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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Illinois Section continues to be busy this summer with conferences, social events, and luncheons.

Mr. Jeff Young of the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) spoke at the July Luncheon. Mr. Young presented on Communicating through Social Media – Applications in Transportation Engineering. Thank you, Jeff for continuing to be involved in the Section.

I represented the Section at the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit held in Atlanta, Georgia. ITE members from all over the world congregated to share their experiences in the transportation industry through technical presentations, roundtable discussions, and social events. There were great technical presentations including innovative intersection designs, roundabout design and safety, and separated bikeways discussions panel. It was great to see other Illinois Section members in attendance including Mark Rinnan, Jeff Young, John LaPlante, and Peter Lemmon. The 3rd Annual Traffic Bowl Championship was held and the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana repre-

sented the Midwestern District. The team did great, but couldn't quite win the championship.

The 2nd Annual ITE/WTS Golf Outing was held on August 24th with nearly 40 golfers hacking their way around the golf course. Thank you to the organizers, Brian DeSalle and Jessie Slaton, and WTS for making the outing successful. Also, big thanks go to our sponsors, HNTB and Civiltech Engineering.

The September 19th Luncheon was held downtown at Maggiano's and featured Janet Attarian of the Chicago Department of Transportation. She presented on CDOT's "Make Way for People" initiative. Also, CDOT in conjunction with the Illinois Section of ITE held a workshop on Friday, September 21st titled "**Complete Streets Policies and Procedures**".

We still have many events coming up this Fall. The 61st Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference will be held at the I Hotel in Champaign from October 17th through the 18th. Sign up now for this great conference by visiting <http://www.trafficconf.com/>.

We are finalizing the Annual Banquet, which will be tentatively held on February 1st at the Columbia Yacht Club in downtown Chicago. Check for an email soon with the details of the event.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

We need more Facebook and LinkedIn members! Please friend us or join our group.

October Student Event

Join us at the UIUC
Nathan M Newmark
Civil Engineering Lab
205 North Matthews Avenue,
Urbana, IL

Date: October 17, 2012

Time: Pizza Dinner at 6:30 PM
Networking until 8 PM

Cost: Free for all attendees

Topic: Informal Networking

Register: Please E-mail
Josh Harris at jharris@civiltechinc.com or
by phone at (630) 735-3958 to confirm your
attendance



ACTIVITIES GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Activities Group Director Brian DeSalle.

The Activities Group has had a relatively quiet summer this year. We have had few planned luncheons and activities due to the 2012 Midwestern District Conference and 4th Urban Street Symposium held here in Chicago in June and the 2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta in early August. However, we did hold a special July luncheon this year on July 19th. The speaker was Mr. Jeff Young, P.E., Assistant County Engineer with McHenry County, and a Illinois Section Past President, as well as the 2011 Past President's Award Winner. Mr. Young presented on Communicating through Social Media - Applications in Transportation Engineering. Nearly 30 professionals were in attendance for the luncheon presentation.

Our other big summer event was the 2nd Annual ITE-WTS Joint Golf Outing. We had 40 golfers from both organizations participate in this

year's outing, with sponsorships provided by HNTB and Civiltech. The winning teams this year were Ken Glassman's team (4th straight year!) and the team from Ardmore Associates, who tied with rounds of 62 (-9). The winners of this year's individual prizes were Nick Simmons for Closest to Pin, Mae Whiteside for Longest Putt, and Mike "The Hammer" Folkening for Longest Drive. Thanks to all those who participated for making this year's outing a success! We raised over \$300 for the ITE and WTS Scholarship Funds!

The Activities group would like to encourage everyone to continue coming out to ITE events, including the Illinois Section sponsorship of a student oriented event at the Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference in Champaign, and a November luncheon meeting to be held in Rockford. Stay tuned for more details on these upcoming events.

NEW FACES OF ENGINEERING - COLLEGE EDITION 2013 NOMINATIONS

New Faces of Engineering - College Edition returns for its second year to recognize some of the nation's most promising undergraduate engineering students. Applications are now available at www.Facebook.com/CollegeEdition. The deadline for submission is Friday, November 16. Nominees will be announced during Engineers Week, 2013 (February 17-23). Winners will be announced on April 2 and will receive scholarships and national recognition in print and online.

In its successful inaugural year, College Edition's 15 honorees represented a cross-section of interests, specialties and backgrounds. One of last year's winners, DeeAnn Turpin, is a Biological Systems Engineering major at Kansas State University and an active member of Engineers Without Borders. DeeAnn was nominated by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and as an honoree, she was able to participate as a judge

in the Future City Competition's national finals (www.futurecity.org). DeeAnn shared her enthusiasm on Facebook: "I am very honored to have been selected for the New Faces of Engineering College Edition Award and I am proud to represent EWB, SHPE, and K-State! Go Cats!!"

The College Edition Facebook page recognizes the achievements of third, fourth and fifth year engineering students and provides a forum where students can communicate with the Foundation throughout the year. The page also provides a source of academic and professional development opportunities available to them from National Engineers Week Foundation's engineering association, university, and corporate partners. Students can meet with their engineering peers in every field and learn about other events, licensure exams, internships, jobs, competitions, engineering associations and more.



Midwestern District and Urban Streets Symposium conference attendees on a bike tour of Chicago



Jeff Young and Joel Christell chat in the Exhibit Hall at the ITE Annual Meeting at Atlanta



The Complete Streets Policies and Procedures workshop played to a full house



Janet Attarian explains the Make Way For People program at the September luncheon



STUDENT AFFAIRS GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Student Affairs Group Director Joshua Harris

SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION (PAGE 14)

The ITE Illinois Section is proud to announce that we are continuing the Scholarship and Student Paper Awards this year. The awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner Banquet on January 11th.

The Section Scholarship Award is presented annually to encourage students to consider Transportation Engineering or Transportation Planning in their studies and career aspiration and to provide partial financial support to students who have demonstrated an interest and are likely to work in the transportation field. The Scholarship is provided to one graduate and one undergraduate student matriculating in Illinois in the form of \$2,000 each to be used as they choose.

ITE Illinois Section student members currently enrolled in a graduate program in the state of Illinois are also provided the opportunity to submit a written paper on a transportation engineering topic for the chance to win \$1,000 in the 2012 ITE Illinois Section Student Paper Award competition. The papers are judged on scope and format, originality, applicability to the field, validity, and significance.

All materials for the scholarships and paper are due November 30th. Application information is included in this newsletter and can be found on the Illinois ITE website at www.ilite.org for application materials and more information on the terms and conditions of each award, or contact Joshua Harris at jharris@civitechinc.com.

STUDENT DAY

The ITE Illinois Section is will hold another Student Day next year on March 29, 2013 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. The Student Day is for local university undergraduate and graduate students in transportation planning and engineering disciplines. The event includes a career fair at the beginning of the day and the opportunity for the students to interact with the section's general membership and to provide a forum for our membership to share their professional experience with the students at lunch.

SCHOOL VISITS AND REQUESTS

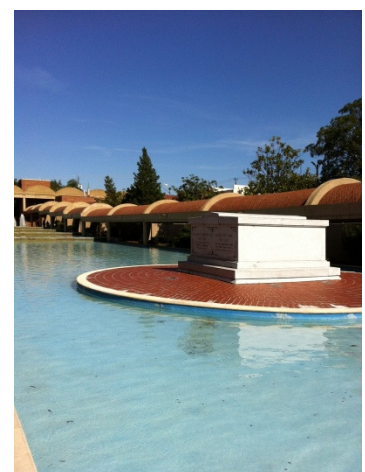
The ITE Illinois Section is looking to do more for each school. Currently we are working with student chapter advisors to coordinate a visit to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville on October 30th, and to Northwestern University on November 29th. Additional details about these events will be communicated to the student through their respective chapter advisor. Can we come by and visit your school and get a better understanding of the student's needs? If there is anything that the Section can do, please contact Joshua Harris at jharris@civitechinc.com.



UIUC Traffic Bowl finalist Craig Jakobsen, Kyle Schweizer, and Kelly Dunne at the ITE Annual Meeting in Atlanta



Olympic Rings form the fountain in Olympic Park



The tomb of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King is reminiscent of the reflecting pool at the Washington Monument, site of Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech



ELECTION RESULTS

Results from the 2012 election campaign are in. The 2013 officers include Zaki Mustafa as International President Elect and W. Hibbett Neel as International Vice-President Elect. Extracts of biographies from each of their ITE Communities web pages <http://community.ite.org/ITE/Home/> are provided for your information.

ZAKI MUSTAFA, P.E.

I have worked for the City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation (LADOT) for the last 26 years. As the Chief of Field Operations, I am responsible for crews that install and maintain all traffic control devices for the City, including more than 770,000 signs, 4,600 traffic signals, and more than 6,500 miles of pavement markings. I manage more than 280 employees with a budget of approximately \$30 million.

My family lives under the principle that it is "better to give than to receive." My entire family has been blessed in many ways, and we try to give back to the community by volunteering through organizations such as the Foothill Family Shelter, the Salvation Army, Mary's Mercy Center, and St. Vincent De Paul. I am very active in our church and have served for 15 years as an Assistant Scout Master with the Boy Scouts of America.

W. HIBBETT NEEL, P.E.

I am a registered professional engineer in Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. I served as Assistant State Traffic Engineer for the Tennessee State Highway Department from 1967-1969. In 1969, I joined Hensley-Schmidt, Inc. and served as project manager on numerous federally funded Traffic Operations and Safety Programs (TOPICS) throughout the Southeastern United States. In 1974, after moving six times in five years, we settled in Jackson, Mississippi, where I was responsible for developing and managing a branch office for Hensley-Schmidt. I was an advocate for traffic safety and served as an expert witness in litigation concerning traffic operation and safety. In 1983, I co-founded Neel-Schaffer, Inc. (NSI) and became its first President and CEO. In its 25 years, NSI has grown from 20 employees to a 400-person employee-owned engineering and planning firm with 26 offices located from Nashville, Tennessee to Ft. Worth, Texas. Transportation engineering and planning services are a large portion of the firm's business. I am responsible for strategic planning and direction of the firm's activities. Much of the firm's success can be attributed to our community activities, commitment to professional development, and the involvement of our employees in ITE.



Zaki Mustafa, P.E. current International Vice President and ITE International President Elect



W. Hibbett Neel Jr. P.E. ITE International Vice-President Elect

FUTURE CITY SCHOOL TEAM REGISTRATION

The Chicago regional competition will be held in mid-late January. First place winners from Chicago will join teams from other regions for an all-expense-paid trip to the Future City National Finals in Washington, D.C., February 2013 during National Engineers Week™. Grand prize is a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

The competition asks students, working in teams and under the guidance of a teacher and a volunteer engineer mentor from the community, to design a city of the future and include a plan that helps meet a particular social need.

Students build their cities first on a computer using SimCity 4 Deluxe and then in large three-dimensional scale model. Students start with a research essay describing their concept, which this year is themed: RETHINK RUNOFF - Design Clean Water Solution to Manage Stormwater Pollution. Students will also write a City Narrative outlining the key features of their city.

Registration deadline for the 2013 Future City Competition is October 15. Contact Chicago regional coordinator Don Wittmer at (312) 930-9119 or [dwittmer@hntb.com](mailto:d Wittmer@hntb.com), visit www.futurecity.org/Illinois-Chicago.





IDOT ENCOURAGES PUBLIC TO “EMBRACE THE ORANGE” AND HELP SAVE LIVES

AUGUST 14, 2012, SPRINGFIELD, IL

Agency Launches New Work Zone Safety Website, Online Pledge Drive

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider announced today a new website to help promote the department's latest work zone safety campaign entitled "Embrace the Orange." As a part of the campaign, the motoring public is encouraged to sign the Work Zone Safety Pledge featured on the new site. The campaign goals are to reduce work zone crashes and fatalities on Illinois roadways. "We want to remind all motorists to obey posted speed limits, stop texting and driving and always remember that talking on cell phones or using any hand-held devices while driving through a work zone is illegal" said Secretary Schneider.

On the new website, visitors will find detailed information about how to be safe in work zones, work zone standards and policies, information about photo speed enforcement and work zone crash statistics. Visitors to the website are also encouraged to do their part to help save lives and sign the Work Zone Safety Pledge. The pledge asks motorists not to text and drive or talk on the phone in work zones. It also encourages motorists to be safe in work zones by obeying the posted speed limits at all times, pay attention to changing conditions and be courteous to other motorists. On average, there are over 7,000 work zone motor vehicle crashes in Illinois every year. In 2011, 24 people died in work zones, 21 of those deaths were the drivers or passengers of vehicles, one was a pedestrian and two were construction workers.

In June 2012, the Illinois Department of Transportation kicked off the work zone safety campaign and partnered with Comcast Cable to create "Seymour Signs," a bold, animated character, to help educate motorists on the dangers of reckless driving in work zones. The commercial can be viewed on the new website. To access the new website or take the pledge, visit the Embrace the Orange website at www.EmbracetheOrange.com.

IDOT WINS MID AMERICA AWARD FOR MEDIUM PROJECT

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials announced the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) won the Mid America region Best Transportation Project award for a medium sized project. IDOT used a new comprehensive strategy to manage traffic and accelerate the construction schedule for its project that reconstructed 11 miles of Interstate 55, a heavily traveled route near St. Louis. The traffic control strategy included use of innovative staging and a computer-assisted traffic control system.

This Smart Traffic Monitoring System monitored real-time traffic conditions and automatically updated dynamic messaging, including driving instructions and current delay times for particular locations. Due to this system and other inno-

vative strategies by IDOT, the \$42.3 million project was completed ahead of schedule with very few accidents, significant resource savings, and excellent feedback from the public.

Once all regional winners are announced, the 10 projects with the highest total judge votes will compete for the Grand Prize, awarded to the state DOT project receiving the greatest number of points in judging by a panel of experts, and People's Choice Award, presented to the transportation project that receives the most online votes. Online voting end Oct. 19.

The winners of both awards will be announced at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh in November. Learn more about the projects and the competition at: www.AmericasTransportationAward.org.

WELCOME TO WISCONSIN!

The ITE Midwestern District will hold its annual conference in **Milwaukee, WI on June 26-28, 2013**. The conference will be held at the beautiful and historic Pfister Hotel, a Milwaukee landmark.

Aside from a great technical program and networking, Milwaukee will be host to Summerfest, the Milwaukee Brewers, lakefront activities, and a range of other great activities and attractions.

Come for the networking, stay for the informative technical programs, and enjoy Milwaukee, you'll be glad you did!

—Arrangements Committee



FREIGHT POLICY COUNCIL TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL FREIGHT STRATEGIC PLAN

On August 23, 2012, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced the formation of a Freight Policy Council to develop a National Freight Strategic Plan, as called for by the two-year Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) transportation reauthorization bill. Secretary Ray LaHood stressed that all modes of freight movement would be considered by the council. Its formation is a pivotal step in conjunction with CMAP's GO TO 2040, which emphasizes the needs for multimodal transit, especially for freight.

Nationally, the race is on as many of the country's ports are undertaking enormous dredging projects in order to receive the vast container ships (known as "Post-Panamax" or "Super-Post-Panamax") that will be able to access the eastern coastal cities once the expansion of the Panama Canal is completed in 2015. Some of the first to be ready for the ships are the Port of Virginia in Norfolk, VA, and the port of New York, NY.

While moving goods inland by water will be cheaper than by land for the east, the West Coast already possesses ports that accept the container ships, and have efficient means of freight movement to the landlocked states via

highway and rail infrastructure. So will the eastern ports see a larger share of the freight market with these multi-billion dollar expansions? Robert Puentes, a transportation expert at the Brookings Institution, is quoted in New York Times' article *Panama Canal's Growth Prompts U.S. Ports to Expand* as saying: "The problem of whether the ports are overbuilding for a Panama payoff is one of planning. "We are the only industrialized country on the planet that doesn't have a comprehensive freight policy".

Despite all the coastal commotion, Chicago is and will remain one of the nation's primary freight hubs, as over a quarter of all freight is moved through the region, and the demand is expected to double in the next 20 years. On **Thursday, September 13**, Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will be speaking on the importance of maintaining a competitive position in the world of freight movement, and his agency's efforts to do so through the GO TO 2040 plan. For more information and to RSVP for this Great Cities Institute Real-Time Chicago Seminar, visit www.uic.edu/cuppa/gci.



The Polara exhibit in the Exhibit Hall at the ITE Annual Meeting in Atlanta



Martin Luther King, Jr.'s childhood home just east of downtown Atlanta

NEW CHADDICK INSTITUTE REPORTS: CHICAGO'S TOP 20 TRANSIT SUBURBS

On July 26, 2012, the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development of DePaul University released a report called "The 20 'Top Transit Suburbs' of Metropolitan Chicago, An Index Approach". Authored by a study team including Joseph P. Schwieterman, a professor at the School of Public Service & Director of the Chaddick Institute, the report identified an index of 47 measurable factors of valuable transit characteristics that was then used to evaluate each of the region's 250 suburban communities.

The report gives a very straightforward breakdown of the categories and their components that were used to measure a value that could be considered somewhat abstract. Credit was given for components such as freshly brewed gourmet coffee (2 or more points), the presence of graffiti (1 point), and a display of the historic role of railroads/community culture (2 or more points).

To see the authors' full report on their process and the results, visit <http://las.depaul.edu/chaddick/ResearchandPublications/index.asp>.



CONTRACT AWARD FOR NEXT GEN TRAINSETS

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on behalf of the departments of transportation from Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri issued a Notice of Intent to Award today to Nippon-Sharyo / Sumitomo Corporation of America to design, build, and deliver 130 bi-level passenger railcars for use in regional inter-city rail corridors in California and the Midwest. The Notice of Intent to Award does not signify that a contract has been awarded but that a potential vendor has been identified.

Nippon-Sharyo / Sumitomo Corporation of America submitted a bid of \$352,276,000. "By pooling our resources, all four states involved in this partnership can purchase the equipment at lower costs because it will be acquired in high volume under one contract," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "These new railcars will help us meet the growing ridership demand on California trains, which is up 53 percent since 2002."

Caltrans and the Illinois Department of Transportation will first conduct a federally required Buy America pre-award audit to verify assembly locations and manufacturing facilities for railcar components. Buy America rules require that all 130 new bi-level cars be assembled in the United States, and that all the major components must be manufactured domestically. The audit will be forwarded to the Federal Railroad Administration prior to the contract award. Sumitomo Corporation of America will also be required to submit insurance policies and performance bonds. A fully executed agreement is expected to be in place by mid-November.

"We are proud to partner with Caltrans and the Midwest Coalition to cost-effectively procure the state-of-the-art passenger railcar equipment needed to address the increasing demand for efficient and convenient passenger rail service throughout the state," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider. "With Amtrak ridership at record levels in Illinois and the official purchasing process of the railcars under way, this massive project will continue to boost

America's manufacturing and assembling industry and provide improved travel options for the entire Midwest."

California will receive 42 railcars, while the Midwest Coalition, consisting of Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri will receive 88 railcars. The Midwest Coalition will use its new railcars on the following corridors: Blue Water (Chicago-Port Huron), Wolverine (Chicago-Detroit-Pontiac), Pere Marquette (Chicago-Grand Rapids), Illini/Saluki (Chicago-Carbondale), Lincoln Service (Chicago-St Louis), Missouri River Runner (St Louis-Kansas City), Illinois Zephyr/Carl Sandburg (Chicago-Quincy), and future services between Chicago and Dubuque and Chicago and the Quad Cities, with potential extension to Iowa City.

The first railcars are slated for delivery in the fall of 2015, with the final car expected to be delivered in early 2018.

Funding for the new rail equipment comes from Federal Railroad Administration grants totaling \$808 million. Of these funds, \$551 million was reserved to purchase the bi-level railcars; the remainder is slated to fund future locomotive and "trainset" procurements as well as to support project management and oversight expenses. California's share (\$168 million) of the grants is supplemented by \$42 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by California voters in 2006.

"Today's announcement moves America one step closer to building a transportation system for the 21st Century," said US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.

Caltrans, the lead agency on the procurement, has issued a Notice of Intent to Award the railcar contract to Rochelle, Ill.-based Nippon-Sharyo for the construction of 130, bi-level passenger railcars designed to better accommodate passengers and high-speed rail.



Current Amtrak trainsets including two bi-level versions





INDUSTRY NEWS

AES SERVICES WELCOMES JULIAN GNATENCO

August 8, 2012, Chicago, IL— In order to further strengthen our Traffic practice, AES Services has brought aboard **Julian Gnatenco** PE. Julian's background includes work for other consultants and for CDOT, IDOT, the Tollway, county, municipal and private clients. His reputation is well known throughout Illinois, Indiana and the Midwest. The addition of Julian to our Traffic practice will help AES Services provide even stronger Traffic services to our clients. We are very much looking forward to working with Julian!

THREE NATIONAL BIKE ADVOCACY GROUPS AFFIRM GOALS; DECIDE TO REMAIN SEPARATE

August 15, 2012, Boulder, CO. After months of steady dialogue and face-to-face meetings, the leaders of the Alliance for Biking & Walking, Bikes Belong and League of American Bicyclists have decided not to pursue full unification at this time. The three groups continue to operate independently, in close collaboration, to make bicycling safer and more enjoyable for all Americans.

These unprecedented unification discussions were marked by goodwill and an open exchange of ideas. They helped U.S. bike advocacy leaders agree on a shared vision, goals and strategies that will advance the movement and improve bicycling coast to coast.

The three groups continue to work together and have committed to achieving the following benchmark goals by 2020:

The nationwide percentage of trips made by bike will increase to five percent (from one percent in 2012), and the diversity of people on bikes will mirror the diversity of America;

Traffic injuries and fatalities (in all modes) will decrease by 50 percent;

Half of all Americans will have front-door access to a bicycling network that will take them to

destinations within two miles exclusively on low-stress streets, lanes, and trails—protected from high-speed traffic.

The League and Alliance are developing plans to help state and local advocates get the most out of MAP-21, the new, two-year federal transportation bill, and will work with Bikes Belong on this, and other projects. Bikes Belong has initiated a strategic discovery process to review its overall goals and to refine its focus, and is engaging the League and Alliance to help shape its future direction.

The leaders of all three groups began the unification discussion fully aware of the challenges of blending unique legal structures, membership bases, project priorities, and headquarters locations. While these talks didn't produce a merger, the groups will continue to work together to engage, represent and connect the many different elements of the bicycling movement. They will focus on federal, state, and local projects that best improve bike infrastructure and safety in the United States.

ILLINOIS REACHES MILESTONE TOWARD SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT APPROVAL.

September 27, 2012, Springfield IL. Governor Pat Quinn today announced that Illinois has reached another major milestone toward approval of the South Suburban Airport by submitting to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a draft Airport Layout Plan for review. The Airport Layout Plan is the sixth of the nine key elements that make up the project's Master Plan and further demonstrates Governor Quinn's commitment to building the critical airport as soon as possible.

"The South Suburban Airport will be an important economic engine and help move Illinois forward," Governor Quinn said. "The advancement of the airport approval process is good news for the south suburbs, as we continue our efforts to improve transportation, create jobs

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REFER A FRIEND

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





INDUSTRY NEWS (CONTINUED)

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and spark economic growth across the southland region and Illinois."

To ensure that progress on the project continues, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is requesting that the General Assembly appropriate the remaining \$71 million that was originally part of the \$100 million dedicated to purchase land for the airport through Governor Quinn's six-year, \$31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! capital program.

"The draft of the Airport Layout Plan is the biggest step yet toward making the South Suburban Airport a reality," Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider said. "We are making tremendous progress on our Master Plan and look forward, through our partnership with the FAA, to advancing this important project into the final planning stages."

The Airport Layout Plan is composed of highly-technical drawings that depict the airfield infrastructure and related facilities required to operate an airport located in eastern Will County. The document will be the FAA's primary tool for completing a detailed airspace analysis and ultimately protecting the airspace required for the South Suburban Airport.

Along with the Airport Plans Report, a companion document also submitted for review this week, the Airport Layout Plan draws from Master Plan components previously accepted or approved by the FAA, including the Existing Conditions Report, the Aviation Forecasts, the Facility Requirements Report, and the Alternatives Development and Evaluation Report. The remaining elements to be submitted to the FAA are an Implementation Plan, a Financial Feasibility Analysis, and an Environmental Considerations Report.

The state has invested \$29.8 million thus far toward the purchase of 2,317 acres for the inaugural airport. The approximate airport footprint is 5,800 acres, spread over 148 parcels. The South Suburban Airport's 9,500-foot runway

has been designed to routinely handle aircraft such as the Boeing 737 and Airbus A320, but will also have the capability to accommodate limited operations of larger, wide-body aircraft like the Boeing 767, Airbus A340 and Boeing 747.

All of IDOT's submitted materials to the FAA, including the new Airport Layout Plan, and the status of land acquisition efforts are available at www.southsuburbanairport.com.

BAXTER & WOODMAN APPOINTS TRANSPORTATION GROUP LEADER

October 1, 2012, Crystal Lake, IL. Baxter & Woodman, Inc. Consulting Engineers is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Matthew D. Washkowiak, PE, as the firm's Transportation Group Leader. Mr. Washkowiak joined Baxter & Woodman in 2000 as a senior transportation project manager.

"As Transportation Group Leader, Matt is responsible for the overall management of transportation planning and design services for the firm," said Louis Haussmann, Baxter & Woodman Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "Matt plays a key role in maintaining superior client service and adhering to high quality technical standards in transportation planning and design, which is a growing segment of Baxter & Woodman's civil engineering services. He has been instrumental in securing design projects with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Illinois Department of Transportation, and numerous county and municipal clients. This is a well-deserved promotion and we are excited to continue to grow under Matt's leadership."

Mr. Washkowiak earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.



Matthew D. Washkowiak, PE, Baxter & Woodman Transportation Group Leader



INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - ILLINOIS SECTION

2013 YOUNG MEMBER AWARD INFORMATION

The purpose of the Illinois ITE Young Member Award is to annually recognize the professional accomplishments and Section contributions of one member under the age of 35. The award provides reimbursement (up to a \$2,500 limit) for approved expenses associated with registration and travel for either the Midwestern District Annual Meeting or the ITE International Annual Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

Any member of the Illinois Section of ITE who has not reached his/her 35th birthday by September 1st, 2013 is eligible to win the 2013 Award. However, past and current presidents of the Illinois Section, student members, and previous Young Member Award winners are not eligible.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations for the award may be completed by any current member of the Illinois Section of ITE. Self nominations are allowed. Nominees will be contacted to confirm that they meet the requirements of the award. Nomination forms (see attached) must be completed and returned via email to Joel Christell at jchristell@civiltechinc.com by 5:00PM on Wednesday, October 31st, 2012.

SELECTION PROCESS

Nominees who meet the award criterion will be contacted by a committee of Past Presidents following the October 31st deadline. Nominees wishing to be considered for the award will be asked to provide the following by December 8th, 2012:

- **A short application form highlighting their professional achievements and contributions to the Illinois Section**
- **A current professional resume**
- **Confirmation of willingness to attend either the District or International ITE conferences in 2013**

A committee of the Past Presidents of the Illinois Section, chaired by the Immediate Past President, will review the nominations and select one award winner and one alternate. The winner will be announced at the Section's Annual Banquet in January 2013 and will be recognized with a plaque and acknowledgement on the Section website and in the ITEms newsletter. If the Award winner is unable to attend either of the conferences, the alternate will be notified and given an opportunity to attend on behalf of the winner.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Award winners are responsible for their own travel arrangements, registration, and all costs above the \$2,500 award maximum. Approved expenses include registration, travel, meals, and accommodations for the conference duration. Award winners will be required to submit a 500 - 1,000 word article about their experience at the conference by September 1st, 2013 which may be posted on the Section website or included in an issue of the ITEms newsletter.

Thank you for helping to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of the young members of the Illinois Section of ITE!

Joel Christell

President



INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - ILLINOIS SECTION

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2012

Deadline: November 30, 2012

- Scholarship** The ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Award is presented annually to encourage students to consider Transportation Engineering or Transportation Planning in their studies and career aspiration and to provide partial financial support to students who have demonstrated an interest and are likely to work in the transportation field. The Scholarship will be provided to two students in the form of \$2,000 each to offset education costs.
- Eligibility** To be eligible for the Scholarship, you must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student in an Illinois college or university with course work and career goal emphasis on Transportation Engineering or Transportation Planning.
- Selection Criteria** Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of academic performance, education plans, career goals, activities, and record of leadership. Final evaluation will be made on the basis of a complete application, a statement of career objectives and past accomplishments, and at least one professor evaluation form (one of which must be from a Transportation or Planning faculty member).
- Terms & Conditions** The scholarship is good for one academic year and is not renewable. The winner of the Scholarship Award will be introduced at the Annual Dinner Banquet, which this year is to be held on January 11 (Chicago-land location is to be determined). The recipient must make arrangements to attend this meeting. The scholarship check will be issued at that time, provided that verification of enrollment in a full-time program conforming to stated educational objectives can be obtained.
- How to Apply** To apply for the Scholarship Award, complete the attached application form on pages 8-9 and the items listed as part of the submittal materials. Submit package to: **Mr. Joshua Harris, IL ITE Student Affairs Director, c/o Civiltech Engineering, Inc., 450 E Devon Avenue, Suite 300, Itasca, IL 60143.** Packages may also be emailed to jharris@civiltechinc.com, but applications must be signed by hand. ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 PM FRI-DAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2012.
- About ITE** The purpose of the Institute shall be to enable engineers and other professionals with knowledge and competence in transportation and traffic engineering to contribute individually and collectively toward meeting human needs for mobility and safety, and to promote professional development of members, by the support and encouragement of education, stimulation of research, development of public awareness, exchange of professional information, and maintenance of a central point of reference and action.
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INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - ILLINOIS SECTION

2012 STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Deadline: November 30, 2012

If you are a student member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and currently enrolled in a graduate program in the state of Illinois, you are invited to submit a written paper on a transportation engineering topic for consideration in the 2012 ITE Illinois Section Student Paper Award competition.

Award

- \$1,000 Scholarship
- Hosted as a guest of honor at the ITE Illinois Section Annual Dinner Banquet
- Plaque of Recognition
- Represents the Illinois Section in the Midwest District Student Paper Contest

Paper Submittal

• Papers may be submitted in hard copy or electronically using the contact information below. Deadline for receipt of the student paper entries is Friday, November 30, 2012, at 11:59pm. If the entry is received after this date, it will not be considered.

Eligibility

- Must be a student member of ITE during the period between April 1, 2012 and November 30, 2012 and enrolled in a graduate program in the state of Illinois.
- Must have completed the work that provides the basis for the paper while a student member of ITE.
- Must be the only author. **No co-authors.**

Paper Topic & Format

- Address a subject in the field of transportation engineering.
- Manuscripts must be submitted in English.
- Maximum length: 15 double-spaced, typed pages. This page limit also includes title page, table of contents and any attachments.
- Title page must have the title of the paper plus the author's name and contact information and "ITE Midwest District".

Evaluation Criteria

- Originality – 20%
- Significance: Potential to contribute to the field of transportation – 20%
- Scope and Format: Technical and textual report structure, clarity, and writing style – 20%
- Validity: Technical soundness – 20%
- Applicability: Capacity for real-world use – 20%

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INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - ILLINOIS SECTION

2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Personal Information:

Provide both a school and home address (if different) where you can be reached in early January.

Name: _____

Campus Mailing Address: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

II. Educational Background

Major: _____ Expected Graduation: _____ (Mo/Yr)

Illinois College/University: _____

Current Academic Standing: _____ (So., Jr., Sr., Grad Student)

GPA: _____ / _____

III. Transportation Related Courses

Please indicate any transportation engineering or transportation planning courses that you have completed or anticipate taking. Include the final grade for completed courses.

_____ Grade: _____

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IV. Supporting Courses

Please indicate any non-required, non-transportation-specific courses that you think support your educational and career objectives.

_____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

V. Employment History

List full-time employment, co-op positions, summer employment, and other part-time work. Begin with most recent position. Add more lines as necessary.

1. From: _____ (Mo/Yr) To: _____ (Mo/Yr)

Firm Name/Type of Business: _____

Job Description: _____

2. From: _____ (Mo/Yr) To: _____ (Mo/Yr)

Firm Name/Type of Business: _____

Job Description: _____



INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - ILLINOIS SECTION

VI. Activities

List past/current involvement in campus and community activities and elected positions held.

| | Name of Group/Society/Activity | Position Held |
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VII. References

| | Name | Company/University | Title | Phone |
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VIII. Signature

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct, and that information can be collected to verify the accuracy of the statements provided in this scholarship submittal prior to the issuing of the award by the Illinois Section ITE Scholarship Committee.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Submittal Materials:

1. A typed statement explaining your interest in pursuing a degree in the Transportation Engineering field. Provide a brief statement of what you hope to accomplish through your study of transportation engineering and your career objectives upon its completion. Document how current and past involvement in student and community activities has better prepared you for the challenges you will face in your future career. (REQUIRED)
2. At least one completed professor evaluation form, in separate envelope or, if e-mailed, sent directly from the professor's e-mail address, filled out by a professor in the field of transportation engineering or transportation planning at your college or university. (REQUIRED)
3. This application form, signed. (REQUIRED)
4. A typed statement describing any unique involvements you have had with transportation-related projects or issues. Describe creative and innovative ways in which problems were solved and issues brought to resolution. (Optional)

Deadline for RECEIPT of scholarship submittals is 11:59pm Friday, November 30, 2012. Please begin the process early and provide all requested materials by the stated deadline. Late or incomplete packages will NOT be considered. Submit completed packages to:

By mail: Mr. Joshua Harris, IL ITE Student Affair Director
c/o Civiltech Engineering, Inc.
450 E Devon Avenue, Suite 300
Itasca, IL 60413

By e-mail: jharris@civiltechinc.com

Official class transcripts will be requested of the selected scholarship winners. Direct any questions regarding the scholarship and the application materials to the address above. Questions will also be addressed via e-mail at jharris@civiltechinc.com, or by phone at 630-735-3958. Additional copies of the application materials are available at the Illinois ITE website at: www.ilite.org. Follow the links to the student scholarship section where the materials can be downloaded in PDF format.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

ITE WEB SEMINARS

Registration for the ITE web seminars listed below closes three 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.

NEW URBAN STREETS METHODOLOGY - AUTO MODE

Wednesday, October 9, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH. ITE Site Fee: \$125 non-refundable per site per module (Member/Non-member/Student). Members and Non-members alike must log-in to register now at http://www.ite.org/emodules/scriptcontent/events/eventinfo.cfm?product_major=HCM3

NEW URBAN STREETS METHODOLOGY - BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND TRANSIT MODES

Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH. ITE Site Fee: \$125 non-refundable per site per module. Members and

Non-members alike must log-in to register now at http://www.ite.org/emodules/scriptcontent/events/eventinfo.cfm?product_major=HCM4

FREEWAY FACILITY METHOD APPLICATIONS

Tuesday October 30, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH. ITE Site Fee: \$125 per site per module. Site Fee: \$125 non-refundable per site. For more information visit http://www.ite.org/emodules/scriptcontent/events/eventinfo.cfm?product_major=HCM5.

APPLICATION OF THE UNSIGNALIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND OFF-STREET PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES

Thursday November 1, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Credits 1.5 PDH. ITE Site Fee: \$125 per site per module. Site Fee: \$125 non-refundable per site. For more information visit http://www.ite.org/emodules/scriptcontent/events/eventinfo.cfm?product_major=HCM6

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CALL FOR PAPERS, PROPOSALS, AND ENTRIES

APA POSTER DISPLAY (GENERAL & STUDENT)

The 2013 APA National Conference will be held April 13 to 17, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois. APA members are invited to submit a poster presentation proposal. Student members of APA are invited to submit student poster proposals, and they are reviewed separately. All posters are displayed in the exhibit hall Saturday through Monday, with a special time on Sunday for poster presentations.

GUIDELINES

Posters must be shaped for a planner and

planning official audience. Here are some important tips:

- **Posters are educational and cannot be a promotion of a product, service, or organization.**
- **Posters will focus on research, a case study, project, or program.**
- **Posters are an ideal venue for single presenters or planning research.**

Poster Proposals must be submitted by October 9, 2012. Additional information about the submittal process can be found at <http://www.planning.org/conference/proposals.htm>

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CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

61ST ANNUAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE

Tuesday to Thursday, October 16 to 18, at the iHotel & Conference Center in Champaign, Illinois. Visit <http://www.trafficconf.com/> for more information.

DESIGNING PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Thursday and Friday, November 1 and 2, at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800 in Chicago, Illinois. Visit <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bike-ped> to register on-line.

16TH ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM & BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Thursday, November 15 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, 720 S. Michigan Avenue. The Illinois Department of Transportation, Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, Pace, and the Illinois Tollway

Authority are sponsoring the 16th Annual Transportation Symposium & Business Exchange.

The symposium will provide an opportunity to network with transit and transportation agencies, prime contractors, and minority and female-owned businesses. For more information visit http://mgpgevents.com/Trans_Symposium.html.

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD 92ND ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday to Thursday, January 13 to 17, at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Washington Hilton hotels in Washington, DC. Visit <http://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting2013/AnnualMeeting2013.aspx> for more information.

ITE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, March 3 to 6, at the Sheraton San Diego hotel in San Diego, CA. Watch <http://www.ite.org/meetings/index.asp> for information as it becomes available.



CALL FOR PAPERS (CONTINUED)

2013 ACEC ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS: CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Engineering Excellence Awards Competition recognizes projects of engineering achievement by Illinois consulting engineering firms. Entries are judged on the basis of engineering excellence, the degree to which the client's needs are met, and the benefits to the public welfare and private practice of engineering. Three levels of awards are presented:

The highest award, the **Eminent Conceptor Award**, chosen from the Honor Awards and announced at the Awards Luncheon, recognizes an engineering achievement which demonstrates a high degree of merit and ingenuity,

contributes to the advancement of the private practice of engineering, and enhances the economic and social welfare of the general public.

Honor Awards are given for those projects which are recognized for exceptional engineering that meet the needs of the client and benefit the public welfare.

Special Achievement Awards are given for those projects worthy of special recognition of the engineer and the owner/client for achieving engineering excellence; and **Merit Awards** are given for those projects worthy of recognition for the engineer and the owner/client. Download the Entry Form here: <http://www.acec-il.org/exawards.cfm>

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

The Section website is currently being updated. Until the update is complete please contact John Wirtz, Operation Group Director, at 312.612.7293 or e-mail John.Wirtz@jacobs.com to provide change of personal information.

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then log in using your member number and password. Your personal information page is then displayed. Hit the edit button and make changes as needed.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **September 3: Labor Day**
- **September 6:** Deadline for Registration of October 2012 Exams
- **September 19:** Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
- **September 21:** CDOT Complete Streets Design Workshop, 30 N. LaSalle (32nd Floor), 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Box Lunch/drink provided, Cost \$25, 1.0 PDH credits
- **October 8: Columbus Day**
- **October 16:** Student-Practitioner Golf Outing, Urbana-Champaign, IL (Course TBD)
- **October 16-18:** 61st Annual Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference, Champaign IL
- **October 31: Halloween**
- **November 4: FALL BACK—Central Standard Time Begins**
- **November 6:** National Elections
- **November 15:** Monthly Luncheon at Cliffbreaker's, Rockford
- **November 19:** Deadline for article submission for December edition of ITEms
- **November 22: Thanksgiving**

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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 to verify details.

2012

December TBD Year End Social Event (details to be provided)

2013

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| January 13-17 | TRB Annual Meeting, Washington DC |
| February 1 | Annual Banquet, Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago, IL |
| February 22 | Engineer's Week Washington Banquet |
| March 3 - 6 | ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Sheraton San Diego, San Diego, CA |
| March 29 | Illinois Section Student Day, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois |
| April 18 | Monthly Luncheon, Location TBD |
| May 23 | Monthly Luncheon, Location TBD |
| June 20 | Monthly Luncheon, Location TBD |
| June 26-28 | ITE Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the Wisconsin Section, Milwaukee, WI |
| July 19 | Illinois Section ITE Summer Social Event |
| August 4-7 | ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, Sheraton Boston and Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA |
| August TBD | 3rd Annual ITE-WTS Golf Outing |
| September 19 | Monthly Luncheon, Location TBD |
| October 15-17 | 62nd Annual Traffic Engineering & Safety Conference, Champaign, IL |
| October 17 | Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's |
| November 14 | Monthly Luncheon in Rockford, Location TBD |

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