



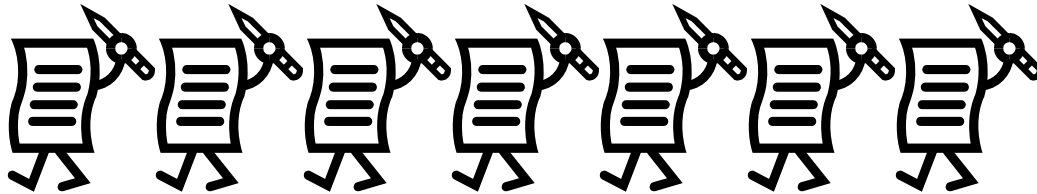
**Washington D.C. Section
Institute of Transportation Engineers**

WDCSITE

April/May 2006 NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

I trust that spring is going well for all members of the Section, and that the Major League Baseball team of your choice is doing well as well.

Our April 6, 2006 Meeting was a big success. Approximately 40 members and guests (including three students from Morgan State University and one from the University of Maryland) had a fine dinner and heard a presentation that was both informative and entertaining. (I'm usually happy with one or the other—this was both!) Mark Krysiak of the Maryland Port Administration discussed security issues/programs at the Port of Baltimore. He made a number of good points—the one I remember best was that the goal was not to protect the Port from the country, but rather to protect the country from the Port.

There are a lot of Section activities coming up in the next month or so. Details are provided elsewhere in this Newsletter. Thanks to the members of the Section who have forwarded ideas, and thanks to the Board members who have worked to set them up!

Tim Ryan

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NOTICES

A highway transportation safety course will be taught at Virginia Tech in Falls Church this summer. The course will be from mid-May to early August. Those interested in taking the course should email Sam Tignor at satignor@vt.edu.

Course: Highway Transportation Safety, CEE5640

Description: The course is a part of the Advanced Transportation Systems Program. It is directed at the safety of our highway transportation system. Emphasis is placed on identifying highway safety problems and the discussion of remedial solutions and countermeasures needed to eliminate highway crashes and the associated fatalities and injuries. The course addresses the history of highway safety, remedial steps that have been taken to improve safety, current research, and the challenge remaining to eliminate highway crashes. Topics to be discussed include, but are not limited to; user characteristics and expectations, road audits, two-lane safety model, statistical analyses including regression to the mean and Empirical Bayes solutions, roadside hardware systems, safety enhancing treatments, standard traffic control devices, real-time information and control systems, work zone and railroad crossing treatments, older driver design concepts, traffic calming, designs for pedestrians and bikes, and delineation and lighting principles. Emphasis in the course will be for the student to learn and understand through analyses, case studies, and discussion how safety problems can be identified for elimination. Group and individual analyses of specific problems will be included in the course. (3 credits)



DISTRICT 2

ANNUAL MEETING	
Thursday and Friday, May 11 -12, 2006 Conference Rooms Frederick Holiday Inn \$104/night Clustered Spirals 8415 Gas House Pike Frederick, MD 21701 Holiday & Conference Center Conference Code ITE 301-694-7500 5400 Holiday Drive Frederick, MD 21703	
Preliminary Agenda	
Thursday	
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast / Exhibits
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Opening Session Michele Pourtaut, Acting Director, District of Columbia DOT
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Break / Exhibits
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Session 1 Travel Demand Session 2 Non-traditional intersections Lunch
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Richard T. Romer, P.E., FTOE International President International Vice President Candidates Alfred A. Guebert, P.Eng., FTOE Rodney W. Kelly, P.E.
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Session 3 Transit and Pedestrian Projects Session 4 Traffic Signal Operations
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break / Exhibits
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Session 5 Funding Transportation Projects with Tolls Session 6 Pedestrian Safety
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Reception Dinner
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	50 th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System John Horsley, Executive Director, ASSHTO
Friday	
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast / Exhibits
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Session 7 Safety Programs Session 8 Transportation Impact Analysis
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break / Exhibits
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Session 9 Mega Transportation Projects Session 10 Transportation Systems Management and Operations
1:00 PM	Golf

Date: May 11th and 12th, 2006

Dear WDCSITE and MASITE members:

See the attached flyer for information on the upcoming District 2 ITE Meeting, May 11-12, 2006 in Frederick, MD. We hope to see you there!

REGISTRATION				
Type	Activity	Before May 6	After May 6	Coat
ITE Member	Full Conference	\$110	\$125	
	One Day	60	75	
Non-Member	Full Conference	125	145	
	One Day	75	85	
Full Time Student Members /	Full Conference or One Day	25	25	
	Golf	65	75	
TOTAL				\$
Make Check Payable to ITE District 2				

Please indicate preference for Thursday Dinner

Full Name	Name on Badge
Organization	Email:
Address	Phone
City	State
	Zip
	Fax

Check here to request Professional Development Hour credits

Please remit registration form and payment to:

Lorraine Delgado
 ITE District 2 Meeting
 c/o Street Smarts
 3027 Old Lee Highway, Suite 101C
 Fairfax, VA 22030-2422
 Fax 703-359-8863

lrrained@streetsmarts.us

Date: May 18, 2006

The Harvard Business School Alumni Club of Greater Washington, D.C. jointly with the Washington, D.C. Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and the Wharton Alumni Club of Washington invite you to attend an Energy Panel addressing the increasingly severe energy crisis afflicting our nation.

Full meeting details and RSVP information available on our website or by clicking the link below:
http://www.wdcsite.net/pages/may18_mtg.pdf

Time: 6:30-7:15 PM Cash Bar and networking among speakers and guests
7:15-7:45 PM The fabulous Maggianos Italian Dinner
7:45-9:30 PM Panel talks and discussion.

Location: Maggianos, Little Italy Restaurant, 5333 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. located in Friendship Heights (Wisconsin Ave and Western Ave., NW (near the Friendship Heights Station on the Metrorail Red Line)

Parking: The restaurant offers subsidized parking in the garage underneath the building. Access from either Wisconsin Avenue or from Military Road behind the Building. Please get your parking ticket stamped at the restaurant.

Cost: \$25/person for ITE Members
\$60/person for Non-members
Students are FREE

Note: Please make reservations no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, May 12, 2006 by e-mailing or calling:

Washington Area Director
Elizabeth Sall
Esall@camsys.com
301 347-0100

Payment is expected for all reservations! Those who do not cancel by May 12, 2006 and do not attend will be billed.

Date: May 25, 2006

Mark your calendars for the upcoming meeting on May 25th at 6:00PM in Vienna, Virginia. Details below or on our website at http://www.wdcsite.net/pages/May_25_2006mtg.pdf

Guest Speakers and Topics

1. Ling Li (Virginia Department of Transportation)

Topic: VDOT NOVA Smart Traffic Center Functions, Operations and Future Plans

2. Ron Kirby (Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments)

Topic: Implementing Managed Lanes on the Freeway System in the Washington Region

Place

VHB Office
8300 Boone Blvd, Suite 700
Vienna, VA 22182
Telephone: 703-847-3071
Free parking in the surface lot

Meeting Format

Presentations start at 6:15 PM
Sandwiches and salads will be provided

Price

\$15.00 for ITE members (if you bring a non-member, you get \$5.00 off your admission)
\$20.00 for non-ITE members
Free for Students

Reservations

Abi Lerner, HNTB
E-Mail: alerner@hntb.com
Telephone: (703) 824-5100

Reservations accepted until noon, Tuesday, May 23, 2005

Payment at the door / Make checks payable to ITE / When making reservations indicate whether or not you are an ITE member

Date: June 1st and 2nd, 2006

ITS Virginia has asked that we provide the following information regarding their upcoming annual meeting in Arlington, VA on June 1st and 2nd. If you have any questions, please see the contact info in the message below.

Contact Amy Shaw at 434-977-3716 or via email:
amy.shaw@easterassociates.com with any questions or concerns.

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INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Ed Papazian

The International Board met for two days on March 17 and 18, 2006 prior to the Technical conference in San Antonio, Texas.

The following are key items we discussed and agreed upon.

1. The Institute's finances continue to be strong. The headquarters ended 2005 with a surplus of \$120,000. Throughout the course of the year, a deficit had been projected. The surplus was achieved through cost cutting measures.
2. Highlights of the finances include publication sales being below expectations. This was countered by ITE Journal advertising revenue exceeding expectations. This is a sign of a strong economy. Membership figures have dipped slightly.
3. As a part of the outreach effort to attract new members, headquarters staff will be compiling a list of key transportation personnel for state, regional, and local jurisdictions with populations of 85,000 or more. This is a project that will involve the efforts of local ITE sections and chapters. Headquarters will be developing a plan of action for compiling this list.
4. The Board discussed establishing a toll-free phone number for contacting ITE headquarters. The Board decided not to pursue this. Such a feature is not as important as in the past due to use of the internet.
5. The Board examined the Mega-Issue of Designing for all Users. We discussed the role of ITE in providing, disseminating, convening, and advocating for various aspects of this subject.
6. As part of the discussion of Coordinating Council activities, we noted the significant increases in Council memberships resulting from the new dues structure. This provides an opportunity for more volunteer help. It also provides challenges for the Councils to assure that their activities are meaningful to their members. I encourage our members to consider becoming active in their Councils. Please contact the chair of your Council if you wish to become active. You can also contact me and I will pass your name on to the appropriate headquarters staff coordinator and Council chair.
7. We had a lengthy discussion of the Professional Development Program. One of the elements of this program is web seminars (webinars). These are live presentations that can be an appropriate activity for a section meeting. However, these may be difficult to schedule. One of the options being considered is for the webinars to be recorded onto a CD and made available at a reduced price. This would make it easier to incorporate webinars into section meetings. The issue of providing an opportunity for such technical presentations is becoming more important as more jurisdictions are requiring PDH credit for professional registration renewal.
8. The process of streamlining ITE membership grades continues. Some of the changes will require constitutional amendments. Stay tuned.
9. It was agreed that the ITE districts have name identifiers. Current examples are Southern District (District 5) and the Midwestern District (District 4). Our district needs to consider an appropriate name.
10. The new Traffic Operations Practitioner Specialist (TOPS) and Traffic Signal Operations Specialist (TSOS) certification programs are up and running. The exam questions are being developed and the first exam will be given August 5, 2006 in Milwaukee. A new certification for the 'Professional Transportation Planner' is being initiated with the first exam expected to be administered in 2007. I will have more to report following the next Board meeting.
11. Sections are strongly encouraged to submit 'Best Practices' documents.
12. The next leadership webinar for section and chapter leadership will be conducted on May 24th.

Our next Board meeting will be held in August. Feel free to contact me to discuss ITE. My phone number is 703-674-1307 and my email is ed.papazian@kimley-horn.com.

OTHER NEWS / NEWSBRIEFS

Subject: Sad News from the ITE Family

It is with great regret that I inform you that the daughter of Tom Brahms, Anna, suffered a brain hemorrhage and passed away. Anna leaves her son, Sammy. The family is setting up a trust fund for Sammy, and if you wish, contributions can be made to that trust fund in lieu of flowers. The family has requested that preference rather than flowers. Pete Frentz will be providing more information, if you wish to contribute, as the trust fund arrangements have not yet been completed.

Pete Frentz has provided the trust fund location:

*Samuel Jacob Sheehan Trust
c/o Middleburg Bank
1779 Fountain Drive
Reston, VA 20190*

The Executive Committee is working with Pete Frentz on an appropriate ITE response in addition to our and your individual contributions, prayers and expressions of sympathy by cards and letters. Obviously, this is a very sad time for the Brahms family.

The Board of the WDCSITE has voted to make a \$500 contribution to Tom Brahms' grandson's trust fund.

Friends and colleagues: Sad news from the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation

It is also with great regret that I inform you that on Easter Sunday, we lost a dear and personal friend with the passing of John "Pat" Bradley. Pat suffered a heart attack while out on one of his routine jogs. Words cannot express how Pat has touched our lives and we will miss him dearly.

Along with our fond memories, Pat is survived by his wife, Kathy and three daughters.

In the last few days, the outpouring of love and support has unbelievable, and so many people have been asking how they can help Pat's family. To that end, a fund has been established to provide for the care, support and education of Pat's family. I would appreciate if you would pass this information along to those who knew Pat and have offered their support and assistance. On behalf of the Bradley family, your prayers, thoughts and generosity are very much appreciated as they try to cope with their loss.

*The Pat Bradley Memorial Fund
c/o Emil Wolanin
17305 Stag Horn Court
Germantown, Maryland 20874*

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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 ET 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. This will also provide the membership with an opportunity to get to know the candidates prior to voting.

Who's Who.....Don't miss them at the upcoming District 2 Annual Meeting – learn more about them on the ITE website:

Nominees for 2007 International Officers

For International President
Earl E. Newman, P.E., PTOE



For International Vice President

- Alfred A. Guebert, P.Eng., PTOE
[Brochure](#) | [Web site](#)



- Rodney W. Kelly, P.E.
[Brochure](#) | [Web site](#)



E-balloting—and for those requesting a paper ballot—will commence on June 29th and close on July 27th. If you are an eligible voter as of May 15th (having paid your 2006 international dues and are an Associate, Member, or Fellow), you will be provided with a username and password with the June issue of *ITE Journal* as well as the Web site address where you may cast your ballot. If your current e-mail address is on file, you will also be sent an e-mail that also includes your username and password

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

UMD – MAY DATES

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/ttc/>

Register for these May courses....

Introduction to Temporary Traffic Control

May 1, 2006

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

This is an introductory course to temporary traffic control in work zones, TCC is a one-day course designed to give participants a complete overview of traffic control in work zones, including applicable standards, devices used, component parts and their requirements, and installation/removal considerations.

Topics Covered:

Definition of temporary traffic control (TTC)

Quantification of the safety problem

Manuals and standards applicable in the State of Maryland

Fundamental principles of TTC

Component parts of the TTC

Introduction to traffic control devices

Tapers and other transitions

Installation and removal considerations

Audience: This course is intended for anyone whose actions affect safety on temporary traffic control work zones, including traffic managers, traffic technicians, inspectors and designers.

May 1, 2006 from 8:00am - 4:30pm

\$100 MD Local Gov't Only

\$150 MD State Gov't

\$175 Federal, Private, Out-of-State

Work Zone Design

May 2-3, 2006

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

The course will give participants knowledge of the entire temporary traffic control (TTC) process: planning, design, review, installation, maintenance, and evaluation of proper maintenance of traffic (MOT) controls for work zones. While the functions of planning, design, review, and operation of temporary traffic control are covered in detail, issues concerning safety of pedestrians and highway workers, human factors, and legal responsibility are also addressed. The procedures and devices covered are generally taken from Part 6 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and are modified to meet practices and standards in Maryland.

Audience: The course is aimed at individuals who are responsible for the design, review, or modification of temporary traffic control for work zones adjacent to and within roads and highways, especially those in Maryland. The course will also be of interest to those responsible for installation, operation, and inspection.

May 2-3, 2006 from 8:00am - 4:30pm

\$200 MD Local Gov't Only

\$275 MD State Gov't

\$295 Private/Out of State

For more information, call Janette at 301-403-4623 or email ttc@eng.umd.edu

AASHTO – JUNE DATES

2006 Subcommittee on Design Meeting Wyndham Orlando Resort; Orlando, Florida June 13 - 16, 2006

You are invited to the AASHTO Subcommittee on Design Meeting to be held June 13 - 16, 2006 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Meeting Registration

Registration fee includes:

Admittance to all conference sessions

Reception Tuesday evening

Breakfast and lunch on Wednesday / Breakfast and dinner on Thursday / Breakfast on Friday / All morning and afternoon breaks

Advance Member Registration Fee (On or prior to May 26): \$350.00

Advance Non-Member Registration Fee (On or prior to May 26): \$450.00

Two easy ways to register:

Registration online at <http://www.transportation1.org/meetings>

Or download the registration form from the website above.

Complete and mail registration form with check or government purchase order payment to:

AASHTO

Department 5051

Washington, DC 20061-5051

Hotel Information and Reservations

Wyndham Orlando Resort

8001 International Drive

Orlando, Florida 32819

Main number: 407.351.2420

Reservations: 800.421.8001

Room block: Mention AASHTO to receive the group rate.

Rate: \$99.00 single or double. Taxes are 11.5% and each room is subject to a 7.5% resort fee.

Reserve by May 14, 2006 for special rate (may fill up sooner!)

Notice of cancellation is 72 hours prior to arrival.

Please go to www.transportation.org for more details.

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@aaashto.org

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

TRB News

ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FOR TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6127

TRB is sponsoring the Environmental Geospatial Information for Transportation Workshop on May 3-4, 2006, in Washington, D.C. The workshop will examine successful geographic information system (GIS) data-sharing collaborations for environmental GIS applications used in transportation. The workshop will also explore common approaches and issues, and will consider methods to facilitate data sharing by other organizations. Attendees will have the opportunity to showcase their use of GIS for environmental applications, learn how other states are overcoming the challenges of sharing and integrating geospatial data from multiple sources, and better understand how geospatial technologies can help meet requirements in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. Participants will also have the opportunity to discover ways to gain support for collaborative environmental spatial data development projects and to explore partnerships with other organizations in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Advance registration and the accompanying registration discount end April 18, 2006.

NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL MONITORING EXPOSITION AND CONFERENCE (NATMEC)

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=4571

TRB is sponsoring the North American Travel Monitoring Exposition and Conference (NATMEC) on June 4-7, 2006, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. NATMEC 2006 is designed to provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of information related to the collection, management, and use of monitored traffic data in all applications.

RFP: A GUIDEBOOK FOR THE EVALUATION OF PROJECT DELIVERY METHODS – PROPOSALS

DUE MAY 22, 2006

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6126

TRB's Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) has issued a request for proposals to develop a guidebook to help transit agencies select the most appropriate project delivery method for major capital projects and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of including operations and maintenance as a component of a contract for the project delivery system.

GUIDELINES FOR ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS IN BICYCLE FACILITIES

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6093

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 552: Guidelines for Analysis of Investments in Bicycle Facilities includes methodologies and tools to estimate the cost of various bicycle facilities and for evaluating their potential value and benefits. The report is designed to help transportation planners integrate bicycle facilities into their overall transportation plans and on a project-by-project basis. The research described in the report has been used to develop a set of web-based guidelines, available on the Internet at <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/bikecost/>, that provide a step-by-step worksheet for estimating costs, demands, and benefits associated with specific facilities under consideration.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6125

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 551: Performance Measures and Targets for Transportation Asset Management describes the research effort associated with production of the report and provides the current state of practice on the use of performance measures, principally in the context of transportation asset management. In addition, the report introduces a framework for identifying performance measures and setting target values. The report appendixes contain examples of performance measures and targets. The report is designed to help transportation agencies apply the concepts of performance management to their asset management efforts.

MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY 2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6122

TRB's Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board No. 1924 explores ways that intelligent transportation devices—such as signs and ramp meters—could help older drivers use freeways; assesses the potential demand for new academic programs in transportation and logistics in Rhode Island; examines whether transport megaprojects in Hong Kong and China could be designed to benefit local areas as well as global interests; and reveals how improvements to a New Jersey Transit rail line decreased stress and job strain for commuters.

NETWORK MODELING 2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6121

TRB's Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board No. 1923 explores modeling for online dispatching and routing of emergency vehicles, estimating a truck origin–destination matrix based on the value of the commodity shipped, evaluating flexible transit system designs with microsimulation, planning advance strategies for the management of major freeway incidents, and predicting bus arrival times.

TRENDS IN OIL SUPPLY AND DEMAND, POTENTIAL FOR PEAKING OF CONVENTIONAL OIL PRODUCTION, AND POSSIBLE MITIGATION OPTIONS: A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WORKSHOP

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6004

The Board on Energy and Environmental Systems, part of the National Academies' Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences (DEPS), has released a report that summarizes an October 20-21, 2005, workshop that explored the question of global conventional oil production and, in particular, considered estimates of when global conventional oil production might peak. DEPS, like TRB, is a division of the National Academies, which include the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council.

DRIVER ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS AT INTERSECTIONS AND POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS OF ENGINEERING COUNTERMEASURES: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6134

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has released an executive summary of the report Driver Attitudes and Behaviors at Intersections and Potential Effectiveness of Engineering Countermeasures, which was published in November 2005. The executive summary describes the results obtained from focus groups that were used to help identify driver attitudes and behaviors related to intersection safety and to assess the likely impacts of new or existing infrastructure-based technologies/countermeasures. The focus groups were part of research that was conducted to provide FHWA with information about key attitudes and behavioral influences in intersection driving performance, and perceptual and cognitive bottlenecks.

IMPACT OF CURLING, WARPING, AND OTHER EARLY-AGE BEHAVIOR ON CONCRETE PAVEMENT SMOOTHNESS: EARLY, FREQUENT, AND DETAILED (EFD) STUDY

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6137

The Center for Transportation Research and Education at Iowa State University has released a report that examines factors affecting pavement smoothness during the time immediately following construction. The report includes a large amount of data on the early-age effects of curling and warping on pavement smoothness.

A PILOT STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF MACROTEXTURE ON STOPPING DISTANCE

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6140

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has released a report that examines the ability to generate information on the relative contribution of a road surface's macrotexture to the stopping distance of automobiles at different speeds. For the purposes of the report, the relevant parameters of a road's macrotexture are surface irregularities between 0.5 mm and 50 mm.

U.S. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RIDERSHIP STATISTICS: 2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=6129

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) reports that people took more than 9.7 billion trips on U.S. public transportation systems in 2005, with public transportation growing at a faster rate than highway travel (1.3 % vs. 0.1%). Since 1995, public transportation use increased 25.1% -- faster than the rate of highway vehicle miles traveled (22.5%).

\$\$\$ 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. Please contact Josh if you'd like to volunteer to help coordinate with student chapters and plan joint activities. 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.

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