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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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### JANUARY ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Join us at White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant, 6389 N Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL

Date: January 14, 2011

Time: Reception & Cash Bar - 6:00 P.M.  
Dinner - 7:00 P.M.

Cost: \$40 members & guests  
\$15 Students

Join us for an evening of awards, a live and silent auction, raffle prizes, fun with friends, student recognition, and installation of the 2011 Section Board



The cold weather and football season are here and with them the close of another great year for the Illinois Section of ITE. Thanks to all who made this past year such a success!

The Section has been very busy this fall with a number of traditional and first-time events. In September, we had our monthly luncheon meeting at Maggiano's in Chicago. **Randy Blankenhorn** and **Justine Reisinger** from CMAP spoke about the GO TO 2040 Plan and its potential impact on the region. Mr. Blankenhorn and his staff always do an excellent job, and this presentation was no exception. In November, the Section again jointly hosted a luncheon with the Rockford chapter of ISPE. **Steve Ernst** and **Mike Maddox** shared their perspectives on RMAP's 2040 planning efforts and some of the unique transportation challenges and opportunities that exist within the region. Read more about these events later in this newsletter.

In October, the Section had the privilege of hosting a special event honoring the Past Presidents of Illinois ITE. The luncheon event, attended by

nearly 20 of the Section's Past President and Past President Award winners, provided a roundtable forum for the membership to ask questions, gain industry insight, and be challenged by a truly distinguished panel. My thanks to **Ray Benekohal**, **Marty Buehler**, **Tom Kaeser**, **John LaPlante**, and **John Mick** for making up the panel and sharing their thoughts and perspective with those in attendance. A special thanks to **Jeff Young** as well for moderating the event and providing his insight throughout. The Illinois Section is blessed with a tremendous group of experienced, knowledgeable, and dedicated Past Presidents, and it was an honor to have so many of them in attendance! We appreciate their contributions to the Section and continue to look for ways to share their unique perspectives with the entire membership.

With school back in session, our student chapters are once again becoming active. Several members of the Section Board and I were able to visit a number of these chapters this fall, and I continue to be impressed by the quality of students who are pursuing careers in transportation engineering. More detailed reports on these visits are provided within this newsletter, but it was a privilege to meet those who represent the future of our profession. A special thanks to the faculty advisors whose leadership, perspective, and dedication allow the chapters to grow and thrive. I encourage the membership to continue to support these students by participating in Section events and contributing to the scholarship auction and raffle that are part of the Annual Banquet next month.

This year has truly been an exciting one for the Illinois Section, and it has been a privilege for me to

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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serve as President. My sincere thanks to the Section's Executive Board, directors, and committee chairs, whose diligent efforts make Illinois ITE so valuable to the membership. My congratulations to **Sara Disney Haufe** (Treasurer), **Brian DeSalle** (Director), and **Josh Harris** (Director) on their election to serve as part of the 2011 Board. In what may be a first for the Illinois Section, there is a tie for Affiliate Director between **Mike Phan** and **John Wirtz**. Per the Section's By-Laws, the newly elected Board will select between the two candidates at their first meeting. Thanks to all the candidates for volunteering to play leadership roles in the Section! I wish Kim and the rest of the newly elected Board success in the coming year and

know that under their leadership, the Section will continue to bring new and exciting opportunities to each of our members. With plans for the webcasting of Section events, a spring Student Day, and preparations for the 2012 District Conference, next year promises to be very busy - I encourage you to get involved!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Section this past year. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Winter Social (December 16th) and Annual Banquet (January 14th). Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Tim Sjogren, P.E., PTOE,

President, Illinois Section, ITE



Illinois Section Past Presidents respond to questions from attendees at the October luncheon

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Section Vice President Kim Kolody Silverman.* The Illinois Section of ITE continued the tradition of assisting with program planning and session moderating for the 59th Illinois Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference. The conference was held on October 20-22, 2010 and began with two pre-conference workshops. One of the workshops was "What's New in the 2009 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and the other was on the Highway Safety Manual. The conference continued with an incredible line-up of presentations made by representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, the Illinois State Police, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the American Traffic Safety Services Association, local municipalities and others. The presentations spanned a variety of interesting and informative topics in the area of traffic operations and transportation safety and allowed us to gain a better understanding of the safety programs and initiatives that are contributing to saving lives on the nation's highways.

In addition to an incredible program the Illinois Section of ITE continued its tradition of meeting with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign ITE student Chapter to share in pizza and conversation. **John Mick**, **Michelle Schwierjohn**, and **Kim Kolody Silverman**, joined by **Priscilla Tobias**, Illinois Department of Transportation State Safety Engineer, entertained questions from the students regarding the outlook for the transportation industry, working for public versus private sector, preparing for an interview, the benefits of graduate school, and many others. It was fun to meet and talk with a new generation of engineers who are eager to continue to improve transportation.

The Illinois Section of ITE will meet with each of the six student chapters throughout the year to address their questions and provide support as they prepare for a career in transportation engineering. We look forward to working with the students and are excited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Illinois Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference on October 19-21, 2011!



Illinois Section President Tim Sjogren and recognizes Jeff Young for his excellent services as moderator of the Past Presidents Panel



## STUDENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*By Student Affairs Director Sara Disney Haufe.* On November 4th, President **Tim Sjogren** and Student Affairs Director **Sara Disney Haufe** traveled to the Southern University of Illinois Edwardsville (SIUE) to visit the ITE Student Chapter. Since their founding in 2006, the SIUE Student Chapter has shown an enormous amount of dedication in reaching out to engineering professionals and jurisdictional agencies in both Illinois and Missouri for the purpose of meeting speakers and presentations, facility and job site tours, and career opportunities. The SIUE Student Chapter also boasts the winner of the Midwestern District's 2010 Student Paper Contest, **Jiguang Zhao**. This trip was the beginning of an annual effort by Section leadership to reach out to Student Chapters, particularly for campuses outside of the Chicagoland region.

As a part of their biweekly lunch meeting, the SIUE Student Chapter invited representatives of the Illinois Section to discuss the current state of the Chicago-area job market and career tips

for young engineers. The students also shared a great deal about their career plans and current studies. With a Senior Design Project required of all Civil Engineering students focused on transportation, Student Chapter members shared a variety of project topics that they are currently undertaking, including roundabout design and long-range transportation planning. Illinois Section members were also able to tour the traffic signal equipment lab and view the driving simulator used by faculty and students in research projects and hands-on learning efforts, courtesy of the Student Chapter Advisors, Professors **Huaguo (Hugo) Zhou** and **Ryan Fries**. Thanks in large part to the efforts of these gentlemen, interest in transportation engineering studies has increased substantially at SIUE in recent years – more than half of Civil Engineering students at SIUE are now pursuing transportation-related careers! Keep up with the SIUE Student Chapter via their website at <http://www.ce.siu.edu/ite/index.html>.



Illinois Section President Tim Sjogren and Student Affairs Director Sara Disney Haufe with the SIUE Student Chapter outside of the campus's Engineering Building

## ITE ILLINOIS SECTION ELECTS 2011 BOARD

*By Section Secretary Joel Christell.* The Illinois Section conducted officer and board elections using on-line balloting. The result of the voting confirmed that **Kim Kolody Silverman** was elected the new President, **Joel Christell** was elected Vice President, **Chad Hammerl** was elected Secretary, and **Sara Disney Haufe** was elected Treasurer.

In the contested positions of Director, **Brian DeSalle** and **Josh Harris** received the most

votes and will join the 2011 Board. The Affiliate Director race between **Michael Phan** and **John Wirtz** ended in a tie. According to the Illinois Section By-Laws, the new Board will vote for the Affiliate Director position at its first Board Meeting.

Thanks to **Ryan Jacox**, **Erik Cempel**, and Dr. **Zongzhi Li** for running for the director positions and for all your contributions to the Section.

## METROPULSE LAUNCH

The Regional Indicators Project's new MetroPulse web system has been launched at [www.metropulsechicago.org](http://www.metropulsechicago.org). Created in partnership by CMAP and **The Chicago Community Trust**, MetroPulse gives the public a simple but powerful interface to access a vast warehouse of data on quality-of-life factors in the seven-

county region. MetroPulse represents a major implementation step of the new GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan. Read more in a [press release](#) and view an archived [webinar](#) demonstration. CMAP strongly encourages their partners to make use of this extensive new data resource.



## TECHNICAL GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Technical Director Chris DeRosia.

### SEMINARS COMMITTEE

On December 9th, 2010, the ITE - Illinois Section, in partnership with McTrans, hosted the 2010 Highway Capacity Manual Workshop, at the Argonne National Laboratory Transportation Research Analysis and Computing Center (TRACC). **Bill Sampson** of the University of Florida instructed the workshop. Those that attended the course were directed to the following web link: <http://mctrans.ce.ufl.edu/training>

### TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED:

Uninterrupted Flow Methods

- **Basic Freeway Segments**
- **Freeway Weaving Segments**
- **Freeway Merge and Diverge Segments**
- **Freeway Facilities**

- **Multilane Highways**

- **Two-Lane Highways**

Interrupted Flow Methods

- **Two-Way Stop Control**

- **All-Way Stop Control**

- **Roundabouts**

- **Signalized Intersections**

- **Urban Street Segments**

- **Urban Street Facilities**

The Technical Group is planning many interesting professional development events in 2011 including webinars and workshops. As always, we welcome ideas from the membership on webinar and workshop topics or suggestions to make these professional training events more worthwhile and enjoyable.

## OPERATIONS GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Operations Group Director Mike Phan. Our website (<http://www.ilite.org/start/>) contains the major topics such as Meetings, Newsletter, Membership, Business, and News such as Illinois Section Announcements, Road & Bridge News, and IDOT News. There are links to the Midwestern District Meeting and International Meeting. Archived are presentations from past luncheon meetings. Past ITEMS newsletters can be viewed back to 2004. If you have moved or need to update your information, please visit <http://www.ilite.org/start/ChangeofAddress/tabid/85/Default.aspx>.

Have you considered advertising in the ITEMS Newsletter? It's a great way to show your support for ILITE, not to mention a great way to promote your organization's products and services. If interested, a form can be found at <http://www.ilite.org/start/Advertising/tabid/82/Default.aspx>.

Membership continues to increase in 2010. It is important that we retain our members as well as trying to gain new ones. We are very thankful to the Institute of Transportation Engineers for providing billing services in the past to our Affiliate (aka Section) members. Unfortunately, International ITE has declined to continue this service. If you are a member of International ITE then you are already a regular Section member with the Section dues forwarded to each Section. In December 2010 affiliate members will be receiving an invoice for the Illinois Section of ITE for the 2011 Dues.

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.

### SEMINARS COMMITTEE CHAIR SOUGHT

The Technical Group is currently searching for volunteers to help with the Seminars Committee. Any interested individuals may contact Chris DeRosia at [cderosia@patrickengineering.com](mailto:cderosia@patrickengineering.com) or (312) 201-7931. The duties include advertising, making arrangements, and handling registration for Illinois Section technical training events. Please step up and volunteer so that the section can continue to provide worthwhile training opportunities to the local membership.





## ACTIVITIES GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Activities Director Brian DeSalle. Fall has been another active season for the Activities Group. Our first event of the fall was the September 16 luncheon at Maggiano's in downtown Chicago. Mr. **Randy Blankenhorn**, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, spoke to a group of 40 members and transportation professionals about the GO TO 2040 Long-Range Plan, which was finalized in early October. Mr. Blankenhorn described the vision and goals of the planning study, anticipated funding mechanisms for proposed improvements, and the proposed major capital projects included in the plan.

The next big fall event was again located at the downtown Maggiano's, and was a special luncheon held on October 28. What made the luncheon special for our members was a roundtable discussion consisting of Section Past Presidents and Past President Award winners. Fifty members, professionals, and students came to listen to the stories, expertise, and vision of five successful members of the transportation engineering profession. The roundtable panel consisted of:

Moderator :

- **Jeff Young, P.E., 2004 Section Past President**

Panel Members:

- **John LaPlante, P.E., PTOE, 1975 Section Past President, 1990 Past President Award Winner, 2010 Theodore Matson Award Winner (International ITE)**
- **Thomas Kaeser, P.E. (Ret.), 1992 Section Past President, 2000 Past President Award Winner**

- **Martin Buehler, P.E., 1985 Section Past President, 2004 Past President Award Winner**
- **Rahim Benekohal, Ph.D., University of Illinois - UC, 1998 Past President Award Winner**
- **John "Tex" Mick II, P.E., 1994 Section Past President, 2001 Past President Award Winner**

The panel shared some of their ideas for the future of the profession, what could be improved in training for young engineers, and fielded questions from the audience. It was an excellent experience for all involved, and we hope to do another similar event in the future.

Our final fall event was our annual Rockford luncheon on November 18 with members from the Rockford chapter of ISPE. **Steve Ernst**, Executive Director of the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and **Michael Maddox** discussed the RMAP 2040 Long-Range Plan, and discussed the unique challenges facing the Rockford region in terms of transportation and land use planning. 20 ITE members and 13 ISPE members were in attendance for the presentation.

We have the 2011 Annual Banquet scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2011 at the White Eagle in Niles. Be sure to save the date, and see the attached donation form if you are interested in donating an item or money to the Illinois ITE Scholarship Fund. We hope to see you at the annual banquet!

## GO TO 2040 LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Starting December 10th, CMAP began accepting applications to provide local technical assistance for planning projects that help to implement **GO TO 2040**. Eligible projects include comprehensive plans, zoning ordinance revisions, specific studies on important local issues, and many others. Eligible applicants include municipalities, counties, interjurisdictional groups, and nongovernmental organizations. Applications can be completed with a very simple, easy-to-use form and are due by January 28, 2011. For more details and to download an application form, please visit [www.cmap.illinois.gov/local-planning/call-for-projects](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/local-planning/call-for-projects). Please contact Pete Saunders (312-386-8654 or [psaunders@cmapp.illinois.gov](mailto:psaunders@cmapp.illinois.gov)) with any questions.



## REGIONAL FINALS IN "FUTURE CITY COMPETITION™" SET

In conjunction with NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK™ (NEW), Chicago engineering societies will be hosting a student design competition in area schools. The contest, known as the "Future City Competition™" will require middle grade students, with the assistance of an engineer mentor, to design a future city with Sim-City 4 Deluxe software and then build three-dimensional table top model to scale.

This program has been developed by engineers to provide much needed technological education to the students. According to **Bob Johnson**, spokesman for the Chicago program, the competition is in its nineteenth year and is the only one of the 39 regional programs that has competed all years. "Currently teams from more than 20 Chicago area middle schools (and one team from the St. Louis area!) are working on their futuristic cities using the SimCity software and beginning to write their essays." This year's essay topic is "Providing a Reliable and Effective Health Care System That Improves a Sick, Injured or Disabled Patient's Quality of Life and Comfort." Students will also write a City Narrative outlining the key features of their city.

Regional chairman **Don Wittmer** notes, "It is exciting to see the interaction between the students and witness the enthusiasm that these students have in learning about engineering and the real life problems that are encountered everyday. Our hope is that this competition helps students consider the possibility of studying engineering when they attend college."

Locally, the regional judging for the competition will take place Saturday, January 29, 2011, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 750 South Halsted. Judging of the projects will begin 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The winners will be announced at an Awards Ceremony beginning about 3:00 p.m. The student models will be on display until the conclusion of the awards ceremony. The public is invited and encouraged to see the vision of the future as seen by

Chicagoland's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. There is no cost to attend.

Students from Chicago area schools will be competing for the top prize. The winning school will receive prizes and trophies for the team members. All participants will receive gifts courtesy of the Chicagoland Engineers Week Committee and local engineering/architecture firms. In addition, team members from the winning school will advance to the final judging in Washington, DC. during NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK™, February 20-26, 2011. The winner of the national competition will receive a week's trip to Space Camp. Top teams from the Regional Competition will be honored at the Annual Chicagoland Engineers Benefit, February 25, 2011.

Since 1951, NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK™, has been the nationwide celebration of the engineering profession, acknowledging the essential role which engineering has played in advancing civilization and adding quality to our lives. In Chicago, activities scheduled include engineering lectures, student outreach efforts, bridge building competitions, and exhibitions of engineering achievements. More than 30,000 students from 1000 schools in 39 regions participated in the 2010 competition. It is sponsored by the National Engineers Week Committee, a consortium of engineering associations and major U.S. industries. Co-chairs for 2011 are Raytheon and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

For more information (including sponsorship - volunteer opportunities)

[www.futurecitychicago.org](http://www.futurecitychicago.org)

Visit the National Engineers Week™ at <http://www.eweek.org>

Chicago Engineers Week information at <http://www.chicagolandeweek.org>



2010 Regional winners from St. Paul of the Cross



## INDUSTRY NEWS

### GETTING AROUND ILLINOIS RE- DESIGN DEBUTS FOR WINTER DRIVING SEASON

December 1, 2010, Springfield, IL. The latest on winter driving conditions, ongoing road construction, traffic volumes on state routes and the status of future projects is more accessible than ever on the new and improved [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com), unveiled today by Illinois Transportation Secretary **Gary Hannig**.

"The Illinois Department of Transportation strives to provide the best in customer service," Hannig said. "The relaunched Getting Around Illinois site makes it easier than ever for the public to tap into a wealth of travel information compiled by IDOT staff."

The site, featuring an interactive, multilayered map of Illinois, pulls together information from a variety of IDOT bureaus. A couple of mouse clicks is all it takes to find updated construction information, average daily traffic counts and projects contained in IDOT's multiyear plans. Users also can map their trips to include stops at various points of interest across the state, including gas stations, restaurants, hotels, schools, government offices and museums.

Since its inception five years ago, [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com) remains a mainstay with travelers and weather forecasters for its road conditions updated every 10 minutes. During the winter, the site receives for an average of 50,000 hits a month.

The redesign incorporates a modernized map, highlighted by new aerial imagery and expanded points of interest. In addition, the site offers improved access to data critical for the commercial trucking industry, such as information about weight restrictions on local roads and bridges.

The revisions to the site were developed by IDOT and GIS Solutions in Springfield using popular mainstream technologies, such as Microsoft Silverlight, ESRI ArcGIS Server, NAVTEQ

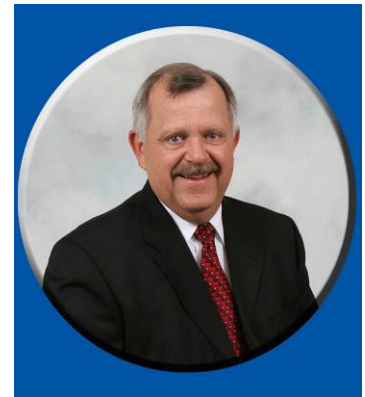
and Map Tips. For a look at some of the new features you'll find, check out this short video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZxhjpYN\\_9Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZxhjpYN_9Q).

### RALPH ANDERSON RETIRES

December 3, 2010, Springfield, IL. **Ralph Anderson** was honored on December 15 at a reception in the Harry R. Hanley Center in Springfield, Illinois in recognition of his retirement after 33 and a half years of exceptional service at the Illinois Department of Transportation. At the time of his retirement he was serving as Chief of the Bureau of Bridges and Structures. The Illinois Section ITE joins our peers in wishing Ralph a long, healthy, and prosperous retirement.

### TIMOTHY MARTIN LEADS JACOBS CHICAGO INFRASTRUCTURE

December 15, 2010, Chicago, IL. **Timothy Martin** joined Jacobs to lead the North American East Infrastructure Group Chicago office. Between February, 2003 and January, 2007 Mr. Martin served as Secretary of Transportation for the State of Illinois. He was the Chief Operating Officer for the Chicago Public Schools from 1997 to 2003. At CPS, Martin was responsible for the day-to-day operations of over 600 schools. In addition CPS undertook one of the most aggressive capital programs consistently opening more new classrooms each year, than any other year in recent history. Between 1987 and 1997, Mr. Martin served in a number of positions with the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Works. While there he oversaw the reconstruction of State Street and the relocation of Lake Shore Drive which formed the Museum Campus on Chicago's lakefront. Both major projects were brought in on time and within the originally programmed budget. Mr. Martin has a BS in Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago and an MBA also from the University of Illinois in Chicago. He is a licensed registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.



Ralph Anderson, Chief,  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Bridges and Structures



ILLINOIS SECTION

*Institute of Transportation Engineers*
**2012 ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT - TRB USS CONFERENCE UPDATE**

The 2012 Midwestern District Conference will be co-hosted with the TRB-Urban Street Symposium (USS). USS is an international group focused on improving the designs of urban streets in large cities as well as small communities. The USS meeting attendance ranges from 200-250. If you are at TRB this coming January please introduce yourselves to members of the USS.

**2012 CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

**WHEN: SUNDAY JUNE 26TH THROUGH WEDNESDAY JUNE 29TH, 2012**

**WHERE: HOLIDAY INN - CHICAGO MART PLAZA**

<http://www.martplaza.com/>

**WHAT: THREE TRACKS OF PODIUM SESSIONS, INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS, TRAINING SESSIONS, COLLEGE BOWL, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, TECHNICAL TOURS**

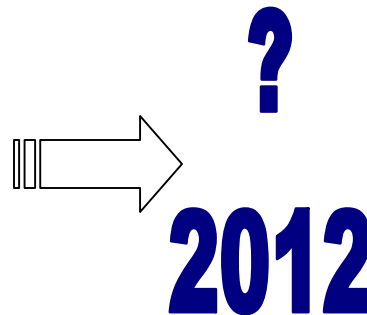
**WE ARE IN NEED OF A CONFERENCE LOGO!**

Calling all creative people! The 2012 Conference Committee is looking for a volunteer to develop a logo for the 2012 Midwestern District Conference and TRB-Urban Street Symposium. The conference theme has been set



**MY STREET, YOUR STREET, OUR STREET  
DEVELOPING LIVABLE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS**

The winning designer will receive **\$50 off full 2012 conference registration.**



Please send your artwork to Kim Grabow, City of Naperville [GrabowK@naperville.il.us](mailto:GrabowK@naperville.il.us) by FEBRUARY 4, 2011





## VOTERS APPROVE 77% OF TRANSPORTATION BALLOT MEASURES IN 2010

The following is a reprint of a November 3, 2010 press release from the Center for Transportation Excellence (CTFE), a non-partisan research group in Washington DC. In 2010, voters continued to show their support for transportation investment by approving 77% of ballot measures. On Election Day, 22 out of 30 measures were approved in 13 states. For the entire year, the CTFE found that voters approved 43 out of 56 measures. Nearly \$500 million in funding over five years was approved by voters on November 2. When added to funding approved earlier in the year, voters have supported over \$1 billion in transportation investment. Information on all the 2010 measures is available at [www.cfte.org](http://www.cfte.org).

Voters across the country—from Hawaii to Rhode Island—approved measures on November 2 that demonstrate their commitment to improving transportation choices and increasing investment in their local infrastructure and services.

"Yesterday's results at the ballot box reaffirm a decade worth of data demonstrating voters' overwhelming support for investment in public transportation," said CFTE Executive Director **Jason Jordan**. "Despite the economy and conventional political wisdom about opposition to taxes, voters acknowledged that thoughtful, targeted investments in their communities are vital to restoring and sustaining prosperity."

Two counties in Virginia approved bonds totaling over \$150 million to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Capital Improvement Program. In Rhode Island, more than 70% of voters approved a statewide measure for \$4.7 million to purchase and rehabilitate buses for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. Overall, 75% of bond measures were approved yesterday.

Property tax increases or renewals were successful in four Michigan jurisdictions, two West Virginia cities and two counties in Ohio. Overall,

this was both the most popular type of finance measure on the November ballot and the most successful, with an approval rate of 78%.

Five out of seven counties in the San Francisco Bay Area voted to increase vehicle registration fees by \$10 to support transportation investments, making vehicle fees a new and noteworthy financing tool, with a 71% success rate.

Only 10% of measures yesterday were non-finance. California voters, statewide, showed support for transportation investment by approving Proposition 22, a constitutional amendment to close loopholes that allowed the state to fill budget gaps with money designated for transportation. In Oahu, HI, the electorate decided to create a public transit authority to oversee the construction and operation of the city's \$5.5 billion rail transit project. When faced with a question of leaving the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and using their half-cent sales tax on other services, voters in Richland Hills, TX chose to stay with the T.

CFTE also monitored several measures that are not counted in the year's total, but which demonstrate voter's support for transit-friendly investment and decision-making. In Austin, TX, 55% of voters approved a \$90 million bond for mobility projects and complete streets investments. These projects will help make the region more transit-friendly. Also worth noting, Californians overwhelmingly defeated Proposition 23, with 61% of the voters rejecting the measure. Prop 23 would have suspended California's landmark clean air legislation, AB 32--The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. AB 32 requires that the state cut greenhouse gas emission levels to 1990 levels by 2020, and is slated to begin in 2012.

### REFER A FRIEND

The Illinois Section will send a complementary issue of ITEMS to your friend or business acquaintance who may be interested in joining ITE. E-mail the contact information to your ITEMS editor at:

[mark.rinnan@jacobs.com](mailto:mark.rinnan@jacobs.com)

or fax the information to 312.251.3015. The contact will be provided membership information and acknowledgement of your referral.



## 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.

### TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ANALYSES FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 1:00 –2:30 p.m. CST Credits 1.5 PDH/0.2 IACET CEU/1.5 CM. ITE Series Site Fee: \$250 ITE Member /\$325 Nonmember /\$125 Student Chapter Member.

### TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATIONS SPECIALIST® REFRESHER COURSE

Tuesdays, February 1 to March 1, 2011, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/0.9 IACET CEU. ITE Series Site Fee: \$625 ITE Member / \$781 Nonmember /\$313 Student Chapter Member.

### PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ENGINEER® REFRESHER COURSE

Wednesdays, February 2 to March 2, 2011, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/0.9 IACET CEU. ITE Series Site Fee: \$625 ITE Member /\$781 Nonmember /\$313 Student Chapter Member.

### PROFESSIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS® REFRESHER COURSE

Wednesdays, April 13 to May 18, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/0.9 IACET CEU. Approved Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for this activity are pending. ITE Series Site Fee: \$750 ITE Member /\$938 Nonmember / \$375 Student Chapter Member.

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP: FUNDAMENTALS OF GEOMETRIC DESIGN

Monday to Friday, February 14 - 18, 2011, Contact Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) for course times. Credits 34 PDH/3.4 IACET CEU. \$1050 per person. Course held at the NUCPS, 1801 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL. Visit <http://nucps.northwestern.edu/> for more information.

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP: ADVANCED GEOMETRIC DESIGN

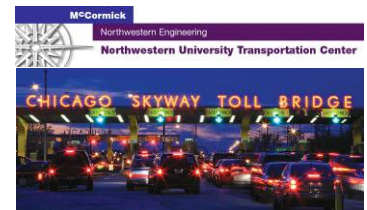
Monday to Friday, February 21 - 25, 2011, Contact NUCPS for course times. Credits 34 PDH/3.4 IACET CEU. \$1050 per person. Course held at the NUCPS, 1801 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL. Visit <http://nucps.northwestern.edu/> for more information.

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ON DEMAND COURSES

The NUCPS can deliver courses on-site at a location of your choice. If you are interested in hosting an NUCPS course or program, please phone 800.323.4011 or e-mail [nucps@northwestern.edu](mailto:nucps@northwestern.edu).

### GREEN MARKETS

February 1 - 4, 2011, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM  
Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Wednesday. Contact Diana Marek at [d-marek@northwestern.edu](mailto:d-marek@northwestern.edu) or call 847-491-2280 for information on Professional Development Credits. \$2160 per person government and academic rate or discounted program fee if paid before September 13, normal program fee \$2700. Course held at Chambers Hall, the Northwestern University Transportation Center, Evanston, IL. Visit <http://transportation.northwestern.edu/> for more information.



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### TRB 90TH ANNUAL MEETING

Monday to Friday, January 23 to 27, at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Washington Hilton hotels, in Washington, DC. For more information visit <http://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting2011/Public/AnnualMeeting2011.aspx>

### ACEC GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: OPPORTUNITIES IN EXPANDING MARKETS

Tuesday to Friday, February 1 to 4, at the Embassy Suites, San Antonio Riverwalk-Downtown, San Antonio, TX. For more information visit <http://www.acec.org/education/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=1232>

### ATSSA 41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRAFFIC EXPO

Sunday to Thursday, February 13 to 17, at the Phoenix Convention Center, in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information visit <http://expo.atssa.com/>

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

### IBTTA 2011 MEETINGS

The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association is now accepting abstracts for several meetings. Abstracts for the Interoperability and All-Electronic Toll Collection Workshop to be held at the Plano Marriott in Plano, Texas will be accepted until January 7, 2011. Abstracts for the Transportation Policy and Finance Summit at the Baltimore Waterfront Marriott in Baltimore, Maryland will be accepted until January 31, 2011. Finally, abstracts for the 79th Annual Meeting to be held in Berlin, Germany at the Intercontinental Hotel will be accepted until February 28, 2011. All abstracts are to be submitted on-line. Visit <http://ww4.aievolution.com/ibt1101/> to set up a submission profile.

### THE 97TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22 & 23, at the Illini Union Building, Champaign-Urbana, IL. For more information visit <http://www.theconf.com/>

### 2011 ITE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

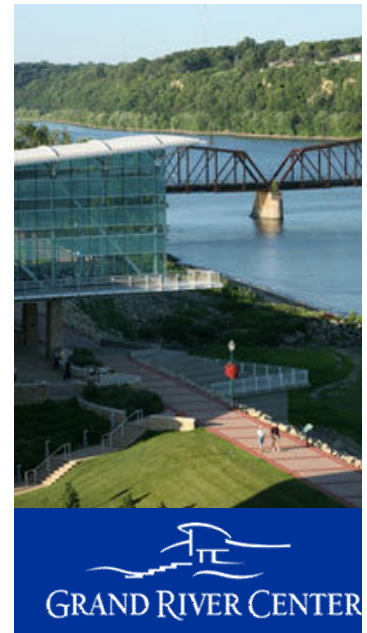
Sunday to Wednesday, April 3 to 6, at the Walt Disney World Swan Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. For more information visit <http://www.ite.org/conference/default.asp>

### ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT 45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING

Held in conjunction with the Missouri Valley ITE Spring Annual Meeting. Sunday to Tuesday, June 26 to 28, at the Grand River Center, in Dubuque, Iowa. Watch for e-mails and the District website at <http://www.midwesternite.org/> for more information.

### 18TH ITS WORLD CONGRESS

The Intelligence Transportation Society is now accepting on-line submissions for papers to be presented at the 18th World Congress to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida from October 16 to 20, 2011. Draft papers submittals will be accepted until January 14, 2011. All abstracts are to be submitted on-line. Visit <http://www.itsa.org/worldcongress.html> to download a pdf describing paper submittal requirements.





**SECTION CALENDAR**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- **December 16** – Illinois Section Winter Social, iO Theatre, 3541 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
- **January 14** – Illinois Section Awards Banquet, White Eagle, Niles, Illinois
- **January 29** - Future City Competition, University of Illinois Chicago, 750 S Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois
- **February 15**—ITEMs Deadline
- **February 20 to 26** - National Engineers Week
- **February 25** – Chicagoland E-week Washington Award Banquet, University Club of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Visit the [Chicagoland Engineer Week](#) website for more information

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

### 2011

March 17	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
April 3- 6	ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Walt Disney World Swan, Lake Buena Vista, FL
April 14	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
May 19	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
June 16	Suburban Maggiano's - Joint Meeting, ASCE (Tentative)
June TBD	Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the MOVITE Section
July 14	Illinois Section ITE Summer Social Event
August 13-16	ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, America's Center, St. Louis, MO
August TBD	Golf Outing - Joint Outing with the Irish Engineers Group
September 15	Holiday Inn, Naperville - Joint Meeting (Dinner), ISPE
October 20	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
November 17	Monthly Luncheon at Cliffbreaker's, Rockford
December 15	Year End Social Event (details to be provided)

### 2012

January 13	Annual Banquet at The White Eagle, Niles, IL
January 22-26	TRB Annual Meeting, Washington DC
February 24	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet

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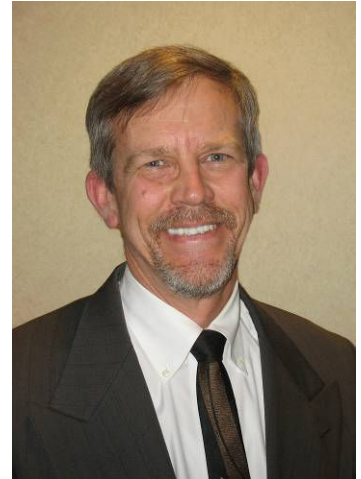
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