

"WDCSITE members,

Here is an update of recent, current and future activities going on in our Section. Hope to see you at one of these events.

**LAST EVENT:**

**Wednesday April 15, 2009 – FHWA Turner-Fairbanks Highway Research Center Tour**

Over 15 people including students from GMU, Morgan State and Virginia Tech as well as several retirees attended. As a leading institution devoted to highway research and safety, one of the highlights of the tour was the visit to the structural lab where the Minnesota I-35 bridge failure is currently under study. Thanks to Dan Goldfarb for coordinating this event.

**Wednesday April 29 to Friday May 1, 2009 – Mid-Colonial District Annual Meeting**

Over 200 people from the DC Section and Mid-Atlantic Section converged at the Tremont Plaza hotel for over 2 days of technical events, vendor exhibits and social activities. Sessions included issues such as inauguration traffic management, trip generation, roundabouts, sustainability, model calibration and validation, maintenance of traffic, traffic calming, pedestrian safety, and roadway signing. Social activities included a golf outing, bike ride, happy hour, dinner reception and our first Traffic Bowl tournament. Many thanks to all of the exhibitors, presenters and speakers that help make the conference a success. And a special thanks to Brandon Nevers and the entire conference planning team for their hard work organizing the conference.

**NEXT EVENT:**

- **Maryland State Highway Administration Office of Traffic, Signal Shop, Sign Shop and CHART Tour; Tuesday, June 9, 2009**
  - **12:00 – 1:00 PM Pizza Lunch at OOTS**
  - **1:00 – 3:30 PM Tour**

Ever wonder: How are large freeway guide signs fabricated? How can signal timings be changed remotely? How incident response teams are dispatched and emergency detours implemented? Join other ITE members on a tour of SHA's state of the art facilities. Cost for the pizza lunch and tour will be \$5. Please note that there are a limited number of spaces, so RSVP early! Please RSVP to Yatin Joshi at [Yatin.Joshi@kci.com](mailto:Yatin.Joshi@kci.com)

**Address and Directions:** 7941 Connelly Drive, Hanover, MD 21076. Traffic Drive is on the east side of the complex and there are on-going sign and signal product tests so look up and all around.

**UPCOMINGEVENTS:**

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming ITE local events

Third Week of June -	Technical Meeting in Northern Virginia
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Baltimore Orioles vs. Kansas City Royals Night Out
August 5 <sup>th</sup> -	Washington Nationals vs. Florida Marlins Night Out
Third Week in September-	Technical Meeting in Baltimore
October -	Joint Meeting with ASHE and/ or on-campus meeting at GMU and U of MD
First Week in December -	Section Business Meeting in District of Columbia

Stay tuned for more details and more events to come!"