



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

WDCSITE

MARCH 2004 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

WDCSITE continues to have a busy year with a number of technical and social programs lined up for the next few months. The second technical meeting will be held at the BWI Marriott on April 1, 2004 with a presentation on the recent I-95 tanker truck accident and a discussion of the accident investigation and safety audits. We are also actively working on the technical program for the District 2 meeting to be held May 13, 14 at the Greenbelt Marriott. Please plan on attending both these events to learn more about what's happening in our region as well as to network with members of the transportation community.

Thank you,
Bala

District 2 Elections

Jeff Greene of MASITE has been named as Chairperson of the District 2 Nominations Committee. The District 2 offices that are up for election include President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Kathy Falk and Steve Barber have been nominated for President and Vice President respectively. The nominations committee is in the process of selecting two candidates for Secretary-Treasurer. It is anticipated that the two candidates for Secretary-Treasurer will be from MASITE, similarly to last year's two candidates having been selected from WDCSITE. The announcement of nominees and an invitation to submit additional nominees will be e-mailed to District 2 members. Following the e-mail notification, ballots will be mailed to District 2 members. Ballots should be mailed prior to the District 2 Annual Meeting or brought to the Annual Meeting.

Your participation in the election process is important. Please look for the announcement of committee nominees and submit your ballot for counting.

Ed Papazian
District 2 Representative to the International Board of Direction

2004 District 2 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! The ITE District 2 Annual Meeting will be held on May 13th and 14th at the Greenbelt Marriot, just off of Kenilworth Avenue near the Capital Beltway (I-495). Highlights of the meeting will include updates on the federal SafeTEA budget and a focus on safety awareness programs. There will be plenty of networking opportunities and a chance to meet and talk with the candidates for ITE International President. Plus, lots of things to see and do - golf, tours and fun activities. Watch your email for your registration package or check the WDCSITE website @ www.wdcsite.net
<<http://www.wdcsite.net/>>

Pat Timbrook
Chair, District 2 Meeting

2004 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- **Thursday, April 1, 2004**
BWI Airport Marriot Hotel, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, MD 21240
5 PM to 7:30 PM
- Early September (Date and location to be determined)
- Early December (Date and location to be determined)

NEWSBRIEFS

Traffic Control Device Pooled-Fund Study (proposal)

Link to ATSSA: http://www.nawgits.com/atssa/application_form_rv.pdf

Corridors for Toll Truckways: Suggested Locations for Pilot Projects

Link to Reason Public Policy Institute: <http://www.rppi.org/ps316.pdf>

Unclogging American Arteries: Effective Relief for Highway Bottlenecks (1999-2004)

Link to American Highway Users Alliance:

<http://www.highways.org/bottleneck/2004/complete.cfm>

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process: Key Issues (Updated March 8, 2004)

Link to FTA: <http://www.planning.dot.gov/documents/BriefingBook/Bbook.htm>

Draft Chapters of the "Intersection Safety Toolbox" Available for Comment

Link to ITE: <http://www.ite.org/safety/toolbox.asp>

Maintaining Traffic Sign Reflectivity

Link to FHWA: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fourthlevel/sa03027.htm>

Association of American Railroads Says FHWA Should Act on Rail Committee's Crossing Safety Recommendations

Link to story in Progressive Railroading:

<http://www.progressiverailroading.com/freightnews/article.asp?id=4311>

Roadway Safety Tools for Local Agencies

Link to TRB: http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=2393

Virginia Gets \$1 Billion Toll Lane Proposal

Link to the Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A64505-2004Mar16.htm>

I-95 Corridor Coalition Debuts Revamped Web Site

Link to site: <http://www.i95coalition.org/>

Data Partnerships: Making Connections for Effective Transportation Planning

Link to TRB: <http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/circulars/ec061.pdf>

Updated Minimum Retroreflectivity Levels for Traffic Signs

Link to FHWA: <http://www.tfhrce.gov/safety/pubs/03081/index.htm>

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APTA 2004 Commuter Rail Conference – April 17 – 20, Atlantic City, NJ
Line to APTA: http://www.apta.com/conferences_calendar/commuter/

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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