

Outside Activities

I have many outside interests in addition to my passion for transportation engineering. I believe they have made me a more well-rounded engineer and person.

They include:

- Public Works Commissioner for the City of South Pasadena;
- Board member of the Los Angeles City Historical Society;
- Member of three historic preservation groups;
- Collector of music; and
- Marriage of 28 years to my beloved wife with two adult children.

Concluding Statement

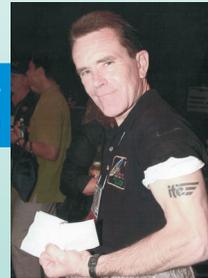
I will draw on my experience and wisdom, gained over many years, to serve you as Director. However, in order that I may best represent you collectively, I encourage you to always endeavor to best represent yourselves individually. Because transportation impacts everyone's life, we are closely scrutinized by the public and elected officials. Sometimes, the various demands from these stakeholders can challenge us. In order to be successful in managing these challenges, it is helpful to be reminded of who we aspire to be and to hold our heads high. So, in closing, let me remind you to observe the three P's for success:

- Be **P**olitically-savvy ;
- Always be **P**rofessional; and
- Be **P**roud of how you contribute to a better world.



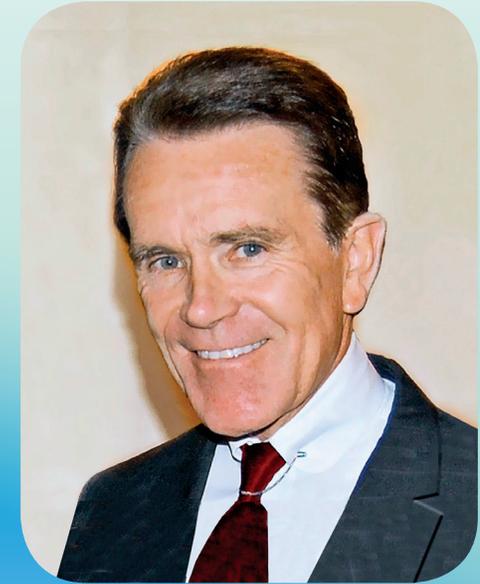
Pedestrian safety sting and press conference

Having fun at the 2008 Annual Meeting



Launching of the Dodgers Shuttle

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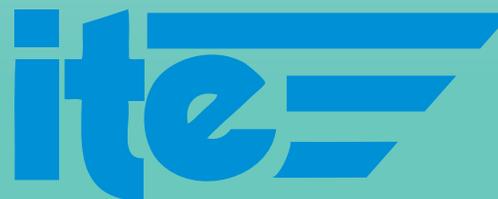


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The position of Director for the Western District is a significant responsibility. The Director not only is part of the Western District Board, but part of the International ITE Board, as well. The Director is responsible for understanding the concerns of the various sections, for coordinating collaboratively with other Board members, for directing the business of the organization and for overseeing programs that benefit the professional growth of the membership. It is critical that the person elected to serve as Director possess a broad background and exceptional skills in order to meet these responsibilities.

I am honored to be nominated for District Director and ask you to evaluate my background, ITE activities, goals and outside activities in considering your selection for this important role. I hope to earn your confidence and your vote.

Background

I have been in the transportation engineering profession for 42 years. I was employed by two private firms for two years and then completed a 39-year career with LADOT (the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation). My career with LADOT allowed me to have important assignments in all areas of the transportation field. Further, it gave me opportunities to develop innovations and to ascend to positions of management and leadership. Since retiring from LADOT, I have been a part-time consultant on transportation design, operational and safety issues. My background includes:

- 13 years as LADOT Assistant General Manager, overseeing a staff of 550 persons;

- Registration as a Traffic Engineer and Civil Engineer in California;
- National certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer ;
- Life Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers;
- Voting Member of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD), which advises the FHWA on the all-important MUTCD; and
- Chair of the California Traffic Control Devices Committee, which advises Caltrans on adoption of the MUTCD for use in California.
- Executive Board of the Public Agency Council;
- Head of the national ITE Delegation to the NCUTCD;
- Speaker at 17 International and Western District conferences;
- Author of seven articles in **ITE Journal** and several in **WesternITE**; and
- Documentation of the history of transportation in Southern California, through 62 on-line stories, titled, **Transportation Topics and Tales**.

ITE Activities

ITE has been the most significant factor in contributing to my professional growth. I have observed how the transportation engineering field has changed and evolved over time to meet emerging transportation needs. Because it is not a static profession, members need to continually sharpen their skills and learn new ones. My personal experience has shown me that the time and effort that we dedicate to ITE are greatly exceeded by the rewards of growing and maturing professionally through ITE. Some of my more significant ITE activities include:

- Fellow Life Member of ITE with over 40 years of membership;
- President of the Southern California Section;
- Technical Coordinator for Western District;
- International Task Force on Connected Vehicle Technology;

Goals

I have several initial goals that I would like to pursue. Certainly, I want to hear your ideas and welcome your thoughts on how to improve ITE. Some initial goals include:

- Attracting more high-school and college students to pursue careers in transportation engineering;
- Retaining young members as they transition from college to professional employment;
- Improving the quality of technical sessions with more applicable “nuts-and-bolts” workshops;
- Having annual meetings in attractive mid-size cities and not just in the same mega cities; and
- Keeping meeting costs low while retaining the family atmosphere.