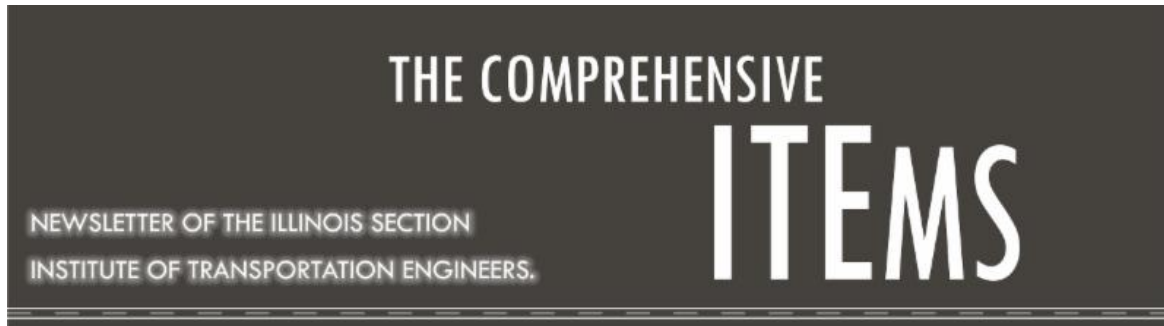


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## President's Message

By Mike Phan, Stantec

### Spring Activities

Spring in Chicagoland has its ups and downs with very unpredictable weather, but before we can look forward to the summer months the Section hosted several successful Activities. Early in March the Section brought the 10th Annual ITE Student Day to the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). The luncheon brought students and professionals together in a roundtable format for informal discussions about diverse experiences, answer career questions from students, and provide valuable advice in this unique atmosphere. A special thank you goes to **Civiltech** for sponsoring the event again this year.



Mike Phan

On March 19th the Section hosted a joint luncheon with fellow societies, American Society of Civil Engineers, Transportation and Development Institute (ASCE T&DI), Illinois Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE), Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), and Intelligent Transportation Society of the Midwest (ITS) to bring recently appointed by Governor **Bruce Rauner**, guest speaker **Randall S. Blankenhorn**, Acting Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary. The luncheon was well attended at Chandler's Chophouse Grille & Banquets in Schaumburg. The Acting Secretary presented his vision for the future of IDOT and how it can become the leader in innovative design. He announced that a series of Infrastructure Listening Tours throughout the State would begin later this spring.

Also, on April 16th the Section hosted a luncheon in Chicago with speakers **Dr. Soliman Khudeira**, Project Director with the Chicago Department of Transportation - Division of Engineering, and **Stan Wang**, Civil and Traffic Engineer with AECOM. The speakers presented the \$32 million Central Loop Link Bus Rapid Transit project that will bring BRT infrastructure to downtown Chicago, which will use dedicated lanes on Washington, Madison, Clinton and Canal streets.

### Summer Activities

Another summer of ILITE events will help to fill your Calendar.

- June 9th, the Section hosts a Breakfast Program with **John Nelson** and **Bill Eidson** to bring you the Lake County Division of Transportation's Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System
- Please keep an eye out in future emails about the ILITE's annual Summer Social Event
- The fifth annual Golf Outing will be held on August 21st at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Hope to see everyone at these upcoming events!

## Midwestern District News

This summer, the Midwestern District of ITE will be hosting their annual meeting in Branson, Missouri from **June 29th to July 1st**. Along with a Program that is full of excellent technical discussions to sharpen your engineering knowledge, this lakeside area within the Ozark Mountains brings family entertainment to the Midwest.

<http://www.branson2015mwite.com/>

For the upcoming Midwestern District 2016 Election, the North Central Section is nominating candidates for Secretary - Treasurer position and the Wisconsin section is nominating candidates for District Director. The candidates, as brought forth by their respective sections, are:

### NC ITE Section - MWITE Secretary- Treasurer:

- **Mike Bittner**, P.E., PTOE, PTP, West Fargo, ND
- **Mike Spack**, P.E., PTOE, St. Louis Park, MN

### Wisconsin Section - District Director:

- **Rich Coakley**, P.E., PTOE, Milwaukee, WI
- **John Davis**, P.E., PTOE, TSOS, Waukesha, WI

Have a great summer!

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## Illinois Section News

### Graduation Information for Students

Congratulations to our ITE student chapter members who are graduating this spring/summer, and best wishes from the Illinois Section on a bright future and prosperous career! Upon graduation, please remember to remain involved in the Illinois Section of ITE or another local section if you end up somewhere other than Illinois. You should have received a message from ILITE containing information regarding your ITE membership as you begin your post-collegiate careers; if not, below is a recap with this information:

- Once you graduate, you will need to change your e-mail address from your .edu address to your personal or professional address to ensure you continue receiving messages from ITE International and the Illinois Section of ITE. You can do this logging into your profile on the ITE website [here](#).
- If you need to join ITE International or change membership grades, general ITE membership information can be found [here](#).
- The brand new [30-to-30 program](#) from ITE provides large discounts on membership to our young members. See [ILITE Membership](#) below for more detail.

To the students we will see again next school year: I will be in contact with the student chapters in the early fall. If you need our assistance with a student chapter event or have any questions regarding ITE, please e-mail me at [illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com).

### ITE Midwestern District Collegiate Traffic Bowl Competition

The Midwestern District's 7th Annual Collegiate Traffic Bowl will take place on June 30th during the ITE District Conference in Branson. The **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** and **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville** will be representing the Illinois Section alongside other universities throughout the Midwest in a battle of traffic knowledge. The winning school at the District level will advance to the ITE International Collegiate Traffic Bowl Championships to be held in August at the 2015 International Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida. Best of luck to both schools!

## ILITE Membership

For those members who may have let their membership renewal slip, it's not too late, please go to your ITE account to renew for 2015! For those affiliate members who have yet to renew, please be on the lookout for an invoice coming your way. To make this year truly great, we would love to see recruitment of new members to make our organization even better. ITE has a great program for younger engineers, called \$30 to 30, where the fee structure gradually increases until the member reaches 30 years old. To learn more about this initiative or find the fee for your age visit <http://www.ite.org/membership/youngmember.asp>. In addition to the great rate for International members, the affiliate membership also remains a great value of \$20 per year! The application for membership can be found online at <http://www.ilite.org/> under the "How to Join" link. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to **Katelyn Bleach**, Director of Operations, at [IllinoisITE+Operations@gmail.com](mailto:IllinoisITE+Operations@gmail.com).

## ILITE Website

Work on the section website has been ongoing and should be completely updated soon. If you see something on the website that still requires updating, please don't hesitate to let us know. As always, we will also be using our social media to let our members know about upcoming events, so be sure to check those as well. [Visit our Website!](#)

## In Case You Missed It

### Spring Luncheon with IDOT Secretary Blankenhorn

By Joe Olson, STV, Inc.

In March, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) **Secretary Randy Blankenhorn** joined us for a luncheon to discuss the future of IDOT and transportation in the state. The sold-out event, which was cosponsored with local ASCE TD&I, ITS, WTS, and ISPE chapters, was one of the first opportunities for the transportation industry to be addressed by, and discuss policy with, the newly appointed Secretary. The overarching theme in Blankenhorn's address was 'innovation' and how the state's approach to building and maintaining its transportation infrastructure must be updated.



Improving efficiency of the department was identified as a key goal during the luncheon. The Secretary began his discussion by proclaiming IDOT needs to "get out of 1984 and move into the 21st century". Leveraging new technologies, such as paperless workflow, was an example of how costs can be reduced and project efficiencies increased.

"I want to make IDOT the most innovative DOT in the country" Blankenhorn proclaimed during his introduction. "Not only do we need to promote innovation [within the department], we need to empower our partners [to help innovate as well]."

Other topics Blankenhorn discussed included:

- Sustainable infrastructure funding from new revenue sources (such as expanded tolls, mileage fees, or other innovative options)
- Transfer of decision making power from state to local levels
- More participation from IDOT in national transportation policy (such as through AASHTO)
- Better communication and explanation of infrastructure improvement benefits to the public

In closing, the secretary reminded the group that infrastructure drives the state's economy and **Governor Rauner** wants to spend "billions and billions in infrastructure" in his term. But before infrastructure spending can increase, the current state budget gap must be rectified.

*Note: As of May 28th, no state budget has been approved in Springfield. The current FY15 budget expires on May 31st.*

## 2015 Illinois ITE Student Day Event

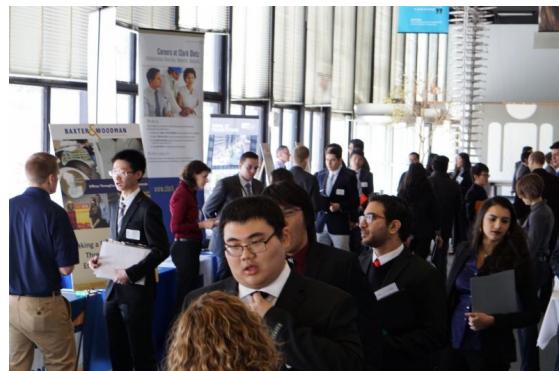
**By Brian J. Roberts, Sam Schwartz Engineering**

The Illinois Section of ITE (ILITE) held the annual Student Day Career Fair + Luncheon on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the Illinois Institute of Technology campus in Chicago. Now in its tenth year, this event brings together undergraduate and graduate students in transportation planning and engineering disciplines with professionals and companies in the industry.

This year's morning career fair session was attended by just fewer than 50 students, mostly from Illinois universities, but also a few students from neighboring states.

Representatives from eleven companies seeking students for internships and full-time positions were also in attendance, including:

- Baxter & Woodman
- Chastain & Associates
- Civiltech Engineering, Inc.
- Clark Dietz
- EJM Engineering, Inc.
- Gewalt Hamilton & Associates, Inc.
- Hanson Professional Services, Inc.
- HDR
- Parsons Brinkerhoff
- Thomas Engineering
- TranSystems



Students participate in the ILITE Student Day Career Fair

As part of the pre-registration for the ILITE Student Day Career Fair, students were provided the opportunity for a free r?sum? review by **Rachel Cantor Fogarty** of RC Associates, LLC.

Students electronically submitted r?sum?s and received comments back from Rachel the week before the ILITE Student Day Career Fair, giving them plenty of time to make updates before meeting with potential employers. Many thanks to Rachel for another year of this free service!

The career fair portion of ILITE Student Day was followed by a catered roundtable luncheon which was sponsored by **Civiltech Engineering**. The luncheon provided a more informal venue for students, Illinois Section ITE members, Career Fair company representatives, and other professionals to discuss different aspects of the civil engineering industry over lunch. Students and professionals were encouraged to sit with each other so that each of the two sides could have representation in the discussions at each table.

The Illinois Section of ITE would like to sincerely thank all of the students and professionals that joined us for this year's Student Day event, and another special thank you to **Civiltech Engineering** for graciously sponsoring the students' portion of the luncheon! We would also like to thank **Rachel Cantor Fogarty** of RC Associates for providing complimentary reviews for the students. The Section always welcomes any comments and suggestions about the Student Day event that may help us improve the event next year and beyond.



Professional networking and socializing at the roundtable luncheon

## Spring Luncheon - Loop Link

By Jenna Brose, AECOM

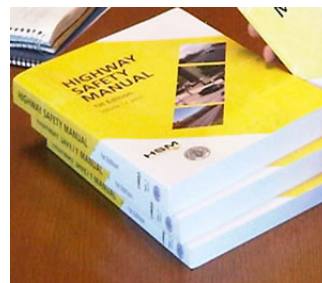
On April 16, 2015 the Illinois Section of ITE hosted a Luncheon titled Loop Link presented by **Soliman Khudeira** of Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) and **Stan Wang** of AECOM. The presentation covered the basics of bus rapid transit facilities and where these features are present in Loop Link. Loop Link will include dedicated bus lanes on Washington, Madison, Clinton, and Canal as well as dedicated bike lanes on Randolph, Washington, and Clinton. Bike signals will be provided along these dedicated bike lanes and in order for the buses to move more efficiently through the loop, Queue jumps will be provided so that buses get the green before the rest of the motoring public. Loop link will include eight elevated platforms with large canopies for passengers to wait under. Four are located on Washington and four on Madison. The new station placement was based on proximity to existing stop locations, maintaining spacing between stations, maintaining turns, and providing connections to other transit lines. All while avoiding alleys and driveways, and coordinating with stakeholders. Six bus routes will run on the Loop Link. The Loop Link will benefit the downtown greatly. Commute times will become faster and more reliable, multi-model connections between bus, rail, and bike will be improved, and more pedestrian traffic will be generated to retailers. Construction will be substantially completed by December 2015. Check out the project website: <http://brtchicago.com/>

## A Review of the ITE Webinar: Integrating Safety into Project Development Process

By Josh Harris, Clark Dietz, Inc.

On April 21st, the Illinois Section of ITE hosted a Snack and Learn for the ITE Webinar: Integrating Safety into Project Development Process. The webinar instructors included **Richard Coakley** from CH2M Hill, **Cindy Juliano** from CH2M Hill, and **Keith Harrison** from FHWA. ITE held the event at Jacobs Engineering's Chicago office.

The presentation started by explaining that the ITE/FHWA Informational Report was created to bridge the gap between safety analyses and the occasions that require quantitative results, like the CSS process. With the new tools like HSM that provide quantification of safety, the report urges practitioners to have safety integrated into decisions.

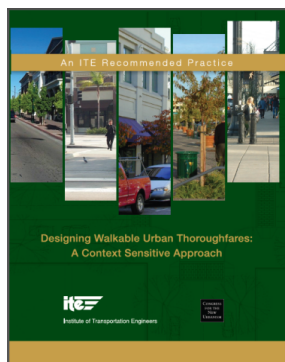


AASHTO Highway Safety Manual (HSM) 2010

The Informational Report includes a variety of information that covers:

- The tools, best practices, and resources to incorporate safety into the project development process
- The difference between nominal and substantive safety and how they can be integrated into the PDP. Nominal safety establishes design criteria or standards but does not provide any level of substantive safety that a certain quality of design is achieved.

- The considerations for safety in project development decisions, and how to balance safety with community, environmental, economic, and mobility measures are presented in the report.
- The knowledge base and tools available to practitioners for incorporating safety quantitatively into the PDP.



A ITE Recommended Practice  
Designing Walkable Urban  
Thoroughfares: A Context  
Sensitive Approach

The presentation ended with the following summary, "The science of substantive safety provides quantitative estimates of roadway safety, which can be successfully used in project development and the detailed comparison of the effectiveness of safety improvements."

The presentation did not go into specific details on what tools or standards to use, because the report is not to be a standard but a supplement to all the current references available. For more information, visit <http://www.ite.org/css>.

The webinar was followed by a discussion of the event attendees on what could be applied from current tools to the projects that each was currently working on. The Technical Group looks forward to doing more viewing this year. We want to thank all the attendees for participating in the event and Jacobs Engineering who was generous to offer their conference room.

## A Review of the ITE Webinar: Road Diets - Improving Safety for all Users

By Lina Campuzano, Clark Dietz, Inc.

On March 3rd, 2015 the Illinois Section of ITE hosted a Lunch and Learn for the ITE Webinar: Improving Safety For All Road Users. The three webinar instructors were **Tamara Redmon** from the Federal Highway Administration, **Brian Chandler** from Leidos, and **Keith Knapp** from the Iowa Local Technical Assistance Program. The webinar presenters **Keith Knapp** and **Brian Chandler** were part of the team of practitioners who developed the FHWA Road Diet informational guide. The ITE held the event at the offices of **Clark Dietz Inc.**, in Chicago.

**Tamara Redmon** started the webinar by introducing the new initiatives of the Department of Transportation on pedestrian and Bike Safety; the Secretary's New Initiative on Ped/Bike Safety, the Bicycle Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System, and the Resident's Guide for Creating Safer Communities for Walking and Biking. Then, Tamara introduced Road Diets as an innovative initiative identified by the office of Safety as one of the nine proven countermeasures that reduce crashes between 19% - 47% and improves safety for all users.

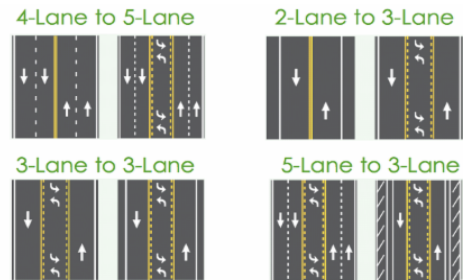


**Brian Chandler** continued the webinar by introducing the Road Diet Informational Guide from the Federal Highway Administration. The Informational Guide can be found [here](#).

The webinar continued with an overview on the basics of Road Diets, what are, what they are not, and how they are implemented. The presenter then gave examples on Road Diets in different cities. A Road Diet is generally described as the conversion on a four-lane undivided road to a three lane (two through lanes and a two-way-left-turn-lane) that provides extra space on both sides of the roadway.

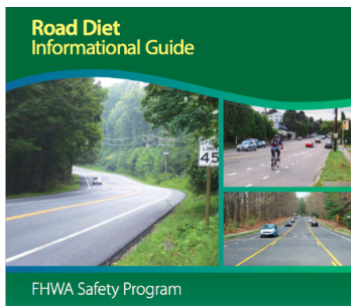
Other roadway configurations are available for road diets are:

- Four-lane to five-lane (decrease in lane width to provide a two-way left turn lane)
- Two-lane to three-lane (decrease in lane width to provide a two-way left turn lane)
- Three-lane to three-lane (lane width reduction to provide space on the outside)
- Five-lane to three-lane (lane width reduction to provide space on the outside for parking or bicycle lanes).



The presenter makes emphasis how Road Diet is not a cross section reduction of the curb to curb space but more a reallocation/rebalancing of the existing space to meet/accomplish existing needs. "Most Road Diets are installed on existing pavement within the right-of-way". This cross section reallocation improves safety with an overall crash reduction of 19% to 47%, reduces the number of conflict points on the roadway, and improves safety and accessibility for transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

As Road Diets have been implemented in different states, successful experiences of Road Diets were presented during the webinar. In Reston Virginia, the roadway was taken from a four-lane road to a two-lane road with the addition of a bike lane, the Road Diet resulted in a 70% reduction in traffic crashes.



**Keith Knapp** was the final presenter and concluded the webinar information on feasibility factors for implementing a Road Diet. To determine the feasibility of a Road Diet to be a potential solution different factors need to be taken into account including objective of the project, safety factors, need for Context Sensitive Solutions, operational factors, and bicycle and pedestrian considerations.

At the conclusion of the webinar, members discussed definitions on Road Diets and shared personal experiences on projects. The webinar viewing was well attended and the Technical Group

looks forward to doing more viewings in the city. The Section thanks all the participants that joined us during this webinar and Clark Dietz for hosting this webinar event in their Chicago office.

## Local News

### 2015 Annual WTS Conference Recap

This year's WTS Annual Conference was held in Chicago, Illinois May 20-22. The conference theme - Converge - mirrored Chicago's place as the hub of the nation's transportation network where modes and systems converge by reflecting the idea of converging, of bringing together our different skills and perspectives. It also reflected the WTS conference goals of bringing together transportation professionals from all modes to network, learn, and advance women in transportation.

On Wednesday there were several tours highlighting Chicago transportation and included a tour of the O'Hare airfield and information about the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), an exploration of Chicago's amazing architecture and public art from the unique perspective of the elevated trains and station platforms, a walking tour of the main branch of the Chicago River which included discussion of movable bridges, the architectural style of the bridge houses, and the future Riverwalk build-out plans, a ride on an in-service Pace express bus from downtown Chicago to Burr Ridge, IL and back again to experience premium bus-on-shoulder express

service, and a tour of Union Station where participants got to see the inner working of Union Station and learn about the award-winning multi-agency master planning process that began in 2010 and is nearing completion. The welcome reception was held on the Rooftop Terrace at Millennium Park which had fabulous views of the city's skyline and participants were able to have a self-guided tour of Millennium Park and enjoy the artistic, architectural, and cultural wonders around every corner.

One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote speaker for the Thursday Luncheon - Erin Brockovich, President of Brockovich Research & Consulting! Her story and eventual film has made Erin Brockovich a household name. Other highlights included programs such as "There's Just You, Everybody Else is Taken" - a panel discussion focused on personal stories of challenges and victories that have led women into discovering, defining, and designing their brand as a professional. The Annual Awards Banquet recognized those who contributed and assisted WTS in another great year - Woman of the Year, Member of the Year, and Employer of the Year, just to name a few. Mark your calendars for 2016! The WTS Conference will be held in Austin, Texas.

## 2015 Annual ICAT Recap

**By Ashley Hochstatter, HDR Inc.**

The Innovation Conference on Asphalt and Transportation (ICAT) was held April 7-8 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel and Casino in Peoria, Illinois. The mission of ICAT (as stated on the conference website at <http://icat.bradley.edu/vision/>) is "to develop a network of business executives, policymakers, and scholars from around the USA. The objective is to promote business partnerships, align and leverage new alliances, explore creative funding sources, and address challenges facing the infrastructure industry. The uncertainties presented by the global economy will drive revolutionary business developments and innovation on a greater scale than ever before. We must seize the moment to bring people together to build a better State, a nobler America, and a peaceful world through honest dialogue and goodwill."

This year's theme was Sustainable Funding of Infrastructure. Some of the finest minds in Illinois and from across the country were assembled to join hands and have a candid conversation to push for a sustainable capital bill and to debate the appropriate revenue sources to fund it.

A few highlighted topics discussed at ICAT include a presentation on the Kingdom Tower, soon to be the world's tallest building, presented by **Mr. Brian Jack** Director of Adrian Smith & Gordon Gill Architecture. Mr. Steve Friedman, President of SB Friedman Development Advisors, gave a presentation on Value Capture and how it is one solution for Transportation Funding. **Mr. Randy Blankenhorn**, Acting Secretary at IDOT, provided an IDOT update. A DBE focus group panel, made up of **Cherryl Thomas**, President/CEO of Ardmore Associates, **Mary Lamie**, Vice President of EFK Moen, and **Ramon Dela Cruz**, Vice President of Millenia Professional Services of IL, provided insight on how they started their DBE firms and the challenges they face in the transportation industry. The Honorable **John Cullerton** of the Illinois State Senate gave a speech on Sustainable Funding and Capital Bill for Illinois. The conference concluded with panel discussion on Sustainable Funding Options of Infrastructure in Illinois summarizing the findings from the Executive Summit sponsored by **\$FIG**. The panel participants included **Senator David Koehler**, **Senator Darin LaHood**, **Representative Michael McAuliffe**, and **Phillip Russell, Sr**, VP at HW Lochner.

As with tradition, following the conference Caterpillar hosted an Equipment Demonstration in Edwards, IL.





## State-of-the-art technology tests central Illinois drivers

By Tyler Davis, Journal Star news reported  
Posted to <http://www.pjstar.com/>, June 4, 2015

Potential drivers as young as 14 years old and as old as 95 can have their skills behind the wheel evaluated using technology that is unique to central Illinois.

The not-for-profit Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's Adaptive Driving School uses a driving simulator to decide if patients have the cognitive and physical ability to operate vehicles. If they do not, Sara Knowles, an occupational therapist and driving instructor at IPMR, can use the simulator as a rehabilitation tool before using an actual vehicle.

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## Legislative Corner

### Congress punts on long term transportation bill

Summary of transportation bill news from congress:

- House and Senate passed a two-month sort term surface transport bill in late May, sent to the President for approval prior to May 31 deadline
- Extends Highway Trust financing through July 31
- Congress acknowledges the need for a long-term bill

Articles to review for more detail:

#### Senate approves short-term highway bill, sending it to Obama

TheHill.com

<http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/243017-senate-sends-short-term-highway-bill-to-obama>

#### Two-Month Highway-Transit Bill Heads to White House

ENR.com

[http://enr.construction.com/policy/washington\\_observer/2015/0525-twomonth-highwaytransit-bill-heads-to-white-house.asp](http://enr.construction.com/policy/washington_observer/2015/0525-twomonth-highwaytransit-bill-heads-to-white-house.asp)

### Rauner prepares to close state museums, shutter some prisons to balance 'phony' Democratic budget

Written By Becky Schlikerman

As Posted to the Chicago Sun-Time: 06/02/2015, 04:52PM

Link to article: <http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/7/71/656741/rauner-orders-cuts>



Gov. Bruce Rauner, right, after a press conference on Friday. File Photo.  
(Rich Saal/The State Journal-Register via AP)

Gov. Bruce Rauner threatened real financial pain for all Illinois - from businesses and prisons to the poor and the elderly - as he took Springfield's stalemate over state spending to a new level Tuesday.

"House Speaker Mike Madigan, Senate President John Cullerton and their caucuses passed a budget for the 2016 fiscal year beginning July 1 that is nearly \$4 billion in the hole," said the governor's office on Tuesday as it announced planned cuts to programs in nine different state departments.

Rauner announced cuts affecting families, the poor and the elderly as well as the immediate shelving of the Illiana Expressway project and business incentives and film tax credits. In all, the cuts will save about \$400 million, the governor's office said.

"Speaker Madigan, President Cullerton and the politicians they control refuse to act responsibly and reform state government," Rauner spokesman Lance Trover said in a press release. "It is time they come to the table with Governor Rauner to turnaround Illinois." But this isn't about governing, Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie, shot back. It's about politics. The governor's own proposed budget was \$2.2 billion out of balance.

"The governor has declared all-out war on the citizens of the state of Illinois because he's peeved with the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate," Lang said, adding: "It's a path that's carefully chosen to strike at the values and principals of what the majority of the members of the Legislature believe in."

But Republican leaders disagree.

"The governor's hands are tied," said House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, R-Burr Ridge. "He's preparing for a scenario where there's no budget or a budget that is \$4 billion out of whack." The steps the Rauner administration is initiating "in order to begin balancing the phony Madigan-Cullerton budget" affects the following immediately:

- Suspension of "future incentive offers to companies for business attraction and retention" including EDGE Tax Credits, Large Business Attraction Grants, Employer Training Investment Program Incentive Grants and Prime Sites Grants. The state will defer application approvals for film tax credits and High Impact Business designations.
- A shelving of the Illiana Expressway. The Illinois Department of Transportation will remove the project from its current multi-year plan. "It is the determination of IDOT that

the project costs exceed currently available resources. The Department will begin the process of suspending all existing project contracts and procurements," the governor's office said.

The following are cuts the governor's office will roll out:

- Starting July 1, the Illinois Department of Transportation will "ground" state plane passenger service.
- Starting July 1, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will suspend the program that helps the poor pay for winter heat. The \$170 million federal money earmarked for the program will continue.
- The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice will begin to identify one or two prisons that can be closed because the facilities are not filled, the governor's office said.
- The Illinois Department of Corrections will begin the process of closing Hardin County Work Camp, and 180 inmates will be moved.
- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services will audit nursing home payments to make sure they're complying with new rates, and it will recover any money overpaid while implementing penalties for improper billing.
- The Illinois State Police will freeze new vehicle purchases.
- The Illinois Department on Aging will raise the requirements to qualify for the agency's Community Care Program, which keeps seniors at home and out of nursing homes. The AARP Illinois office said 39,000 seniors will be affected.
- The Department of Human Services will increase copays for parents using the Childcare Program and freeze intake and create waiting lists. It will also begin background checks for relatives providing child care.
- The Department of Natural Resources will close the five state museums, and it won't award grants to local governments to develop parks or open space.

"Unfortunately, today's actions signal that the governor would rather slash child care, services for troubled youth and senior care rather than work on a bipartisan budget solution," a spokeswoman for Cullerton said.

But that "over-the-top rhetoric will prevent us from coming to any resolution," shot back a spokeswoman for Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno, R-Lemont. "We're hopeful there will be compromises, and the Democratic majority will be willing to work with Gov. Rauner."

Legislators won't be having a quiet summer.

House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, told his members they should be prepared to return to Springfield Thursday, and Cullerton, D-Chicago, told his members they'll return later in June.

## International Vice President Candidate Statement

### Shawn J. Leight, P.E., PTOE, PTP, FITE

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I am passionate about ITE and our transportation profession. My vision for ITE is an Inclusive Global Organization of Diverse Transportation Professionals that is "Out Front" in the industry. I want to work with you to make ITE stronger through a focus on information, collaboration, and advocacy.

**Information:** ITE should be the industry's "go-to" place for information. We have made significant progress with improvements to ITE Journal, the website, and webinars, but we are not there yet. We need to be agile in a fast-changing marketplace and can do more through better marketing of

resources, electronic publications, and increasing visibility on popular sites like Wikipedia and Google.

**Collaboration:** Great ideas travel fast and ITE has always been in the thick of great ideas. It is at the core of who we are. We have improved communication through ITE Journal, the Community, and great meetings across ITE. We can do more by expanding collaboration with transportation organizations around the globe.

**Advocacy:** It is crucial that our leaders advocate for ITE and for the transportation profession. ITE recently launched a new Advocacy Committee that is empowering members to be effective advocates for a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation policy. Together we can be a powerful voice for our profession.

**Proven Leadership:** I am passionate about effective leadership and have served in ITE leadership at all levels. I am a past president of the St. Louis Chapter and Missouri Valley Section and I am the faculty advisor for the University of Missouri-St. Louis/Washington University Student Chapter. In my final year as Midwest Director on the International Board, I serve on ITE's Budget/Finance, Professional Development, and Strategic Planning Committees. I received my B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point and my M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Jimmy H. Lin, P.E., FITE and Life Member**  
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My motivation to run for vice president of ITE is very straightforward. I have been a member for over 40 years, and I see our organization needing a major makeover to be in line with the thinking of mainstream, younger generation members. As a business owner of one of the largest transportation and traffic engineering firms in southern California, and as an experienced public policymaker (currently a City Council member of Diamond Bar, CA), I have the business acumen, leadership, and management skill to lead that effort. Furthermore, we need to keep pace and engage with the latest movements in our field as we have in the past, such as green transportation and active transportation. These are the reasons I have decided to run. I can make a difference for the better.

My Vision and Outlook for ITE include the following:

**Manage** our finances responsibly without sacrificing our core services to the members. Our funding is tight and we need to streamline our expenditures. Increase our younger generation membership by providing affordable dues and enticing programs. Aside from affordability, we should make younger members proud to be a vital part of ITE.

**Promote** agency, institutional, and industry membership to increase the organization's size and create a solid revenue stream. In addition, we should extend the incentives offered to public agencies to other sectors of the economy.

**Maintain** the core values of ITE and continue to advocate the needs, goals, and capabilities of our members. Constantly listening to the membership and adjusting our course to accommodate the needs of the membership is our fundamental duty.

**Sustain** our position as the forefront organization for transportation professionals in technical development, networking, and knowledge exchange.

**Together, we can make it better**



International Vice President Candidate  
 Shawn J. Leight, P.E., PTOE, PTP, FITE



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## Calendar

### ILITE Luncheon - Lake County Adaptive Traffic Signals Presentation and Tour

Tuesday, June 9  
Lake County DOT

[For more information](#)

### Transport Chicago

Friday, June 12  
University of Illinois Chicago Study Center East  
Chicago, Illinois

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

### Snack & Learn Webinar Event Webinar: Case Studies in Performance Based Analysis of Geometric Design

Wednesday, June 17  
DuPage County Division of Transportation  
Wheaton, IL

You can find more information about the event [HERE](#).

For reservations:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eb1adal8c5071996&llr=ysolytrab>

### ITE Midwestern District 2015 Annual Meeting

Wednesday to Friday, June 29 to July 1  
Hilton Branson Convention Center  
Branson, Missouri

<http://www.branson2015mwite.com/>

### ITE Annual Meeting and Exposition

Sunday to Wednesday, August 2 to 5  
Diplomat Resort & Spa  
Hollywood, Florida

<http://www.ite.org/annualmeeting>

### 5th Annual ILITE Golf Outing

Friday, August 21  
Bloomingdale Golf Club  
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Check out the [ITE Calendar of Events](#) for a list of all upcoming ITE events and Webinars!

## Professional Development Seminars

### TRB Webinar

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### T3 Webinars

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### 2016 TRB Annual Meeting: Paper Submissions Due August 1, 2015



TRB is accepting papers for consideration as part of the program for the [TRB 95th Annual Meeting](#), January 10-14, 2016, in Washington, D.C., and for publication in the *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board (TRR)*. The spotlight

theme for the 2016 TRB Annual Meeting is **Research Convergence for a Multi-Modal Future**.

Spotlight sessions, workshops, and discussions at the meeting will highlight the critical role played by transportation research and its deployment in enhancing the variety, efficiency, and sustainability of transportation options for both freight and people. The information-packed program is expected to attract more than 12,000 transportation professionals from around the world. In addition to the general calls for papers produced by many of TRB's standing committees, authors are invited to submit papers related to the spotlight theme or on other topics of interest to the TRB community.

For more information:

<http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/170784.aspx>

### The 2015 Bike Commuter Challenge is June 12 - 19!

The Bike Commuter Challenge (BCC) is a week-long annual event produced by the [Active Transportation Alliance](#)! In 2014 alone, 6,000 participants from across 650 Chicagoland companies and organizations including Groupon and Orbitz took part in the event.



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