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December 2005 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME!

Happy, Healthy, Safe Holidays and a Happy New Year!

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Messages from the Presidents

WDCSITE Board and Section:

Thank you all for a wonderful year. I have great respect for those of you who want to make a difference and do so by doing things you set out to do so well. It is one thing to volunteer but to volunteer and do a good job only means you want to set an example for others to do the same. I know that you probably take everything you do to that level of excellence. You prove that you can achieve both quality and quantity. For that, I will remember this past year and that I was so lucky to be surrounded by each and every one of you.

Stephanie Yanovitz

On behalf of the incoming Board, I'd like to thank the membership for electing us. We look forward to a good year, and we'll have more to say about that topic in upcoming newsletters! I'd also like to thank the outgoing Board, particularly Stephanie for her service as President and Matt Allen for his dual service as Baltimore Area Director and Technical Programs Coordinator. Both of them really did outstanding jobs,

I hope that you all have a good holiday, and that your new year gets off to a great start!

Tim Ryan

December 1st Meeting

The December 1st Technical Meeting was held in downtown DC at the Market Inn Restaurant! Just 50 members squeezed in to listen to John Dietrich of DDOT who presented the progress of projects along the Anacostia Waterfront in a presentation titled “Anacostia Waterfront Initiative – Transportation Improvements”. Our speaker was brought to us by past board member Doug Noble who is currently the Chief Traffic Engineer of DDOT. The Technical Program and luncheon were arranged by Matt Allen of Wallace and Montgomery Associates. Thank you to the speakers and all those who put the program together.

The discussions that day ranged from how much we’ve accomplished in the past year as a section and how much we would like to do more as a section each and every year. As a result the Board met again on Dec. 12th to discuss opportunities for the WDCSITE section this upcoming year.

2006 WDCSITE BOARD

The ballots were tallied just prior to the meeting and the elections were really close. The 2006 elected officers were announced during the Business Meeting and are the following:

President: Timothy A. Ryan, P.E., P.T.O.E.
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SHA District Three
Greenbelt, Maryland

Thank you to all that ran in the elections and did not receive an official position on the board, Randy Dittberner from Parsons Group and Brandon Nevers from Kittelson Associates. Matt Allen from Wallace Montgomery who held two positions as Technical Programs Coordinator and Baltimore Area Director in 2005 will serve as a Program coordinator for the 2006 District 2 Annual Meeting in Frederick, MD. Your efforts in the section and continued participation are greatly appreciated.

2007 International President and Vice President Candidates Announced

The 2007 ITE International Vice President candidates are Alfred A. Guebert and Rodney W. Kelly. Earl E. Newman is the candidate for International President. E-balloting will start on June 29, 2006 and end at noon EST July 27, 2006, with the ability of voting by mail if a paper ballot is requested. The ITE executive committee requests that district and section meetings where the candidates are present provide an opportunity early in the meeting for the candidates to address attendees. To assist the candidates in their travels, please consider waiving registration fees. This will also provide the membership with an opportunity to get to know the candidates prior to voting.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT OUR NOTES FROM ED PAPAZIAN

The International Board met for two days on October 28 and 29, 2005 at ITE headquarters in Washington, DC. This was followed by the Nominations Committee meeting on October 30, 2005 to select two candidates for International Vice President.

The following are key items we discussed and agreed upon.

1. The first part of the Board meeting involved briefings and presentations of mega issues. The first series of presentations involved Management and Operations, including the federal, state, municipal and MPO perspectives.
2. A second series of presentations involved the newly passed transportation reauthorization bill (SAFETEA-LU). While there are a lot of details that were presented, two fairly important items include the following:
 - a. There is no R&D funding for a new MUTCD.
 - b. There are some changes in the environmental review process including delegation of Categorical Exclusions to the states.
3. The Institute's finances continue to be quite strong. While the Annual Meeting in Australia did not turn a profit, the loss was much less than projected in August and is expected to come in at its budgeted figure. The Institute is expected to operate at a loss this year, but at a level less than budgeted. The Institute's reserves are easily able to absorb a deficit.
4. An item that has been discussed at this and at previous Board meetings is the development and dissemination of a Leadership Manual. The Institute is sponsoring webinars for student chapters before the end of 2005, for section and chapter officers in early 2006, and for district officers, International directors, and Executive Board members in April-May 2006.
5. Information on e-balloting will be sent to the sections and districts. A letter will be sent to the section and district presidents that describes the process used by headquarters. This letter will describe the pros and cons and will contain the contact information on the provider.
6. The Annual Meeting in Australia provided an opportunity to discuss ITE's international role. Is ITE an international organization or is it a North American organization with international members? It was noted that in much of ITE District 8, ITE is not the professional organization of first choice among transportation professionals.
7. The process of streamlining ITE membership grades continues. Some of these changes require a constitutional amendment. A proposal will be developed and will come before the membership. Among the proposed major changes are the elimination of the Associate member level, the Associate 10 level, and the Member 10 level. Also, dues for Districts 7 and 8 will be made comparable to US dues. A rebate process will be in place to make up for the increases.
8. There was discussion of site selection for ITE Annual Meetings. Typically, sites are selected seven years in advance. However, the convention industry has become very competitive. Most desirable cities with large convention centers are reluctant to reserve slots too far in advance to an organization the size of ITE. Our conventions are not large enough to warrant cities reserving blocks of convention space for fear of not having enough space for a larger convention. As a result, it was agreed to change our procedures to allow headquarters staff to work with a group of cities before a site selection is made. The cities considered will be within the parameters of the usual rotation of geographical distribution of Annual Meeting locations.
9. Two excellent candidates were nominated for the International Vice President election. They are Alf Guebert from Calgary, who ran this past year, and Rod Kelly from Dallas. You will have the opportunity to meet them at the District 2 meeting in May.

Our next Board meeting will be in March. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss ITE. My phone number is 703-674-1307 and my email address is ed.papazian@kimley-horn.com.

THANK YOU ED!

OTHER NEWS / NEWSBRIEFS

***** TRB NEWS *****

2006 TRB 85TH ANNUAL MEETING: ADDITIONAL OVERFLOW HOTEL ROOMS GOING QUICKLY!

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5683

The Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels are sold out for the TRB 85th Annual meeting, January 22-26, 2006, in Washington, D.C. So too are three "overflow" hotels, the Jurys Doyle, the Churchill, and the Mayflower-A Renaissance. Therefore, TRB has arranged a block of rooms at a fifth overflow hotel—the Residence Inn Dupont Circle. Reservation information for the Residence Inn Dupont Circle is available on the Annual Meeting website. A limited number of rooms are still available the Washington Courtyard. Shuttle service is not provided from overflow hotels since they are a short walk or Metro ride from Annual Meeting events.

2006 TRB 85TH ANNUAL MEETING: TRANSPORTATION 2025 SPOTLIGHTED SESSIONS

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5693

The TRB 85th Annual Meeting, January 22-26, 2006, in Washington, DC, will include a series of spotlight sessions on "Transportation 2025: Getting There From Here." Sessions under this spotlight theme will examine collaborative decision making, workforce, and organizational challenges our industry must address over the next 20 years. Sessions under the Transportation 2025 spotlight theme begin with a discussion among administrators of the U.S. Department of Transportation's component agencies on Monday, January 23, in Session 262.

2006 TRB 85TH ANNUAL MEETING: LOOKING FOR A JOB OR HAVE A JOB TO FILL?

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=4528

The Employment Opportunities self-service room, located in the Taft room of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, will offer a venue for matching available positions and candidates during the TRB 85th Annual Meeting, January 22-26, 2006. Potential employers may bring multiple copies of 8-1/2"x11" employment notices to the Employment Opportunities room for posting and collection by interested candidates. Individuals wishing to circulate their resume may bring multiple copies for posting and collection to the Employment Opportunities room. Resumes should include a cell or local phone number where potential employers can make contact with candidates immediately.

11TH NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5600

TRB is sponsoring the 11th National Transportation Planning Applications Conference in September 2007, in Daytona Beach, Florida. For additional information contact Kimberly Fisher.

RFP: FUTURE OPTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE

HIGHWAYS - PROPOSALS DUE JANUARY 31, 2006

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5681

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) has issued a request for proposals to develop options for the future of the U.S. Interstate Highway System that will assist the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and its member departments of transportation in decision making.

Recently Released TRB Publications

GEOMETRIC DESIGN AND THE EFFECTS ON TRAFFIC OPERATIONS 2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5578

TRB's Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board, No. 1912 assesses operational and safety effects of U-turns at signalized intersections, an actual driving data analysis for design consistency evaluation, speed factors on two-lane rural highways in free-flow conditions, new concepts for context-based designs of streets and highways, and findings on the safety of U-turns at unsignalized median openings.

Federal Research News

SAFETY EFFECTS OF MARKED VERSUS UNMARKED CROSSWALKS AT UNCONTROLLED

LOCATIONS: FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5700

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center has posted on its website a report produced by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration that examines whether marked crosswalks at uncontrolled locations are safer than unmarked crosswalks under various traffic and roadway conditions. The report provides recommendations on how to provide safer crossings for pedestrians. The report includes analysis of 5 years of pedestrian crashes at 1,000 marked crosswalks and 1,000 matched unmarked comparison sites. Detailed data were collected on traffic volume, pedestrian exposure, number of lanes, median type, speed limit, and other site variables.

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT AND GDP: SOME CONCEPTS, DATA, AND ANALYSIS 2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5694

The U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics has released a report that provides statistics on transportation capital investment by sector (government, private business, and households); by asset type (infrastructure, rolling stock, and other equipment used by transportation industries); and by mode of transportation (air, highway, water, mass transit, railroad, and pipelines).

CONTRASTING RURAL AND URBAN FATAL CRASHES: 1994 - 2003

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5696

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released a statistical abstract that uses data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) for the period 1994 - 2003 to compare the characteristics of fatal rural and urban crashes. The report is designed as a reference tool for those who wish to examine rural and urban fatal crashes.

CREATING IMPAIRED DRIVING GENERAL DETERRENCE: EIGHT CASE STUDIES OF SUSTAINED, HIGH-VISIBILITY, IMPAIRED-DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5697

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released a report that presents eight case studies of selected programmatic efforts intended to reduce the incidence of impaired driving and in other ways improve traffic safety. According to the report, each of the highlighted programs is unique, but all eight are characterized by sustained, high-visibility, special impaired-driving enforcement activity and all are supported by vigorous publicity and education campaigns. The purpose of the collection of case studies is to provide information about how jurisdictions might develop similar programs.

PUBLIC ROADS: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5698

University Research News

MEETING THE EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN NEW JERSEY

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5701

The Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) at Rutgers and New Jersey Transit have released a report that identifies and documents transportation barriers to work for people with disabilities and makes recommendations related to addressing the identified barriers. The goal of the report is to enhance transportation services for people with disabilities in a variety of settings throughout the state.

INTEGRATING LAND USE ISSUES INTO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING: SCENARIO PLANNING

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5689

The College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Utah has released a report that reviews the antecedents to current land use-transportation scenario planning, examines trends emerging from the recent examples, and explores whether the technique has entered the state of the practice in land use-transportation planning. The report investigates the breadth of land use-transportation scenario planning and some of the themes that are emerging by reviewing 80 scenario planning projects from more than 50 metropolitan areas in the United States.

AN EVALUATION OF THE SAFETY EFFECTS OF SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS IN CHARLOTTE, NC

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5686

The Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) at North Carolina State University has released a report that examines the effectiveness of automated speed enforcement cameras in Charlotte, North Carolina. The report includes information obtained from a literature review and focus groups that were conducted as part of the study.

International Research News

U.K. DISABLED PERSONS TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5685

The United Kingdom's Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee has released its annual report. The committee provides independent advice to the Secretary of State for Transport on the transport needs of disabled people. During the past year, the committee made recommendations in support of the Disability Discrimination Act of 2005, which includes a requirement for all rail vehicles to be accessible by 2020. Together with the charity Tripscope—the transport travel information charity for disabled people—the committee launched the Door-to-Door Website, which advises disabled people on every aspect of planning and making journeys. The committee also created lesson plans for primary school design and technology teachers on how to teach the principles of accessible design as part of the National Curriculum.

ITE

Check out the Web seminars available to ITE members: <http://www.ite.org/education/webinars.asp>

Receptions at ITE Headquarters

The annual student reception will be held at ITE headquarters on Monday, January 23 and the member reception will be on Tuesday, January 24. Both receptions will be held from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Make sure to attend these festive receptions with food, friends and colleagues.

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November 30, 2005

Dear Transportation Professional:

The **Theodore M. Matson Associates Luncheon** will be held on **Monday, January 23, 2006** in the **Regency Ballroom** at the **Omni Shoreham**. The pre-luncheon reception will commence at 11:45 AM. The price of the luncheon will be \$46.00 per person. We have confirmed

Bruce Katz
Vice President
Brookings Institute

to be this years' Distinguished Speaker to talk about innovative solutions for vehicles and infrastructure to improve safety and enhance efficiency of our nation's transportation network.

Fill out the form on the lower portion of this letter and return by mail or FAX by Monday, January 13, 2006. Prepayment is desirable and checks should be made out to the Institute of Transportation Engineers. **Please make a reservation in advance** so that an accurate guarantee can be provided to the Omni Shoreham.

The Matson Associates Distinguished Speaker Series provides an opportunity to share the perspectives of the featured speakers, for the Matson Associates to gather and socialize, and to attract new Matson Associates. Other prominent leaders of the transportation profession will be invited as well. The profession's awareness of Ted Matson's many contributions will be increased and his impact on our profession perpetuated.

The Matson Fund annually supports: the Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award citation, a portion of the travel costs for the Matson Award recipient to the ITE Annual Meeting, and a portion of the costs of the Matson/Marsh Dinner at the ITE Annual Meeting honoring the recipient and the past recipients of the Matson and Marsh Awards. The Institute has chosen to invite ITE student members who are attending the TRB Meeting to join with us and to subsidize their lunch by \$31 providing for a \$15 student lunch fee. A contribution of \$10.00 or more from each Matson Associate would make it possible to operate in the black and add to the principal toward endowing the current level of activities. If you are in a position to do so, please consider a contribution to the Matson Fund. Contributions to the Institute are considered charitable contributions.

Best regards,



Thomas W. Brahms
Secretary, Matson Associates

2006 Theodore M. Matson Associates Luncheon Reservation

Cancellations must be made by close of business Monday, January 13, 2006, as the guarantee to the hotel will be finalized shortly thereafter. Failure to cancel will result in forfeiture of payment or a bill for each unpaid reservation not canceled.	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend and <input type="checkbox"/> I will bring with me the following persons: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
	I have enclosed payment for _____ @ \$46.00/ person Full-time ITE Student Members _____ @ \$15.00/person \$ _____ I am contributing to the Matson Fund \$ _____ Total remittance \$ _____
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AASHTO

Below is a listing of new AASHTO publications. At the end of this email is a list of FREE AASHTO publications which you may download from the AASHTO bookstore.

To purchase AASHTO publication, Call 1-800-231-3475 or order online at <http://bookstore.transportation.org>

Save the Date!

AASHTO and the Standing Committee on Quality present:

Quality Roundup Conference

April 5-6, 2006

Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Phoenix, Arizona

Three Presentation Tracks featuring:

- Performance Excellence
- Workforce Development
- Program and Project Management

Conference registration and details will be available early next year.

Mark Your Calendar for the 2006 AASHTO National Civil Rights Conference Minneapolis, Minnesota August 18-23, 2006

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will host the 2006 AASHTO Civil Rights Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 18-23, 2006. The theme of this year's conference is, "The Power of Civil Rights: Challenging Transportation."

This event will provide a national forum for networking and for the discussion of the civil rights challenges facing the transportation industry. The conference promises to be innovative, thought provoking and is designed for officials from state departments of transportation and officials as well as those from federal, county, municipal and tribal governments involved in civil rights initiatives, such as the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The conference can also benefit contractors, consultants and others in transportation-related fields.

Click here <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aashto> to reach the conference Web site that provides links to special room rates available through the Hilton Hotel, in Minneapolis.

Please check the site periodically to view updated information on registration costs, workshop topics, and featured speakers.

We look forward to seeing you in at the conference in August. For more information, contact Jennifer Faricy, Events Coordinator by phone: (651) 296-0861, or by email: Jennifer.faricy@dot.state.mn.us

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Hannah Whitney at hannahw@ashto.org

UMD

View the upcoming courses at <http://www.ence.umd.edu/mdt2center/calendar.htm>

If you have difficulty viewing our emails, you can view our upcoming courses at <<http://www.ence.umd.edu/ttcc/>>

2006 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

Planning for these meetings has begun. The location and frequency of the meetings was one of the topics discussed by the incoming Board at its December meeting. Watch this space for future updates!

2006 District 2 Annual Meeting in Frederick, MD (May 11-12)

Be on the Planning Committee EARLY participating in a few meetings early rather than a lot of meetings later is all the more reason to sign up EARLY. Pat Timbrook, Streetsmarts patt@streetsmarts.us is the Chair of the 2006 District 2 Meeting. Pat is looking for volunteers for a number of on-site activities as well as planning activities. Please contact her to volunteer for arranging speakers, programs, registration, moderating, social outings, vendors, meeting rooms etc.

\$\$\$ Scholarship \$\$\$

With the Section in good financial health, we have decided to explore outreach to student sections and processes for providing scholarships. Josh Smith, G&O JDsmith@G-and-O.com and Matt Crane, JMT mcrane@jmt.com have volunteered as membership and scholarship chairs respectively so please show them your support. If you are a graduate of University of MD or Morgan State please let us know if the transportation engineering departments have or had representatives that wanted to be more active in WDCSITE. We will continue the meeting fees for members at \$25. Bring a guest to the section and your fee will be \$20. We would also like to encourage members to bring students to the Section meetings or members that have not previously attended Section meetings. Students are FREE.

What Would You Like to Gain from WDCSITE?

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 2006 and would like to hear your ideas. Please contact Paul Silberman, WDCSITE Technical Programs Coordinator (psilberman@sabra-wang.com) with any questions or comments.

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

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