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President's Message

By Jim Meads (Alabama)

I consider it a great honor to serve as President of the Southern District Institute of Transportation Engineers for 2001. I want to thank each of the Board Members that I have served with for their support and leadership, especially Past President Kenny Voorhies.

This year's annual meeting in Williamsburg Virginia was certainly one of the best ever. Special thanks are due to meeting tri-chairs, Lynn Allsbrook, John Kaoudis, and Bill Cashman, for their hard work. The Local Arrangements Committee was well organized and consistently ahead of schedule. Thanks for a terrific meeting.

In my President-elect comments at last years Annual Banquet in Greenville South Carolina, I challenged our membership "to make a difference" at home, at work, in ITE and in our community. During my President's Address at the Williamsburg meeting, I outlined a number of ways that I feel each one of us can make a difference. My presentation "One person can make a difference!", is summarized as follows:

- Everyone does more than his or her share
- We keep promises and are accountable for our actions
- We invest in improving ourselves in many ways:
 - ~Personally
 - ~Spiritually
 - ~Professionally

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International Director's Message

By Richard Atkins (North Carolina)

The year 2000 was an exciting year for ITE. As your freshman board member, I attended three Board of Director's meetings, participated in three Budget Committee meetings, served on the Nominations Committee, and attended two executive committee meetings of the Public Agency Council and one executive committee meeting of the Coordinating Council. The year-end board meeting was held in Washington on Oct. 28, 2000 and a subsequent board meeting was held Mar. 24, 2001 in Monterey, CA. Highlights of actions taken, information shared and committee activities discussed during these meetings are as follows:

New Headquarters - We opened our new office headquarters located at 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC in early December 2000.

2001 Budget -The 2001 budget of approximately \$8,400,000 was approved.

Annual Meeting Site Selection Committee - The Board approved St. Louis, MO as the site of 2011 Annual Meeting.

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Highlights of the 49th Annual Southern District ITE Meeting

...I know God is often invoked in traffic, but by traffic engineers?

Prelude and Invocation by Rev. Joe Carson
Zion United Methodist Church, Seaford, VA



As I looked over the agenda for the technical sessions you'll be attending I happened also to be reading Isaiah, 43:16-21 which compares the exodus from Egypt—a major traffic event—to a new highway constructed in the wilderness for Jewish exiles returning to the promised land. I discovered some fascinating cross-references, so I offer this brief paraphrase of Isaiah especially for traffic engineers!

*I am the Lord, Your Chief Transportation Planning Engineer,
The ultimate supervisor of all things mobile.
This is what the lord says—
the one who designed, bid and built in a hurry
a multi-modal alternative to a needed bridge-tunnel system
through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters;
the one who drew civilian and military horse-drawn vehicular
and pedestrian traffic
into a reverse-laning nightmare wherein traffic control
transition procedures failed
and many perished in divine gridlock.
Forget previous planning methodology
based on my new origin-destination survey
I am proposing an innovative simulation model, do you not see
it?
I am making a way in the desert.
I am making wetlands, aquifers & drainage fields where none
existed before.
The wild animals will honor me — pending the publication of
environmental impact statements.
I have addressed unmet transportation needs
by constructing rest stops in uninhabited areas in full compli-
ance w/ ADA guidelines
Trust me on this, it will all make sense and you will thank me
— once the project is completed.*

With apologies to God, Isaiah and the engineering community for this very loose translation — it may be that God is not so very far removed from these proceedings and indeed may be more involved in your field than we realized. Let us pray:

God of creation itself, we are all caretakers of your earth and of one another. The resources we use are but gifts from your hand to our hands. May the wisdom shared in this conference, the responsibilities assumed and the challenges undertaken, the imaginations stimulated and the solutions considered, all be pleasing and acceptable to you. Amen.



Colonial musical entertainment at Annual Banquet



VA State Senator, Tommy Norment, provides keynote address at opening session on the fascinating history of transportation network development in Virginia.



Bob Stammer speaks on behalf of the Tennessee Section during the “Roll Call of States” at the opening session



Members take a vote during the Executive Board Meeting of SDITE Officers, Section Representatives, Committee Chairs and National ITE Representatives



One of many well-attended presentations of the 3-day technical program, including 12 sessions and 43 speakers



SDITE guests tour the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*, re-creation ships used by colonists to cross the Atlantic, during ABD event held at Jamestown Landing



Presentation of District awards during the banquet is always a high point of the Annual Meeting. This year's award recipients include;

Student Paper Competition

Winner: Jonathan Cate, University of Tennessee, "Development of Roundabouts: An Alternative Solution to Traditional Intersections"

Runner-Up: Shannon Fain, University of Tennessee, "Alternative Transportation Modes and Policies in National Parks"

Student Chapter Award

Winner: Clemson University

Runner-Up: Georgia Institute of Technology

Outstanding Sponsored Technical Paper

Winner: Stephanie L. Kolb, John L. Hibbard, Karl R. Alff, "Georgia's Call Box Project: Evaluation and Future Deployment Recommendations"

Runner-Up: Andrew Graettinger, Tim Rushing, John McFadden, "Evaluation of Inexpensive GPS Units to Improved Crash Location Data"

Outstanding Non-Sponsored Technical Paper

Winner: Robert Foyle, Nagui Roupail, "Is LOS Worse with the 1997 HCM Compared to the 1994 HCM?"

Runner-Up: Nikiforos Stamatiadis, Kenneth R. Agent, Michael Ridgeway, "Driver License Renewal for Elderly: A Case Study"

Outstanding Technical Committee Report

"Mississippi's First Roundabout - Three Years of Safety and Efficiency" prepared by Deep South Section ITE Safety Committee, Bob Mabry, Chair

Joseph M. Thomas Outstanding Young Member Award

Bayne E. Smith

Marble J. Hensley Outstanding Individual Activity Award

Robert R. Canfield

Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award

Thomas E. Flynn

Outstanding Section Award, Group 1

Winner: Georgia Section

Runner-Up: North Carolina Section

Outstanding Section Award, Group 2

Winner: Deep South Section

Runner-Up: South Carolina Section



The Annual Meeting included informative vendor displays hosted by ADB member companies



Guests renew friendships, exchange ideas and network at one of the many receptions held during the Annual Meeting



Guests enjoy colorful interpretive historic presentation during ABD outing and dinner at Jamestown Landing



The Awards Banquet is a highlight of the Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting program included three technical tours, one of which was to the VDOT Smart Travel Center



Members of the Deep South Section join in congratulations after receiving awards during the Annual Banquet

COMPENDIUMS AVAILABLE - A few copies of the *Compendium of Technical Papers* that was compiled for the recently ended 49th SDITE Annual Meeting in Williamsburg are available on a "first ask – first serve" basis. A copy of the technical program can be provided as well as single copies of individual papers if available. Most single papers can be emailed. If interested, contact Gene Arnold at 804/293-1931, or email at garnold@vdot.state.va.us.

SDITE 2000 Technical Paper Competition



The Call for Technical Papers and Committee Reports was published in the Winter and Summer 2000 Editions of the District's newsletter *News of the South* and provided to all Sections for publication in their newsletters or otherwise to be distributed. A total of 14 papers - 9 sponsored, 3 non-sponsored, and 2 committee reports - were submitted and evaluated. A list of the winning papers appears elsewhere in the newsletter. All the submittals were excellent, and there were a number of very close papers. It is unfortunate that everyone who took the initiative to enter a paper could not win. A list of all papers and committee reports along with authors and contact information follows. If interested in obtaining a copy of these papers, please contact the authors.

Evaluating Operational Differences Between Single Point and Tight Diamond Urban Interchange Configurations in South Carolina, Dipak Patel, Traffic Design Engineer, South Carolina DOT, pateldm@dot.state.sc.us, William Davis, Assistant Professor, The Citadel, jeff.davis@citadel.edu, Brett Harrelson, Traffic Design Engineer, South Carolina DOT

Georgia's Call Box Project: Evaluation and Future Deployment Recommendations, Stephanie L. Kolb, Senior Transportation Engineer, TransCore, Stephanie.Kolb@transcore.com, John L. Hibbard, P.E., Senior Associate, TransCore, John.Hibbard@transcore.com, Karl R. Alff, Consultant Services Manager, Office of Traffic Operations, Georgia Department of Transportation, Karl.Alff@dot.state.ga.us

Crash Rates and Traffic Maneuvers of Younger Drivers, Adam Kirk, Research Assistant, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky, ajkirk0@pop.uky.edu, Nikiforos Stamatiadis, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky, nstamat@engr.uky.edu

Do Residential Speed Tables Reduce Crashes? W. Martin Bretherton Jr., P.E., Gwinnett County Department of Transportation, brethema@co.gwinnett.ga.us

An Evaluation of the Need for Configuration Management Transportation Management System, Brian L. Smith, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, Department of Civil Engineering, briansmith@virginia.edu, Bayne E. Smith, P.E., Assistant State Traffic Operations Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, Transportation Management Center, Bayne.smith@dot.state.ga.us

Identification of Over Represented Parameters for Work Zone Crashes in Alabama, Michigan and Tennessee, Jil Chambless, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The University of Alabama, jc5990@labs.coe.ua.edu, Laura Belou, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The University of Alabama, Jay K. Lindly, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, The University of Alabama, jlindly@coe.eng.ua.edu, John McFadden, Ph.D., P.E., P.T.O.E., Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, The University of Alabama, jmcfadden@coe.eng.ua.edu

Methodology for Evaluating the Applicability of the Use of Automated Enforcement for Traffic Safety in Alabama, Stephen Hill, Undergraduate Research Assistant, The University of Alabama, John McFadden, Ph.D., P.E., P.T.O.E., Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Alabama, jmcfadden@coe.eng.ua.edu, Andrew Graettinger, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Alabama

Application of Artificial Neural Networks to Predict Speeds on Two-Lane Rural Highways, John McFadden, Ph.D., P.E., P.T.O.E., Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Alabama, jmcfadden@coe.eng.ua.edu, Wen-Tai Yang, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Alabama, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, yang002@bama.ua.edu, S. Rocky Durrans, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Alabama, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, rdurrans@coe.eng.ua.edu

Evaluation of Inexpensive GPS Units to Improved Crash Location Data, Andrew Graettinger, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, The University of Alabama, andrewg@coe.eng.ua.edu, Tim Rushing, Research Assistant, Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Alabama, timothy.rushing@mail.ua.edu, John McFadden, Ph.D., P.E., P.T.O.E., Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, The University of Alabama, jmcfadden@coe.eng.ua.edu

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Honorary Membership - Georgia Section Member John Edwards was elected to Honorary Membership in ITE.

Millennium Fund Contributions - Executive Director Tom Brahm advised us that contributions to this fund have surpassed \$300,000. I wish to express my appreciation for the generation support of our Sections and to many individual members in the Southern District. (All Sections in the Southern District either contributed to the Millennium Fund or pledged to contribute in early 2001)

Professional Traffic Operation Engineer - We presently have a total of 548 PTOE's certified. A review of the 2001-2005 financial projections of the Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. indicate that we must aggressively promote this program in order for this program to be financially successful. The Certification Board has announced plans to go to a web based testing process with two test administrations at approximately twenty test sites per administration (15 US sites and 4 Canadian sites and 1 site in Melbourne, Australia.) Under this process, applicants will receive immediate on-line reporting of the test results. The Chicago exam has been cancelled. Details of the upcoming exams are forthcoming.

Traffic Operations Practitioner Survey - The Board reviewed the results of approximately 200 responses to the survey by the Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. The preliminary concept of the Traffic Operations Practitioner certification is to offer certification in the areas of Traffic Operations, Geometric Design, and Traffic Control Devices. Traffic studies and safety subject content will be integrated in the areas listed above. It was determined that ITE would focus its efforts on providing training for the Traffic Operations Practitioner and other transportation professionals.

Training for Traffic Operations Engineers - The Board approved the development of an on-line professional education program for traffic operations engineers. It is proposed that modules in the subject areas of Traffic Operations Analysis and Traffic Safety with at least eleven sub-topics (modules.) The first module should be deployed during 2001. It is estimated that this on-line delivery approach will reach 75-80% of our members. Each module is expected to equate to approximately eight hours of participant study. The first on-line pilot module is expected to be ready to launch in August at the ITE 2001 Annual Meeting & Exhibit.

Transportation Planner - Discussions have taken place between ITE, AICP and APA. Representatives of both the AICP and APA Board have expressed a desire to pursue a partnership with ITE in developing a Transportation Planner Certification. ITE is awaiting formal action from the AICP and APA Boards.

Transportation Career Video - The Board voted to fund the development and distribution of a transportation career video that is to be targeted towards freshmen and sophomore college students. This video will be available Fall 2001.

Transportation Career Brochure - The Board voted to fund the development and distribution of a transportation careers brochure with the primary target of junior high and high school students plus student chapter members. The brochure will also be available in the fall of 2001.

Web Enhancements - The Board approved additional funding for expanding the ITE website. Our objective is to make www.ite.org the website of choice of the transportation profession providing a resource library of ITE published documents, positions available, products and services, meeting and training opportunities. It is the Board's intent to develop revenue from services provided on www.ite.org that is at least sufficient to offset the associated direct and indirect expenses. Planned projects for 2001 include: Parking Occupancy Data Collection Form, Restricted Access Groups, MUTCD Updates Toolbox, Hosting of Chapter and Section websites, and Employment Center Marketing.

Public Information Committee - The Public Information committee, appointed by the Board in Nov. 2000, met for the first time in Monterey. Prior to the next meeting in Chicago, the committee plans to consider these questions:

- What do our members really want?
- Who is our targeted audience?
- What are our common problems?
- What do other organizations need?

It is the intent of this committee to develop a toolbox of products once our needs are known. The committee has not established a schedule for developing this toolbox.

2002 Nominating Committee - This committee has been appointed and is responsible for nominating two candidates to run in 2002 to serve as International Vice President in 2003. I serve as your representative on this committee.

ITE Coordinating Council Updates

- The Coordinating Council has recommended the formation of a Pedestrian and Vehicle Council beginning in 2002. The group has a potential membership of 2000.
- The Coordinating Council further anticipates the establishment of a Parking Council in 2002.
- The Geometric Design Task Force has recommended that a Geometric Design Council not be formed. However, they recommend that the Task Force be continued as a Geometric Design Handbook Committee.

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Personal/Family Life

- Maintain work/ family balance
- Develop a vision for the kind of person we want to be
- Be a positive example
- Source of inspiration and love
- Encourage spiritual growth (2 Timothy 2:15)

"The best inheritance a parent can give to his children is a few minutes of their time each day" ~M. Grundler

Professionally

- Manager Versus Leader
 - Managers deal with today's problems
 - Leaders deal with tomorrow's problems
 - ~Where am I now?
 - ~Where do I want to be in the future?
 - ~How am I going to get there?
- Spread a good word (instead of gossip)
- Recognize achievements: The best way to encourage good performance is to provide acknowledgment
- Develop family-friendly policies in the work place
 - ~goal is to help employees excel in all areas of life

Personal Goals

What one thing can each of us do to make a difference for the rest of this year...

- ...At home?
- ...At work?
- ...In the community?
- ...In ITE?

"The Quality of a persons life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor". ~V. Lombardi

I hope that each one of us will be challenged to choose one thing in each of these areas to make a difference this year. I look forward to working with our Board and our membership throughout the rest of this year. Please feel free to call me at (205) 940-6420 or email me at jimmeads@sain.com if I can assist you in any way.

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Section Meetings - I wish to remind all Sections to notify ITE headquarters staff and Southern District officers of your 2001 and 2002 meetings. As International Director, I would be more than happy to attend a Section meeting during the year. Other SDITE officers are also available to attend Section Meetings.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for improving ITE, Please feel free to contact me at (336) 851-1006 or ratkins@neel-schaffer.com

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Upcoming SDITE Annual Meetings

The Southern District has a rich heritage of conducting informative and educational Annual Meetings, mixed with plenty of social occasions for members to learn from each other. The following sites have been selected for upcoming SDITE Annual Meeting:



2002 — New Orleans, LA, District's 50th Anniversary

2003 — Winston-Salem, NC

2004 — Covington, KY

2005 — Savannah, GA

2006 — Biloxi/Gulfport, MS

2007 — Tennessee

Transportation Tips

Co-editors: *Martin Bretherton (GA) and Bridget Smith (Dist. 6)*

Stop Sign Procedures

By Jenny Grote

In 1980, the City of Phoenix conducted a survey of major western cities in the United States. The survey was conducted to confirm procedures used by Cities for installing STOP signs. Findings were that most all cities depended entirely on the Manual on Traffic Control Devices for general guidance, flavored by local findings. Virtually nobody depended upon the AASHTO publications for STOP sign placement, but rather only for initial design of roadway issues. Additionally, we sent out a synopsis of the City of Phoenix's lengthy policy (philosophy) and inquired as to whether or not other cities agreed with the general premises contained therein and all cities indicated agreement.



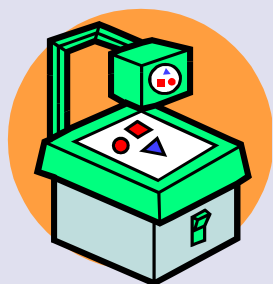
With the new millennium, it is Phoenix's experience that many of the old precepts still hold true, and that the concept of depending upon the State Right of Way Law where everybody share the responsibility for safety by being required to YIELD TO THE DRIVER ON YOUR RIGHT serves as an effective tool for restraining speeds within neighborhoods.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny L. Grote, P.E., Traffic Engineer III, City of Phoenix, Street Transportation Department, Phoenix, AZ 85003, 602-262-7597, jgrote@ci.phoenix.az.us

Presentation on the Millennium MUTCD

By Russell Houston

The Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) collected the five presentations from Session 37 from the 2001 Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting that was devoted to the new edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). According to TTI, the five speakers described various parts of the new MUTCD and the significant changes in those parts. The presentations are available via the TTI web page at <http://transops.tamu.edu/franews.htm>.



Printed copies of the manual are available from the Institute of Transportation Engineers. For purchasing information, visit <http://ite.org/bookstore/mutcd.html>.

Ped Crossing Flags

By Dan Bergenthal



Gearing up for the 2002 Winter Olympics, engineers at the Salt Lake City Transportation Division have been experimenting with different pedestrian safety ideas including pedestrian crossing flags. Six to ten flags are stored in flag holders on either side of many city crosswalks. Pedestrians pick up flags and carry them with them across the street. The city initially used spare ornamental street light pole bases for holders, but now uses 4-inch diameter PVC pipes cut to 10-12 inches with a cap placed on the bottom. The pipes are bolted or strapped to new or existing poles at each crosswalk. Each flag is made up of a 1/2"x30" wooden dowel with a construction-orange banner measuring 18"x18". The city stencils its name on them in black letters and places strips of reflective tape on both sides of the banner material to improve nighttime visibility.

They began with only four locations, but with the popularity of this new safety measure, the flags are now in place at 32 city maintained locations. Most city maintained flags are at midblock, uncontrolled, marked crosswalks on downtown collectors and arterials. Salt Lake City blocks are long, about 700-800 feet, and the crossings where these are used are typically 80 to 90 feet wide. Maintenance involves keeping the flag holders stocked with flags at a replacement cost of just over \$2 each. Since the project began last August, more than 3,000 flags have been stolen. Flag theft has been slowly declining as time passes. Currently, about 20-25 flags per day are lost from the 32 locations. Engineers conjecture that the choice in color may be responsible for the theft since orange flags are used for other purposes related to construction and recreation although an experiment using two-color flags resulted in a similar loss rate.

To expand flag use, the city created the Adopt-a-Crosswalk program. Business and property owners within 600 feet of an identified crosswalk are eligible to participate. Business or property owners must request the flags and agree to maintain them by purchasing and replacing any that are stolen and redistribute them between the flag holders as needed. In return, the city will install the initial set of flags and flag holders at no cost to the business/property owner. The city also attaches small signs on the flag holders which say: "This Crosswalk adopted by: [name of business/property owner]." Once a year the city will also provide a replacement set of flags for each location at no cost to participants. Since starting the program last January, 16 new flag locations have been added through this program.

Salt Lake City engineers have found that while only about 14 percent of peds are using the flags, public support and demand has been tremendous. Many drivers have commented that seeing the flags at the curb helps remind them that there is a crosswalk there and pedestrians may be present. Mayor Rocky Anderson is fully behind this latest attempt to improve pedestrian visibility at uncontrolled crossings, and more locations will no doubt be added through the Adopt-a Crosswalk program. This measure is being used in a few other Western jurisdictions such as Ketchem, ID and Spanish Fork, UT.

For more information, please contact the Salt Lake City Transportation Division at 801/535-6630 or email dan.bergenthal@ci.sl.c.ut.us

Countdown Ped Heads

By Steve Krest

The City of Farmington, New Mexico has upgraded all of the pedestrian indications in the downtown area. One hundred twelve (112) ped heads were installed at fifteen (15) signalized intersections. The indications are Tassimco brand, 16 inch LED, which incorporates a hand/man and a countdown feature.

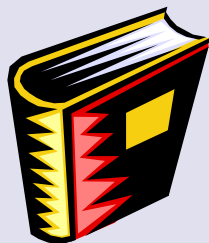
The upgrade replaced 30+ year old 14 inch "walk" and "don't walk" heads with their 1-1/2 inch plumbing hardware. The new heads mount flush to the pole giving a clean, uncluttered look. The countdown feature has the option of including the walk period, or timing only the don't walk. The installations are at both, fixed time and actuated locations. The LED lamps have saved an average of \$19.00 per month in energy costs at each intersection. Citizen response has been only positive. An article in the local newspaper expounded the benefits and the Downtown Association appreciated the new cleaner look. Casual observation has given no hint of a change in motorists driving habits.

For more information, contact Stephen Krest, Traffic Engineering Administrator, City of Framington, New Mexico, (505) 599-8201, email: skrest@cyberport.com

Transportation Engineering Manual

By Bob Turner, City of Spokane, Washington

The University of Idaho, Oregon State University and Portland State University have created a great web page. The page has interactive lessons on basic transportation engineering items. The site includes sections on Bus Service Planning, Capacity and LOS Analysis, Geometric Design, Parking Lot Design, Roadway Design, Signal Timing Design, Traffic Flow Theory and Traffic Demand Forecasting. Even more useful are the Excel spread-

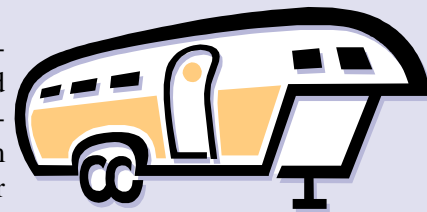


sheets which have all the relevant engineering formulas and a very friendly user interface. The site is very useful in helping the public understand some complex engineering issues. The site is <http://niatt.uidaho.edu/niatt/labmanual/index.htm>.

Oversize and Recreational Parking Restrictions

By Nazir Lalani

The City of Simi Valley, CA has developed an ordinance which allows some short term parking and visitor parking, but prohibits

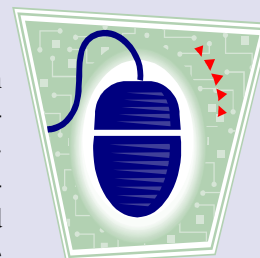


the long term on-street parking of vehicles exceeding specified dimensions. A brochure has been developed to assist the citizens in developing awareness of the ordinance, the commencement of enforcement and where it is legal to park (off-street). The brochure may be accessed at www.ci.simi-valley.ca.us by looking under "What's New", Hank Hein, Acting Traffic Engineer (805) 583-6882

TRIS Online

By Russell Houston

Version 2.0 of the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Transportation Research Information Services (TRIS) Online is now available. TRIS Online is the web-based version of TRB's TRIS Database made available through the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' National Transportation Library. Version 2.0 of TRIS Online provides faster searching and links to over 2,200 full-text documents and 50,000 links to the TRB Electronic Bookstore or NTIS for direct ordering of publications. TRIS Online is available at <http://199.79.179.82/sundev/search.cfm>.



In-Pavement Flashing Lights at Crosswalks No Longer Considered Experimental

By Bridget Smith

The December 2000 *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)* includes guidance for *In-Roadway Lights at Crosswalks*. Section 4L.02 governs the installation of these increasingly popular crosswalk enhancements.

For more information, consult the *MUTCD Millennium Edition*, available for purchase from ITE by contacting Ken Wallington at (202) 289-0222, ext. 130.

Driver License Renewal for Elderly: A Case Study, Nikiforos Stamatiadis, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky, nstamat@engr.uky.edu, Kenneth R. Agent, P.E., Research Engineer, Kentucky Transportation Center, University of Kentucky, kagent@engr.uky.edu, Michael Ridgeway, Traffic Engineer, City of Greenville, ridgewm@greatergreenville.com

Impact of Road Conditions on Elderly Drivers, Stewart Robertson, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky, serobel@pop.uky.edu, Lisa Aultman-Hall, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky, aultman@engr.uky.edu

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The district has a balance of \$27,697.98 as of April 11, 2001. For the year 2000, the District had an income of \$14,183.18 and expenses of \$14,680.21. A summary of year 2000's financial activities is as follows:

Income

Dues	\$12,125
Interest (Earnings on Investments)	2,058
Total Income	\$14,183

Expenses

Account Fee	\$58
Annual Meeting Advance	7,000
Best Paper Award	150
ITE Director	2,011
Newsletter Printing/Postage	637
Other Printing/Postage	492
Postage	888
President's Travel Expenses	1,500
Student Chapter Award	150
Student Chapter Grant	600
Student Paper Award	350
Supplies	97
Total Expenses	\$14,680
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$497)

News from the Sections



ALABAMA SECTION

The Alabama Section officers for 2001 are:

Immediate Past Pres.	Tim Taylor
President	Stacey Glass
Vice President	Becky White
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Cush
Section Representative	James Brown
Affiliate Director	Tim Franklin
Asst. Affiliate Director	Mike Chambliss

The meeting locations for 2001 are:

- Spring Meeting/APA Talladega March 15, 2001
- Annual Meeting Gulf Shores June 6-8, 2001
- Fall Meeting/TSITE Chattanooga Nov. 1-2, 2001

Technical Activities - Our members have given over thirty (30) presentations and fifteen (15) publications during this year. The audiences have been elementary schools, middle schools, City Councils, conferences and seminars, press conferences, college engineering students and civic organizations. ALSITE has cosponsored several conferences throughout Alabama. One of our members has published several articles in South Africa, and the United States.

Section Meetings - ALSITE has three (3) meetings per year. The Spring meeting was held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the Mercedes Plant and had technical speakers that included engineers from Mercedes. The Annual meeting was held in Gulf Shores, Alabama. At the Annual meeting we had a Pro-

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Call for Abstracts - 2002 Southern District Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

The Southern District's Technical Council invites you to submit an abstract of a paper that you would like to have considered for presentation at the District's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. April 21-24, 2002. Since the development of the technical program is on going, an abstract on any paper related to transportation will be considered for inclusion in the technical program. The abstract should be 250-300 words in length and should fill no more than one typed page. The name, title, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address (or, for multiple authors, that of the person who would be presenting the paper) must appear on the abstract.



The deadline for submittal is October 1, 2001, and it is anticipated that you will be notified of its status no later than February 1, 2002. Please send an original and seven (7) copies to: Robert Canfield, Chairman, SDITE Technical Council Chairman, 5529 Loranger Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809. Please address any questions to Mr. Canfield at telephone (225) 293-9609 or FAX at same number, or email RRCBRLA@AOL.COM

Call for Technical Papers and Committee Reports

The Southern District's Technical Council has issued a call for technical papers and reports to compete for the District's 2001 Outstanding Sponsored Technical Paper, for the 2001 Outstanding Non-Sponsored Technical Paper, and for the 2001 Best Technical Committee Report.

Technical Papers - The term "Sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared essentially as part of the author's job responsibility and on company time. The term "Non-Sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared on the author's own time and essentially apart from his/her job responsibility. To qualify the paper must meet the following requirements:

1. The author(s) shall be a member(s) of the Southern District.
2. The paper shall be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page, and shall be a minimum of 1,500 words in length.
3. The paper shall have been completed since December 1, 2000.
4. The original and seven (7) copies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Technical Council no later than Dec 1, 2001.
5. The cover letter should clearly state when the paper was completed and whether the paper is being submitted for the sponsored or non-sponsored award with an explanation related to the above definitions as to the category choice.

Papers will be judged on originality (20%), significance (20%), scope (15%), validity (20%), applicability (15%), and organization (10%). Cash prizes of \$150 for the winner and \$50 for the runner-up will be awarded in each category.

Technical Committee Reports - To qualify for the competition, the report must meet the following requirements:

- I. The report shall be written by a technical committee officially established by a Section in the Southern District.
- II. The report shall be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page, and shall be a minimum of 1,500 words in length.
- III. The report shall have been completed since December 1, 2000.
- IV. The original and seven (7) copies shall be submitted to Chair of the Technical Council no later than Dec. 1, 2001.
- V. The cover letter should clearly state when the report was completed.

Reports will be judged on the basis of originality (20%), significance (20%), scope (15%), validity (20%), applicability (15%), and organization (10%).

Papers and reports should be submitted to Robert Canfield, Chairman, SDITE Technical Council, c/o 5529 Loranger Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809. Please address any questions to him at (225) 293-9609 (Phone or FAX), or email at RRCBRLA@AOL.COM



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Professional Development session on "The Language of Leadership", presented by Dr. Ron Dudek of the Univ. of Alabama. We also raised \$4,130 for the auction for the scholarship fund. The Fall meeting was held in Auburn, Alabama and hosted by the Student Section.

Community Service Activities - Our past president Robby Anderson participates with local agencies to help protect children through the proper use of child restraint systems. He has spurred interest in other areas of Alabama to participate with local agencies to help protect children with seat belts. Another past president Nancy Hudson continues to participate in safety education programs in the Birmingham area.

Section Web Site - Our website (www.alsite.org) was created in 1997 by a student at Auburn University with the assistance from John McCarthy. Dr. McCarthy updates this site often with meeting dates, member activities and the ALSITE Directory. Contact him to add a link to your Section's website.

Scholarship Program - ALSITE scholarship program has grown to \$76,000. We gave one scholarship for \$3,000 to Douglas Peterson from Auburn University. A special contribution of \$2,500 for the "Billy Jones Traffic Engineering Scholarship" was donated and the scholarship was given to Sara Jacobs from Auburn University.

Student Chapters - The Auburn Student Chapter as always has kept our sections records and membership directory. The University of Alabama has created a Student Chapter this summer with Dr. John McFadden serving as faculty advisor. There are 13 students in the chapter. Dr. McFadden, President and Treasurer of the Student Chapter went to the ITE International meetings in Irvine, CA and Nashville, TN. Stephen Hill, President, gave a presentation on entitled "Use of Video for Traffic Management and Safety in Alabama". The UA Student Chapter is currently meeting with the ASCE group and plan to begin their own meetings next year.

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

The Deep South Section Officers for 2001 are:

- President - Nick Ferlito, Jr., P.E.
- Vice President - Dan Galliet, P.E.
- Secretary/Treasurer - Alison Catarella, E.I.

Deep South Section meetings for 2001 include:

- Winter Meeting - February 8th & 9th, Philadelphia, MS, Technical Sessions, Social and Golf Outing
- Summer Meeting - June 6-8, Gulf Shores, AL, joint meeting with Alabama Section Professional Development Seminar, Technical Sessions, Scholarship Fund Auction, Golf Outing
- Fall Meeting - Oct. 18-19, Tupelo, MS, Technical Sessions, Social, Golf Outing & Possibly PDH Seminar

DSITE News

1. Co-Sponsored Older Driver Seminar with FHWA in December 2000.
2. Attempting to Co-Sponsor other Seminars with FHWA in 2001 in Louisiana and Mississippi.
3. Award a total of \$3,150.00 in Scholarships to 3 students at Louisiana State University and 4 students at Mississippi State University.
4. Several DSITE members attended SDITE Annual Meeting in Williamsburg to help promote next years 50th Anniversary Southern District Meeting in New Orleans.

Technical Activities - DSITE Section is in the process of developing a brochure for small communities and parishes (counties) to understand some of the basic of traffic engineering and where to go for assistance. The brochure is in draft stage and is currently being review by several DSITE members. In addition various research projects are being conducted at Louisiana State University. Contact Brian Wolshon, Ph.D., P.E., P.T.O.E. at 225-578-5247 or email - brian@rsip.lsu.edu.

GEORGIA SECTION

The Georgia Section concluded 2000 with its Annual Meeting held on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000 at the Druid Hills Golf Club. The 97 attendees enjoyed a banquet and an evening of fellowship and celebration of the section's achievements throughout the past year. Entertainment was provided by Susan Moreno and Chris McGehee, two local caricature artists who sketched guests throughout the evening. The following were elected as officers for 2001:

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| President | Wassim Selman, P.E., Ph.D. |
| Vice President | Bayne Smith, P.E., PTOE |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Susan Walker, P.E. |
| District Director | Brian Bolick, P.E. |
| District Director | Marsha Anderson Bomar, P.E. |
| Affiliate Director | Keary Lord |
| Past President | Betsy Williams, P.E. PTOE |
| District Director | W. Martin Bretherton Jr., P.E. |

The section awarded a \$3000 scholarship to Andrea Donelli, a student at Southern Polytechnic State. The scholarship fund has a balance on Dec. 31, 2000 of more than \$ 49,000. The highlight of the Annual Meeting was the presentation of special awards to recognize significant transportation achievements in the State of Georgia.

Georgia Section Idea Sharing Award - Rick Day, P.E. with Day Wilburn and Associates, was presented with the 2000 award for developing the Georgia Section Strategic Plan.

Georgia Section Agency Award - The 2000 recipient was the Macon/Bibb County Traffic Engineering Department.

John D. Edwards Jr. Individual Achievement Award - The 2000 recipient was Harriet Smith.

The first 2001 Board meeting was held on Jan. 25, 2001. The meeting included Georgia Section Board members and committee chairs and was held at the Georgia DOT Traffic Management Center in Atlanta. The committees reviewed their planned activities for the year:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Annual Report	W. Martin Bretherton Jr., P.E.
Awards/Nominations	Betsy Williams, P.E., PTOE
GA Quality Initiative	Ed Ellis, P.E.
Financial Planning	John Edwards, P.E.
Historian/Finance	Betsy Williams, P.E., PTOE
Technical	Jim Pohlman, P.E.
Legislative	Herman Hill, P.E., PTOE
Life Membership	Walt Reuc
Newsletter	Teresa Epple, P.E.
Past President	Betsy Williams, P.E. PTOE
Public Relations	Todd Long, P.E.
Round Table	Steve Puster
Safety	Louis Chalmers, P.E.
Scholarship	John Funny, P.E.
Web	Jess Billmeyer

<http://traffic.ce.gatech.edu/itegeorgia/>

Summer Seminar Marwan Abboud, P.E. Chair
R.Fangmann, P.E., Vice Chair.

The first meeting of the year was held Feb. 8, 2001 at Mary Mac's Tea Room in Atlanta with 98 in attendance. Ms. Sally Flocks with Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety, Inc. (PEDS) made a presentation on the "Pedestrian Considerations in Traffic Engineering and Design".

In March, the Section held a joint meeting with ASCE at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Atlanta. The speaker was Mr. Ed Ellis, P.E., with URS Corporation. Mr. Ellis spoke on the status of two important projects in the Metropolitan Atlanta area that his firm is involved in-Marietta to Lawrenceville Multi-Modal Study and the 17th Street Bridge.

Future Section meetings during 2001 are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
Apr. 12	, Georgia Tech, Atlanta	Students
May 10	Mary Mac's Tea Room, Atlanta,	TBA
June 14	Mary Mac's Tea Room, Atlanta,	TBA
July 8-11	Jekyll Island Club	Summer Seminar
Aug. 9	Mary Mac's Tea Room, Atlanta,	TBA
Sept. 13	Southern Polytechnic State Univ.,	TBA
Oct. 11	Mary Mac's Tea Room, Atlanta,	TBA
Nov. 8	Mary Mac's Tea Room, Atlanta,	TBA
Dec. 6	Druid Hills Golf Club, Atlanta,	Award Banquet

The Georgia section is continuing to use the Georgia Engineering Center to help handle the administrative duties for

the section. All meeting reservations are handled by the center as well as some other tasks and benefits.

The legislature committee (chaired by Herman Hill, P.E) is keeping the section informed about the 2001 Georgia Legislature and all transportation related bills. Members are encouraged to contact their representative or senator about legislation of interest to them. The transportation bills of interest were also listed on the section web site.

The Georgia Section was a joint sponsor of the 2001 Engineers Legislative Forum (with ASCE, ACEC-Ga, GSPE) to stay informed on business issues, to promote engineering positions in proposed legislation, and to demonstrate a strong and unified voice of the Georgia engineering profession.

Past President Betsy Williams represented ITE at the "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" function held at Georgia Tech.

The Georgia Section, along with the Georgia Highway Contractors Association, Consulting Engineers Council, FHWA, Georgia DOT and Georgia Motor Trucking Association jointly sponsored the "Georgia Quality Initiative Workshop" (GQI)". This year's workshop was held Jan. 3-5, 2001 at the Univ. of Georgia, more than 600 people were in attendance.

KENTUCKY SECTION

The Kentucky Section Officers for 2001 are:

President: Steve Skaggs

Vice President: Jo Anne Tingle

Sec-Tr: Paula Osborne

Directors: Ron Herrington & Simon Cornett

Meeting information for 2001 is as follows:

1. March 28th, 10:00 - 1:00, Lexington, Topic/Speaker: Neighborhood Traffic Management -The Lexington Experience and Bike/Ped Safety Issues
2. June 27th, 11:00 - 1:00, Newport, Topic/Speaker: International Pres. Steve Gayle - PTOE Certification
3. September 20th - Golf 12:00, Dinner 6:00, Frankfort – Juniper Hills Park, Topic/Speaker: Golf/Barbecue
4. November 29th, 6:00 - 8:30, Shelbyville - Claudia Sanders, Topic/Speaker: Scholarship presentations, Awards program, Auction, officer installation

Section News and Activities

1. The Kentucky Section implemented an award program this year. The first award to be given was the Service Award. It was decided that this type of award was most fitting to start this program because without the dedicated service of a number of members the section would certainly fall to exist. The Kentucky Section was pleased to present the first Service Award to Mr. George A. "Lonnie" Yates, PE. In honor of his many accomplishments the Kentucky Section renamed the service award to be the "George A. "Lonnie" Yates Service Award

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2. After the SDITE board meeting presentation of a special report done by Martin Bretherton, the Kentucky Section authorized and \$150 reimbursement for their Southern District Representatives to attend Board Meetings.
3. KYSITE members Brian Aldridge and Karen Mohammadi, both with HNTB Corporation, have volunteered to modify the SDITE website. Any comments or suggestions are welcome and should be sent to baldridge@hntb.com.

NORTH CAROLINA SECTION

NCSITE Section Officers for 2001 are:

- President: Burt Tasaico
- Vice President: Bob Pressley
- Secretary: Mike Mabe
- Treasurer: Keith Lewis
- Past President: Greg Turner
- District Representatives: Larry Meisner, Terry Snow
- Section Director: Mike Mabe
- Affiliate Directors: Nathan Vanoy, Monica Toole

Meeting Information - Winter meeting will be held Feb 22 at Friday Center, UNC-Chapel Hill Environmental Leadership Conference April 10-11 at Jane McKimmon Center, NC State University, Raleigh (numerous other state-wide and council level meetings - contact officers or refer to Section website)

Awards and Scholaships - Awards made at the Annual Meeting held in November 2000 include:

- Robert J. Dodge Professional Image Award: Ed Vick
- RV Moss Lifetime Service Award: Ron Poole
- Jay Quinn Technical Excellence Award: Tom Kendig
- Contribution to Transportation Award: Gorman Gilbert
- Paul D. Cribbens Cup: NC State Univ. Student Chapter
- Young Professional Award: Terry Hopkins
- Presidents Award: Ken King
- Scholarship Award Recipients:
- Roy Williams Scholarship: Justin McCurry, NC State U
- Herman Hoose Scholarship: Marc Cerino, UNC- Charlotte
- NCSITE Scholarship: Deniese Swinton, NC A&T State U
- Cyrus Painter Scholarship: Gordon Dash, NC A&T State U

SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION

South Carolina Section Officers for 2001 are:

- President Wayne Sarasua
- Vice-President Susan Ruinen
- Secretary/Treasurer Brett Wallace
- Affiliate Director Matt Short
- Section Representative Colin Kinton
- Past President Linda Carpenter

2000 Meetings/Activities - At the Section's Year End Meeting held Dec. 5 in Columbia, a scholarship fund-raiser auction was held and helped the Section raise over \$1,600 (including other contributions) towards the section's two scholarship funds for the Year 2000. Our scholarship fund balances total approx. \$20,000. No scholarships were awarded in 2000. However, the Scholarship Committee has been working towards developing an Awards Policy to begin in 2001.

Two awards were presented at the Year End Meeting. The SCDOT and the Connector 2000 Association, Inc. received the Transportation Agency of the Year Award to recognize their outstanding accomplishments in the public/private partnership for the construction of the Greenville Southern Connector. Roger Dyar received the Individual Achievement Award for his contributions to the 2000 Southern District Annual Meeting held in Greenville.

The Clemson University ITE Student Chapter with advisers Dr. Wayne Sarasua and Dr. David Clarke are again leading a weekly seminar whose theme is "The Transportation Professional." Last year, the Chapter held more than a dozen meetings that included speakers prominent in the transportation profession. Speakers are being solicited to present in all areas of the transportation industry, from airports to freight movement and signal timing to highway design.

Over the last year, the Clemson Student Chapter performed a trip generation study at a Greenville movie theater, conducted two "Adopt-A-River" cleanups on the Saluda River using canoes, conducted a technical project analyzing traffic of a middle school in Simpsonville, SC, and assisted with registration at the Southern District meeting held in Greenville. The Clemson Student Chapter received the District's Outstanding Student Chapter Runner-up award.

The Technical Committee under the leadership of Dipak Patel completed the following projects during past year:

- State of South Carolina Truck Network: Administrative Evaluation and Needs Assessment Prepared by: Technical Activities Committee, Institute of Transportation Engineers, South Carolina Section
- Evaluating Operational Differences between Tight Diamond and Urban Diamond Interchange Configurations in South Carolina Prepared by: Dipak Patel, Brett Harrelson and Jeff Davis

The Technical Committee is already underway on new projects for this year and is developing a Synchro training workshop in conjunction with an upcoming SCSITE meeting.

The Executive Board met for the first time this year on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The board developed a budget and calendar for the upcoming year. The Board has ambitious plans to include both technical and social activities. To determine membership interests and help with meeting plans, a membership survey has been developed and distributed both electronically and by US Mail to the membership.

2001 Committee Chairs serving the Section include

- Social, Don Turner
- Scholarship/Auction, Gaye Sprague
- Awards, Linda Carpenter
- Technical, Dipak Patel
- Membership, Carol Jones
- Nominations, Wayne Sarasua

Our first meeting of the year was held March 14 in Columbia, SC. Jeff Mullikin gave a presentation on the Conway By-Pass. A golf tournament followed the lunch meeting.

The SCSITE plans to become a participating member of the South Carolina Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies that includes the following societies: ASAE, ASCE, ASME, CESC, IEEE, SCSE, SCSPE & SCSPLS. The Council coordinates and hosts an annual joint meeting and professional development seminar for their members. The Council also tracts legislative activities within South Carolina that may have impacts on engineering and surveying professionals.

TENNESSEE SECTION

The Tennessee Section Officers for 2001 are:

President	Craig Hanchey
Vice President	Cindy Pionkee
Secretary-Treasurer	Anthony Todd
Section Representative (00-01)	Bob Murphy
Section Representative (01-02)	Glenn Beckwith
Immediate Past President	Hollis Loveday
Affiliate Director	Mike Vickery

2000 Section Activities - The Tennessee Section ITE had a very active year in 2000. The main focus was hosting the 2000 International ITE Annual Meeting at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. The meeting was a great success due to the hard work by the LAC and volunteers. The 2,150 present made the **3rd highest attendance ever** at an International ITE Meeting with a super technical agenda and activities to enjoy for all. Another joint meeting with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Assoc. was held in Oct.

2000 Section Awards - The Tennessee Section ITE has two awards that can be presented to members for outstanding service to the Section and to the profession. The Tennessee Section Award is presented to a member who demonstrates outstanding service to the Section or the profession over the past year. The Volunteer Award is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Section or the profession over time. TSITE also has a student scholarship that can be given out each summer and requests papers for a student paper contest each year.

The 2000 TSITE award winners were announced at the Summer Meeting in Alcoa. Craig Hanchey was awarded the Tennessee Section Award for 2000 because of his efforts in the technical program at the International ITE An-

nual Meeting. Bob Murphy and Bob Stammer were presented the Section's Volunteer Award because of their life-time dedication to the traffic engineering profession and their ongoing dedication to the Tennessee Section and their organization and planning for the International Meeting. Sharon M. Schultz, a graduate student at Vanderbilt Univ., received this year's student scholarship (\$1,000). Karen Headlee, a graduate student at UT, won 1st prize (\$250) for the 2000 student paper contest and Elizabeth Haun won the 2nd prize (\$100).

The Tennessee Section ITE held four meetings in 2000.

Winter Meeting, Mar. 6, 2000, Johnson City – The technical program consisted of 3 presentations. The first presentation was on “MeadowView Development – I-181/J.B. Dennis Parkway Corridor Access Study – Kingsport, TN” by John Gould, Wilbur Smith and Associates and Bill Albright, Kingsport MPO. The next topic was “Johnson City Advanced Traffic Management System” by Anthony Todd, Johnson City Public Works and David Roberts, Temple Inc., and this was followed by a presentation of “Tennessee ITS Initiatives” by Rodney Chester, Gresham Smith and Partners.

Spring Meeting, June 2-3, 2000, Pigeon Forge – Friday night the auction was held where a record \$2,868 was raised for the scholarship fund. Saturday a technical session was held with two presentations. The first topic was “Traffic Calming Practices in Johnson City” by Anthony Todd and Allan Cantrell, Johnson City Public Works. The winner of the Student Paper Award presented her paper on “The Impact of an Aging Driver Population.”

Summer Meeting, Aug. 9, 2000, Nashville --The Tennessee Section had its breakfast meeting in conjunction with the International Meeting and it was very well attended. The Tennessee Section was well represented at the entire International Meeting. At the business meeting, the ballots were counted for the election of officers and they were announced.

Fall Meeting, Oct. 31, Memphis – A joint meeting of the Tennessee Section ITE and the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association was held in Memphis on October 28th through 31st. Technical sessions were held on the 29th and 30th with the Tennessee Section organizing the technical program for one of the four concurrent technical sessions – providing much more involvement in the entire program than the previous two years. Awards were presented at the annual Banquet on the 30th and officers were sworn in at the business meeting on the 31st.

2001 Section Activities -The Tennessee Section ITE Board met in Knoxville in December to plan activities for the upcoming year. The Section will continue it's recent practice of holding several meetings in conjunction with meetings of other organizations where possible. The goal is to reach out to them and become involved in issues of mutual importance. The Tennessee Section History was made available on the web site along side existing information on meeting activities,

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scholarship information, committees, etc. at www.tsite.org. Over \$3,000 was raised for the scholarship fund by providing instructors to the Tennessee Technical Assistance Program. This partnership is expected to be renewed in 2001 to benefit the scholarship fund.

VIRGINIA SECTION

The Virginia Section Officers for 2001 are:

President	Warren Hughes
Vice-President	Mike Martin
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Gey
Immediate Past Pres.	Valerie Henchel
District 5 Reps.	Mike Greenwood & Bill Cashman
Directors (ITE)	Ray Khoury & Tim White
Affiliate Directors	Linda Smith & Karen McPherson

The Section plans to hold three major meetings in 2001:

SDITE 2001 Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, April 22-25

VASITE Annual Meeting at Virginia Beach, June 28-29

VASITE Fall Seasonal Meeting at Wintergreen, Oct.3-4

Section News - At the Year 2000 Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach on June 29, the following awards were presented:

Distinguished Service Award: Linda Smith

Outstanding Individual Activity Award: George Rogerson

Young Member Award: Tim White

Much of the Section's focus was on preparing for the 2001 SDITE Annual Meeting. The efforts of a very active Local Arrangements Committee were reflected in well organized technical programs and meeting activities. VASITE created and utilized a web page - vasite.org - for the 2001 SDITE Annual meeting in Williamsburg which contained information on meetings, registration and related.

The Section is also looking forward to its Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach on June 29-29, 2001, a joint meeting with ITSVA. The meeting will be held at the Cavalier Hotel. The Annual Scholarship Benefit Golf Outing will be held at Hell's Point Golf Course on June 28, 2001.

Our Fall Seasonal Meeting has been scheduled for October 3-4, 2001 at the Wintergreen Resort near Charlottesville. The meeting will include a professional development program.

Activity for members in the Hampton Roads area continues with luncheons featuring informative speakers. The most recent event featured a talk on project funding and scheduling by Dwight Farmer of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (MPO) and Leo Rutledge of VDOT. The luncheons are organized by Jitendra Vats.

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