joining Patrick Engineering, he has been involved in various studies for the Illinois Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program. Mr. DeRosia

CMAP UPDATED DIRECTORY OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has posted an update of the Directory of Municipal Officials on-line at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/downloadasset.aspx?id=17803>



DANGEROUS BY DESIGN

As presented in a report titled “Dangerous by Design” recently released by Transportation for America, , more than 76,000 Americans have been killed while crossing or walking along a street in their community in the last 15 years. More than 43,000 Americans – including 3,906 children under 16 – have been killed this decade alone. This is the equivalent of a jumbo jet going down roughly every month, yet it receives nothing like the kind of attention that would surely follow such a disaster.

Children, the elderly, and ethnic minorities are disproportionately represented in this figure, but people of all ages and all walks of life have been struck down in the simple act of walking. These deaths typically are labeled “accidents,” and attributed to error on the part of motorist or pedestrian. In fact, however, an overwhelming proportion share a similar factor: They occurred along roadways that were dangerous by design, streets that were engineered for speeding cars and made little or no provision for people on foot, in wheelchairs or on a bicycle.

While it is still unnecessarily dangerous for pedestrians to walk, health experts are making the case that it can be just as deadly not to walk. Even as these preventable deaths mount, there has been a growing recognition that walking and bicycling – what many now refer to as “active transportation” – are critical to increasing levels of healthy exercise and reducing obesity and heart disease.

At the same time, it has become increasingly clear that these clean, human-powered modes of transportation are an essential part of efforts to limit the negative impacts of traffic congestion, oil dependency and climate change. In recent years, community after community has begun to retrofit poorly designed roads to become complete streets, adding sidewalks and bicycle lanes, reducing crossing distances and installing trees and crosswalks to make walking and biking safer and more inviting. The resulting safer streets have saved the lives of both pedestrians and motorists even as they pro-

mote health by leading many residents to become more physically active.

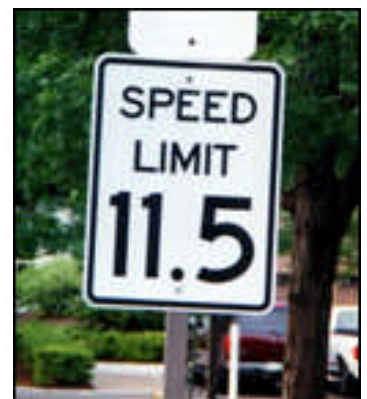
There still is a long way to go to repair the damage done to communities in the past, even as we begin to shift policies and design philosophy to build streets that are safer for pedestrians and motorists alike. However, there are a growing number of excellent models to build on and thousands of communities eager to move forward. The forthcoming rewrite of the nation’s transportation policy presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create safer streets that will be critical to keeping our neighborhoods livable, our population more fit and our nation less dependent on foreign oil .

Researchers at the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership in the 1990s developed the Pedestrian Danger Index (PDI) in order to establish a level playing field for comparing metropolitan areas based on the danger to pedestrians. The PDI corrects for the fact that the cities where more people walk on a daily basis are likely to have a greater number of pedestrian fatalities, by computing the rate of pedestrian deaths relative to the amount of walking residents do on average.

The PDI shows that the most dangerous places to walk are those that fail to make smart infrastructure investments that make roads safer for everyone.

The most dangerous metropolitan areas in the U.S. for walking in 2007-2008 were: Orlando, Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville, Memphis, Raleigh, Louisville, Houston, Birmingham and Atlanta. Orlando tops the list because of its high pedestrian fatality rate of 2.9 pedestrian deaths per 100,000 residents, despite a very low proportion of residents walking to work, only 1.3 percent. In other words, the few people who do walk in Orlando face a relatively high risk of being killed by traffic.

The on-line report can be downloaded from the web at <http://t4america.org/resources/dangerousbydesign/>.





INDUSTRY NEWS

NATIONAL HONORS FOR IDOT OPERATION TEEN SAFE DRIVING

November 5, 2009, Washington, DC. Roadway Safety Foundation (RSF) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today recognized the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Division of Traffic Safety's (DTS) "Operation Teen Safe Driving" program for its efforts to reduce teen driving-related deaths by implementing innovative peer-to-peer programs.

"Keeping teen drivers safe on the road is an obligation that we should all take seriously," said Greg Cohen, Executive Director of the Roadway Safety Foundation. "As the most inexperienced drivers on our highways, continuing driver education programs for teens are absolutely essential. By talking to teens where they listen, Illinois has set a great example for every state to follow."

Illinois' peer-to-peer teen driving program, in partnership with The Allstate Foundation and the Ford Motor Company Fund's Driving Skills for Life program, challenged teens to develop a school-wide program that would have a positive impact on teen drivers. The program, which was conducted completely by teens, was met with huge success, with a forty percent reduction in teen driving deaths from 2007-2008.

"We are honored to be recognized for our Operation Teen Safe Driving program," said IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety Director Michael Stout. "We strive each day to reduce fatalities in Illinois and we are proud to say this program has helped significantly with our mission. We could not do this without the dedication and commitment from our sponsors and the teens who have participated in the program."

"Ford Driving Skills for Life is very pleased to continue our successful partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation and The Allstate Foundation. It is evident by the enormous success of Operation Teen Safe Driving that partnerships are the way to successfully

address the alarming teen driving statistics our country faces. Ford Motor Company Fund is committed to providing education and training to drivers of all ages, including teens. It is unacceptable that vehicle crashes are the number one killer of teens, and we will continue to provide support to combat this problem," said Jim Graham, Manager Community Relations, Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services.

"The Allstate Foundation is committed to helping young people address the teen driving issue in their own voices with genuine messages respected by their peers," said Shaundra Turner, Senior Field Corporate Relations Manager, Allstate Midwest Region. "This important recognition demonstrates how much impact teens can have in reducing the epidemic of teen crash fatalities."

Roadway Safety Award recipients were evaluated on three criteria – innovation, effectiveness, and efficient use of resources. Program categories included: infrastructure improvements, operational improvements and program planning, development and evaluation. The award recipients were selected from 113 entries received.

Blue Ribbon Panel Judges included: Philip Caruso, Deputy Executive Director for Technical Programs, Institute of Transportation Engineers; Cathy Gillen, Managing Director of the Roadway Safety Foundation; Anthony Giancola, Executive Director of the National Association of County Engineers; James McDonnell, Deputy Program Director of Engineering, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and J. Peter Kissinger, President and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Roadway safety programs are a critical part of the nation's solutions to saving lives and preventing injuries on our nation's highways. Of the 37,261 people killed in traffic crashes on U.S. roads in 2008, nearly 59 percent of the

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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CURRENT...

...by using the Change of Personal Information Form on the Illinois Section web-site 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.



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fatalities involved a departure from the roadway and 21 percent were at an intersection or intersection-related (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 2008 Annual Assessment of Motor Vehicle Crashes).

The Federal Highway Administration and the Roadway Safety Foundation present the bi-annual Roadway Safety Awards to programs and projects across the nation exhibiting excellence in roadway design, operations and planning. For additional information on RSF please visit www.roadwaysafety.org. For additional information on FHWA safety programs please visit <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov>.

IDOT ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER ERIC HARM TO RETIRE

Eric Harm has announced his retirement from the Illinois Department of Transportation effective December 31, 2009. Mr. Harm received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in January 1979, and his Master of Science in Engineering degree from the University of California at Berkeley in June 1980. He began his career in 1980 in the Bureau of Materials & Physical Research, working his way up the ranks to Deputy Director/Assistant Chief Engineer.

As one of the first engineers hired to replace the retiring workforce of engineers who constructed the interstate system, he quickly rose through the ranks at the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research. He spent time as the Bituminous Operations Engineer and the Engineer of Physical Research, and in 1998, he was appointed Bureau Chief of Materials and Physical Research. In 2002, Mr. Harm left the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research when he was appointed Deputy Director, Assistant to the Chief Engineer of Highways.

During his tenure with the Department, Mr. Harm has been a strong advocate at the state and national levels for materials and pavement issues of concern to Illinois. Mr. Harm also

served on the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official's Subcommittee on Materials. He has served for more than 15 years as one of the few state research engineers on the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research, which advises the AASHTO Board of Directors on research needs and votes on the national transportation research agenda.

There will be a reception in his honor on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Harry R. Hanley Building. Presentations will begin at 2:30 p.m. For additional information contact Ann at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, Room 215 - Hanley Building, Phone: 217-785-0888, Fax 217-524-2972, or e-mail anna.rine@illinois.gov.edu.

NATIONALLY-KNOWN TRAFFIC ENGINEER SEEKS EMPLOYMENT

Nationally-known professional engineer is looking for an opportunity in traffic engineering and transportation planning. Has over 22 years of traffic and transportation experience, and is a certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planner (PTP). Has worked in both city government and private consulting firm environments throughout the Midwest. He is experienced in assisting agencies in developing and accomplishing a variety of traffic and transportation projects including: permanent and temporary traffic signal design; signing design and implementation; work zone traffic control; transportation planning and analysis; roundabout analysis; traffic operations and maintenance; traffic corridor management; and federal funding applications under the Surface Transportation Program. He is very familiar with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), as well as signing and signal design standards. He is an experienced user of SignCAD, ConeZone, HCS+, MicroStation, SYNCHRO and SimTraffic software. Contact information: 952-250-3115, or smanhart9337@gmail.com.



Eric Harm, IDOT Division of Highways retiring Deputy Director/Assistant Chief Engineer

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.



VOTERS APPROVE 72% OF TRANSPORTATION MEASURES

This is an edited November 5, 2009 news release from the Center For Transportation Excellence. On November 3, 2009, voters across the country approved 72% of transportation ballot measures. In a rough economy and an off-year for elections, these results indicate that voters feel strongly about supporting transportation despite major economic challenges. This is a continuation of what we saw last fall when 77% of transportation measures were approved, even though many voters were already feeling the effects of a weakening economy. The results from the past two years are in line with what has been happening throughout the past decade. Since 2000, approximately 70% of all transportation measures have been approved, a rate double that of ballot measures generally.

This November, measures were on the ballot in five states—Colorado, Indiana, Maine, Michigan and Ohio. Of the seven measures, five were finance, one sought to establish a Regional Transportation District, and one to amend a city charter to require voter approval of all public transportation projects. Voters in Cincinnati, Ohio rejected the city charter amendment, which was designed to delay and obstruct public transportation projects. Voters also approved four out of five finance measures, generating over \$74 million for transportation.

Earlier in the year, three elections were held with transportation measures on the ballot. Of those three elections, a sales tax increase in Island County, Washington and a property tax increase in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, were both approved. Voters in Grand Rapids, Michigan came close to approving a property tax increase for a high-speed bus line, but in the end it did not achieve the necessary support. There is one more measure scheduled in 2009—voters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be asked to approve a sales tax on December 8 to support a variety of projects, including a new rail-based streetcar system, potential com-

muter lines and a transit hub.

Even beyond the traditional ballot measures, November 3 was a good day for public transportation. The defeat of several local anti-rail candidates and anti-tax measures that could have limited funding can be seen as boons for transportation advocates. In mayoral races in Cincinnati and Charlotte, the pro-rail candidate won. Newly re-elected Mayor Mark Mallory strongly supports the 7.9 mile streetcar plan for Cincinnati. In Charlotte, voters elected City Council member Anthony Foxx, a strong supporter of the Charlotte Area Transit System and finding new funding options for transportation. In both cases, the defeated candidate was less supportive of transportation issues. This was also a key issue in city council races in Boise, ID, and at the ballot, the candidates with the stronger transportation agenda were elected.

On two statewide ballots this November, voters were faced with initiatives known as TABOR measures. In both Washington and Maine, these measures sought to impose spending limits on state and local budgets and require voter approval of any increases. In the past, places that have approved such measures have seen dramatic decreases in state and local budgets, requiring intense cuts to services like public transportation. Maine and Washington voters roundly defeated the measures, ensuring that needed services and infrastructure will not be neglected because of artificial limits on spending.

The Center for Transportation Excellence anticipates that 2010 will be an even more robust year for transportation elections. Both state legislatures and communities around the country began considering a variety of potential measures in 2009, but held off as a result of the economic downturn. After the November elections, American Public Transportation Association President William Millar made the observation that "at a time when unemployment is

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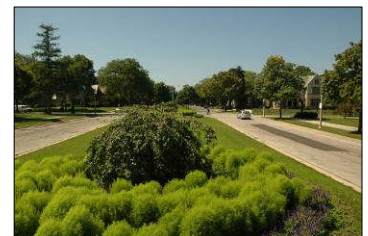
SUGGEST A GREAT PLACE NOW

America's truly great streets, neighborhoods and public spaces are defined by many criteria, including architectural features, accessibility, functionality, and community involvement.

The American Planning Association annually selects places that represent the gold standard in terms of having a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement, and a vision for tomorrow.

Know of a Street, Neighborhood or Public Space you think merits designation as a Great Place in America? Suggest it today! Find out more and submit your suggestion on line by visiting <http://www.planning.org/greatplaces/suggestion/suggestiondetails.htm>.

Suggestions received through February 25, 2010, will be considered for Great Places in America designation in 2010.

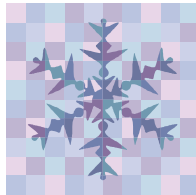


East Newberry Boulevard in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a 2009 Great Places in America - Streets award recipient



ILLINOIS SECTION

Institute of Transportation Engineers



2010 ANNUAL BANQUET

*JOIN YOUR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND FELLOW
PROFESSIONALS FOR A FUN FRIDAY NIGHT*

FEATURING:

- **MASTER OF CEREMONIES JOEL CHRISTELL**
- **STUDENT PAPER AWARD**
- **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
- **LIVE AUCTION**
- **SILENT AUCTION**
- **INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**
- **RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES**
- **MR. KENNETH VOIGT, PAST PRESIDENT, ITE INTERNATIONAL**

DATE:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010

VENUE:

WHITE EAGLE BANQUETS AND RESTAURANT
6839 N. MILWAUKEE AVENUE
NILES, IL 60714
PH# (847) 647-0660

COST:

\$40.00 PER PERSON/\$15 STUDENTS IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR

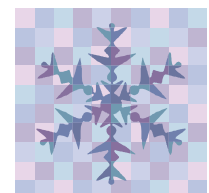
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6:00 P.M. – RECEPTION/CASH BAR
7:00 P.M. – DINNER



Family-Style Dinner
Menu to be Announced
Vegetarian Selections Available

CONTACT:

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jharris@civiltechinc.com





	ILLINOIS SECTION <i>Institute of Transportation Engineers</i>	
Annual Banquet Reservation Form		
Yes, I will be attending the 2010 ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet.		
I will be bringing _____ guests. Please RSVP by January 15, 2010.		
	Name	Price
	_____	@ \$40.00
	_____	@ \$40.00
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Vegetarian selections will be provided as part of the family-style meal.		Total: \$
My check is enclosed for the total amount of:		\$

Please make checks payable to: ITE Illinois Section.

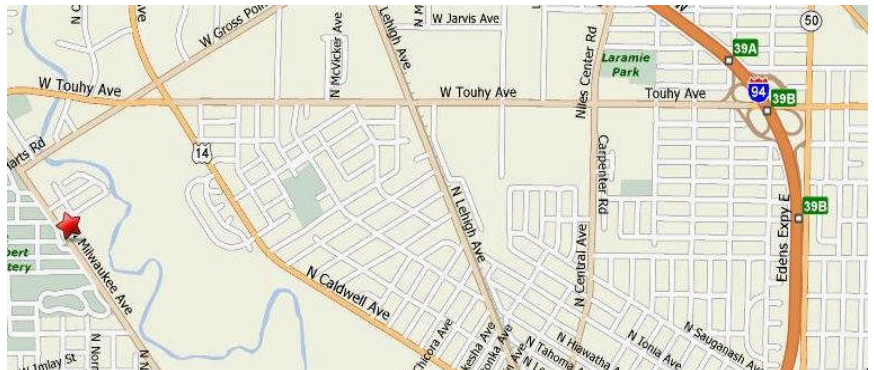
Mail checks and reservations to: Josh Harris, c/o Civiltech Engineering Phone: (630) 735-3958
 450 E. Devon Ave., Suite 300 Email: jharris@civiltechinc.com
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Date and Directions

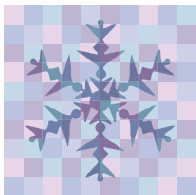
Friday, January 22, 2010
 6:00 PM – Reception With Cash Bar
 7:00 PM – Dinner
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Institute of Transportation Engineers

2010 Annual Banquet

Donations to the Student Scholarship Fund

In order to raise money for the ITE scholarship fund, a silent and live auction will be held during the 2008 Annual Banquet. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Josh Harris at:

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Donated items could include:

- **Entertainment (Tickets to plays, Music Concerts, etc.)**
- **Gift Certificates (Area Stores, Hotels, Restaurants, and Museums, etc.)**
- **Sports (Signed Memorabilia, Tickets to Sox, Bears, Fire, Cubs, etc.)**
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- **Toys and Games (PS3, X-Box 360, Wii, Disney items, etc.)**
- **Gifts for Him or Her (Purses, Brief Cases, PDA's, Apparel Items, Gift Baskets, etc.)**
- **Old and/or Interesting Street Signs**

Please no old controllers or computers. The bigger items donated will be part of the live auction. Cash donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to ITE Illinois Section.

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IDOT/ACEC-IL TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN SEMINAR

Thursday, December 17, 2009, 7:30 a.m.–12 noon at IDOT District One, Schaumburg, IL. ACEC-IL Member Price: \$50/Nonmember Price: \$100. Registration and additional information on line at <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Agenda.aspx?i=ad6f1d35-d89f-43cb-aa92-05303e939e6a>

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.

ASK THE ACCESS BOARD - ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET \$15 Site Fee

RETROFITTING FOR COMPLETE STREETS

Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET ITE Member Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$313/ Full-Time Student Price: \$125. Registration includes one complimentary quiz. Additional quizzes available for \$10

PTOE REFRESHER SUITE

Tuesdays, January 19 to February 16, 2010, 2:00 –3:30 p.m. CST Credits 7.5 PDH/.8 IACET ITE Member Price: \$625/Nonmember Price: \$781/Full-Time Student Price: \$313.

PROFESSIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER REFRESHER COURSE SUITE

Wednesdays, January 20 to February 24, 2010, 2:00 –3:30 p.m. CST Credits 9 PDH/.9 IACET ITE Member Price: \$750/Nonmember Price: \$938/Full-Time Student Price: \$375.

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Thursdays, January 21 to February 18, 2010, 11:00a.m. –12:30 p.m. CST Credits 7.5 PDH/.8 IACET ITE Member Price: \$625/Nonmember Price: \$781/Full-Time Student Price: \$313.

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Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.2 IACET \$25 non-refundable site fee. Registration includes one complimentary quiz. Additional quizzes available for \$10

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SAFETY ASPECTS OF TIMING TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Friday, December 18, 2009, 11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m. CST. Credits 1.5 PDH. ASCE Member Price: \$299/Nonmember Price: \$349.

TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDIES

Friday, January 8, 2010, 11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m. CST. Credits 1.5 PDH. ASCE Member Price: \$299/Nonmember Price: \$349.

IMPROVING SAFETY AT RAILROAD HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSINGS

Friday, January 15, 2010, 11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m. CST. Credits 1.5 PDH. ASCE Member Price: \$299/Nonmember Price: \$349.

APA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SMALL TOWN AND RURAL PLANNING

The American Planning Association Small Town and Rural (APA-STAR) Planning Division invites nominations for its Planning Awards to recognize outstanding individuals and projects for their contribution to planning excellence in small town and rural communities. The program is open to any individual, organization, or consulting firm involved in planning for small town and rural areas. Categories are:

- Outstanding Small Town and Rural Planner
- Outstanding Comprehensive Plan or Special Project Plan
- Outstanding Planning Initiative
- Outstanding Student Project

A complete nomination package must be **submitted (postmarked) no later than Friday, January 29, 2010**, using the on-line entry form at <http://www.planning.org/divisions/smalltown/awards/nominations2010.rtf>.



CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

TRB 89TH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday to Thursday, January 10 to 14, 2009 at the Connecticut Avenue Collection hotels: Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington, in Washington, D.C. Visit <http://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting2010/Public/AnnualMeeting2010.aspx> for more information.

ATSSA'S 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRAFFIC EXPO

Sunday to Thursday, February 14 to 18, 2010 Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. Visit the conference website at http://www.atssa.com/cs/atssa_2010_traffic_expo or call 800/272-8772 for more information.

ITE 2010 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, March 14-17, at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, Savannah, Georgia. For additional information call Sallie Dollins at 202-289-0222 ext. 149 or e-mail sdollins@ite.org. Visit the conference website at <http://www.ite.org/Conference/default.asp>.

ITS AMERICA 20TH ANNUAL MEETING AND EXPOSITION

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Sunday to Wednesday, May 3-5, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. For additional information e-mail Sandra Collier at scollier@itsa.org or visit the conference website at <http://www.itsa.org/annualmeeting.html>.

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday to Tuesday, June 27-29, at the Depot Minneapolis Marriott Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. For additional information e-mail Bob Green at chair@2010mwite.org. Watch the conference website at <http://www.2010mwite.org/> for additional details as they are developed.

CALL FOR PAPERS

51ST ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH FORUM

The Transportation Research Forum is now accepting papers for consideration as part of the program for the 51st Annual Forum, March 11-13, 2010, in Washington, D.C. Conference themes include Transportation in the Era of Economic Challenges, Sustainable Transportation, Transportation and Energy, Transportation and Policy in the 21st Century, and Challenges in Truck, Port, Transit, Intercity Rail and Air Transportation. A web based process for submission and review of papers is used. Instructions can be found at <http://www.trforum.org/callpapers/>. Abstracts are due December 15, 2009 and questions can be directed to Alan Bender, TRF Program Vice President at

alan.bender@erau.edu or by phone at (916) 719-9506.

IBTTA 78TH ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBITION

IBTTA's Annual Meeting and Exhibition is the most significant gathering of toll industry professionals and business partners in the world. Held September 12-15, 2010 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront in San Diego, California.

The last day to submit an abstract for this meeting is February 1, 2009. Online submission can be made at <http://www.ibtta.org/Events/content.cfm?ItemNumber=1443&navItemNumber=3910>





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **December 10** — Illinois Section 4th Annual Networking and Holiday Get Together, check e-mail and website for details.
- **January 10 to 14** - Transportation Research Board 89th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- **January 22** — Illinois Section Annual Awards Banquet at The White Eagle, Niles, IL.
- **February 12** — ACEC-Illinois' 2010 Engineering Excellence Awards Luncheon, Springfield, Illinois
- **February 14 to 20** — National Engineers Week
- **February 15**—ITEMS Deadline
- **February 19** — Washington Awards Banquet, Chicago, IL

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high and economic uncertainty is foremost in peoples' minds, you might not expect people to tax themselves for better public transit services." He continued on to identify the key lesson from these recent elections that "these votes for public transportation speak loud and clear: the public wants more public transportation service and is willing to pay for it." Already,

there are fifteen likely measures for ballots in 2010 and additional measures are expected to be announced in the coming months.

A complete list of 2009 ballot initiatives, as well as potential measures in 2010, is available at <http://www.cfte.org>. The Center for Transportation Excellence is a non-partisan research group based in Washington, D.C.



ILLINOIS SECTION '10-'11 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.

2010

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 27-29	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
November 18	Joint Meeting, ISPE Luncheon at Cliffbreaker's, Rockford
December 16	Year End Wrap-up (details to be provided)

2011

January 21	Annual Banquet at The White Eagle, Niles, IL
February 25	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet



ILLINOIS SECTION ELECTS NEW BOARD (CONTINUED)

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has worked in the Technical Group, helping to arrange a series of technical seminars for the Section, including the "Professional Traffic Operations Engineer Refresher" course in July 2008, and the "Highway Safety Manual" course in December 2008. This past year he served as the chair of the Seminars committee.

DIRECTOR ELECT—KEVIN O'NEILL

Mr. Kevin O'Neill is a Transportation Engineer with URS Corporation in Chicago and a registered engineer in Illinois, working on traffic engineering and ITS projects in the Chicago

area and throughout the country. He earned his degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University where he was a member of the ITE student chapter. As Director of the Student Affairs Group in 2007 and 2008, he oversaw the scholarship, internship, and student activities committees, and has been active in the Student Affairs group since 2004. He served as Local Arrangements Co-Chair for the 2004 and 2008 Midwestern District conferences, with his primary responsibility being to identify, set up, and administer the online registration process for attendees from an 11 state region.



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