



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

WDCSITE

JANUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the New Year. The 2004 WDCSITE Board met during the first week in January to plan Section activities for the year as well as the District 2 meeting to be held in Greenbelt, Maryland on May 13 and 14, 2004. The first technical meeting for the Section which will also be the Awards Dinner for 2003, will be held on February 26th, 2004 at the Holiday Inn in College Park. The Board has also tentatively selected dates for the remaining technical meetings (shown below) for members to plan in advance. We will send you meeting notices approximately 4 weeks before the meeting with an exact location, topics and speakers. We intend to continue providing topics that are of local significance and interest to the membership. With the Section in good financial health, we have decided to reduce the meeting fees for members to \$25 from the previous amount of \$30. We would also like to encourage members to bring students to the Section meetings or members that have not previously attended Section meetings. If anyone has any ideas for topics and speakers, please send an e-mail to the technical programs chair, Matt Allen (M_Allen@wallacemontgomery.com).

Besides participation at technical meetings and social events, we also want to encourage Section members to contribute to the newsletter by sending in articles that would be of interest to the local transportation community. We all work on various kinds of projects and in areas that are often very specialized and not exposed to a broader audience or presented at local and national technical meetings. This will be an opportunity to showcase those kinds of projects and bring them to the attention of members in the ITE community. To encourage greater participation, the Section will waive the attendance fee for a technical meeting if the article gets published in a newsletter. Depending on the number of responses and the kinds of topics covered, the Board will decide which articles to include in a newsletter. We hope to start this as a pilot program and see the kind of response we get from members before making it a regular feature. Please e-mail your articles (about 1 page, including any pictures) to the newsletter chair, Roxane Mukai (Rmukai@mdttransportationauthority.com). If anyone has any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me (bakundi@baltometro.org). Also if you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please send them to me or Roxane.

As we head into spring, we will plan social outings for the Section, including a possible trip to the new Smithsonian Exhibit in Northern Virginia. We also plan on bringing the Section golf outing back on schedule after skipping it the last two years – please check the website and future newsletters for announcements on these events.

Thank you,
Bala

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2004 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- Thursday, February 26th, 2004 – College Park Holiday Inn
- April 8, 2004 – BWI Marriott (Tentative)
- September 23, 2004 – Virginia Tech. (Falls Church – Tentative)
- December 2, 2004, Market Inn, Washington, D.C. (Tentative)

NEWSBRIEFS

ITE's Canadian Section on the Web.

Link to CITE7: <http://www.cite7.org>

The Vehicle Detector Clearinghouse - A Summary Report

Link to FHWA: http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov/JPODOCS/REPTS_TE//13894.html

Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS) Update

Link to FHWA: http://www.nawgits.com/fhwa/mdss_update.html

ITE Traffic Signal Timing e-library

Link to ITE: <http://www.ite.org/signal/index.asp>

ITE Transportation System Management and Operations Website has been updated

Link to ITE: <http://www.ite.org/management/index.asp>

Induced Travel Frequently Asked Questions

Link to FHWA: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/itfaq.htm>

Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships in Transportation Safety

Link to FHWA: <http://nhi.fhwa.dot.gov> (Click on Fellowships and Internships)

ATSSA Annual Convention & Traffic Expo - January 30-February 3 - San Antonio, Texas

Link to ATSSA: <http://www.atssa.com/meetevents/expo/Default.htm>

Conference on Managing Travel for Planned Special Events Planned for Late 2004

Link to ITS America:

<http://www.itsa.org/subject.nsf/4432de3b22c1708785256316007db7a0/a00abfbdefd13acf85256e1d007cd631?OpenDocument>

December Issue of BRTB Notes

<http://www.baltometro.org/notesarch/BRTBnotes0312.pdf>

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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 Allen, WDCSITE Technical Programs Coordinator (M_Allen@WallaceMontgomery.com) with any questions or comments.

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

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