



**Washington D.C. Section
Institute of Transportation Engineers**

WDCSITE

NOVEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

This is my last note to the membership as President of the Washington D.C. Section. On December 4 at the Market Inn in Washington DC, the 2004 WDCSITE Board will be introduced. Please take a moment to participate in this important event, fill in the ballots that were mailed in early November and return them. If possible, please attend the Business Meeting and share your ideas on how WDCSITE may improve its member services with the incoming Board members. I wish to thank all of the WDCSITE members for their assistance and support throughout this year especially the members of the Board and the 2003 District 2 Annual Meeting organizers who contributed their time, energy, funds and in some cases their family's time and energy towards making WDCSITE a bigger and better organization.

2003 may be remembered for its hurricanes, floods, traffic congestion and security alerts but we at WDCSITE have accomplished more and will continue to grow through emergencies like these that test us, our members and our profession. This year alone, we hosted four technical meetings, the District 2 Annual Meeting, a golf tournament, a picnic, a baseball outing and tours of major construction sites. In addition, we have maintained a monthly newsletter while in the background, the WDCSITE Board has been investigating a means to create and fund a scholarship endowment, rebuild the student liaison program and expand membership involvement from the eastern shore of Maryland, through Northern Virginia and out towards the mountains in western Maryland. There is so much more that we can accomplish as a group with your involvement. Please support the 2004 Board by getting involved!

On a last personal note, I recognize that November and December have a tendency to be busy, hectic months filled with too many activities and not enough time. As you rush from one thing to another, it is often very difficult to focus on the many blessings that each and everyone of us receives from others, from ourselves, our profession, our country and most importantly from our families. During this holiday season, I wish each and every one of our members and their families a joyous season filled with love and the promise of hope for the new year.

Thank you,
Roxane

ITE Hosts Events During TRB Week

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) 83rd Annual Meeting will be held January 11-15, 2004 in Washington DC. ITE members attending the meeting are invited to take advantage of several receptions hosted by ITE at its national headquarters office.

Monday, **January 12**, 2004 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Student Reception. – ITE student members are invited to a reception. Pizza, salad and soft drinks.

Tuesday, **January 13**, 2004 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Member Reception – ITE members are invited to a reception. Refreshments will be served.

WDCSITE 2004 Elections

Ballots for the 2004 WDCSITE Elections were mailed during the second week of November. Please submit your completed ballots by December 3, 2003 or bring them to WDCSITE's Annual Business Meeting at the Market Inn on December 4, 2003.

3rd Annual National Capital Region Incident Management Conference, November 18, 2003

Several WDCSITE members attended the 3rd Annual National Capital Region Incident Management Conference at the Dulles Expo Center on November 18, 2003. The conference was hosted by the Virginia Department of Transportation with assistance from several agencies including WDCSITE.

The conference included panel discussions, interactive sessions, exhibits, and equipment displays that attracted a broad range of participants from law enforcement, transportation, transit, and public safety. There were over 280 registered attendees at the conference and a number of interesting displays such as emergency vehicles and signs. Many thanks to Matt Storck of STV for his continued efforts to expand WDCSITE's technical programs.

2003 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- Thursday, December 4th, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Cost: \$30/person (\$10 for student members)
Market Inn Restaurant, 200 E Street, S.W., Washington D.C., 20023
Phone: (202)554-2100
RSVP by 12 noon on Monday, December 1st.
<http://www.wdcsite.net/> (click on link under the updates header)

NEWSBRIEFS

83rd TRB Annual Meeting

Link to TRB: http://gulliver.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=2068

Portable Changeable Message Sign Handbook

Link to the Federal Highway Administration:

<http://www.tfhrc.gov/pavement/ltpa/reports/03066/index.htm>

ASTM E 2259 "Standard Guide for Archiving and Retrieving ITS – Generated Data"

Link to NTCIP: <http://www.ntcip.org/new/>

VDOT/ITS Virginia 511 Conference (December 3)

Link to NAWGITS: http://www.nawgits.com/icdn/VDOT_511_Conference.pdf

DelDOT Opens Independent *E-Zpass*SM Operations Center

Link to The News Journal:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/newsjournal/local/2003/11/14deldotbeginsezp.html>

Virginia DOT Unveils New 511 Web Site

Link VDOT news release: <http://www.virginiadot.org/infoservice/news/newsrelease.asp?ID=STAN-207>

Link to site: <http://511virginia.org/>

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Freight Professional Development Web Site

Link to FHWA site: <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/overview.asp>

2003 MUTCD – Final rule effective December 22, 2003.

Link to FHWA: <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>

Link to ITE Bookstore: <http://www.ite.org/bookstore/MUTCD03.pdf>

ITE Washington Weekly on TEA-LU, SAFETEA and other reauthorization bills

Link to FHWA for SAFETEA: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/safetea_bill.pdf

Link to ITE summary: http://www.ite.org/weekly/weekly_news_briefs.asp#EPW

Link to GPO for TEA-LU: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=108_cong_bills&docid=f:h3550ih.txt.pdf

Roadway Safety Awards Recognize Montgomery County's Design Standards for Pedestrian and Bicycle-Friendly Environmentally Sensitive Roadways Program

Link to FHWA: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/fhwa0333.htm>

Link to Montgomery County:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cittmpl.asp?url=/content/PIO/news/pedestriansafety/index.asp>

What Would You Like to Gain from WDCSITE in 2004?

Is there a transportation-related project, issue, or topic that you'd like to see discussed at an upcoming WDCSITE meeting? Are there particular events or activities you'd like to see as part of a WDCSITE outing? Would you like to get involved in other WDCSITE activities such as producing newsletters, developing a WDCSITE directory, performing trip generation analyses, or planning events? Any other ideas for increasing the value of your WDCSITE membership? We are currently working on future programs for 2004 and would like to hear your ideas. Please contact Matt Storck, WDCSITE Technical Programs Coordinator, at 410-281-2935 or Storckmt@stvinc.com with any questions or comments.

Support your local ITE Section and bring a business associate/younger member.

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