

District 6 Candidates for Office

The following slate of candidates for District officers was approved at the mid-year Board meeting held on January 28th:

President: Ken Ackeret

Vice President: Dalene Whitlock

Secretary-Treasurer:

Jennifer Rosales, Alex Ariniello

International Director:

Julia Townsend, Monica Suter,

Deepak Ubhayakar

Statements for each of these individuals are presented in this issue.

Candidate for President

**Ken Ackeret, P.E.,
Ph.D., PTOE (F)**
*Senior Vice President,
Kimley-Horn and
Associates, Las Vegas*

The last two years have gone by so quickly since I was elected as your District 6 Secretary-Treasurer.

Over this past year I have been very proud to serve as your Vice President

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Whitefish Red with Traffic

U.S. Highway 93 Improvements

By Brent Campbell, P.E.

Ed.: Whitefish, Montana, is a small town with big traffic issues. If you attend the District's annual meeting being held this July in Kalispell, you will be treated to a family night at the top of Big Mountain Ski Area, which will take you right through Whitefish. This article tells you what's being done to accommodate the traffic growth faced in this area.

Transportation engineers are faced with many challenges in doing our jobs. The technical aspects pose a challenge, but that is often the easy part when designing and implementing projects that can have a dramatic impact on communities. Such is the case with the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) plans to improve

US Highway 93 through the heart of Whitefish, Montana. The MDT, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, is the sponsor of the project. The author was hired by MDT to provide project management, public involvement, environmental review, traffic engineering and the final roadway design.

Scenic Mountain Town

The residents of Whitefish, a small resort community located in the scenic Flathead Valley of Montana are, like many communities, passionate about their town—with good reason. The downtown, complete with Western-style covered sidewalks and a healthy mix of restaurants, taverns, shops, and a hardware store, is a vibrant activity center. The community is concerned with traffic congestion and large trucks in town

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The U.S. 93 improvement project will extend west from downtown Whitefish.



See You in Kalispell!

On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee, I would like to welcome all readers to the District 6 Annual Meeting to be held in Kalispell, Montana, the week of July 10th. If you haven't made your arrangements yet, it's not too late! We'll be at your service making the meeting as fun and informative as it can be.



*Michael Sanderson,
LAC Chair*

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and to assist our current president, Zaki Mustafa, in his leadership of the District. If elected, I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve ITE and District 6 as your next president.

My involvement with ITE has helped me to grow both personally and professionally in my career during the last 27 years. It is my goal to continue to make this opportunity available to all of our members, especially new members just entering the profession. New members represent our future and the strength of our industry in general and, more specifically, ITE District 6. As sections and chapters within the District continue to grow, we have opportunities to support more and more professionals in engineering. This is an excellent time to be an engineer—for new and long-time members alike, ITE offers more in career development, mentoring, and new relationships than ever before.

As a nearly 20-year member of ITE, my dedication to the organization and its mission goes back to the formation of the Nevada Chapter in 1989. From attending technical conferences to writing journal papers and serving on local arrangement committees to being on the Nevada Chapter and Intermountain Section boards, ITE has supported me through many years of professional development. Being an ITE volunteer has given me many hours of fun and friendship, while supporting my fellow transportation professionals.

For these reasons I am committed to:

- The continued support of the student initiative programs at the District, Section and Chapter levels
- Encourage and support the outstanding voluntary dedication of our District 6 members in supporting our transportation profession
- Work on behalf of the membership to provide outstanding annual meetings that are educational and family-oriented
- Maintain the excellence of WesternITE as the District's newsletter
- Continue to expand our web site as a source of information for our membership
- Continue to actively support and fund our District's young member student initiative programs.

Candidate for Vice President

Dalene Whitlock, P.E., PTOE (F)

Principal, Whitlock & Weinberger Transp., Santa Rosa, Calif.

It has been my pleasure to serve the District as Secretary-Treasurer, working with an exceptional group of officers, committee chairs, LAC members and others. I feel fortunate to work with such dedicated professionals who care deeply about the future of our profession.

Recently ITE has expended considerable effort in support of our existing student chapter members as well as in developing new student chapters. The resulting increase in student participation at both Section and District meetings has been encouraging and exciting. At the



midyear Board meeting we discussed future goals to guide us in expanding these outreach efforts to the high school and even middle and elementary school levels.

I am thrilled to see us taking such positive steps toward creating the supply of new traffic engineers that will be needed in the future, and, as noted in my campaign statement last year, I would like to expand this effort to support more of the needs of our younger members. For the long-term vitality of ITE, we must continually add new, young members, and to attract these new members we must meet all of their professional needs.

To this end, I think it is time to look into giving guidance in other areas that are essential to a well-rounded professional. There is currently no formal training through ITE for our younger members to hone their writing or public speaking skills so that they can make that first presentation with confidence. As our cities become increasingly built out and fewer opportunities exist for expanding our infrastructure, it is incumbent upon us as professionals to provide better analysis in a clearer fashion, and to do this we must improve our writing and speaking skills. Further, in our current economic times staffing is inadequate for so many agencies and firms, making better management of our time and our personnel a critical issue for success. A mentoring program is already in the planning stages at the District level, and it is my hope that within this structure, or perhaps as a separate track at Annual Meetings, we can begin to meet these needs of our younger members.

I look forward to keeping ITE as the first choice for transportation professionals. You can contact me at (707) 542-9500 or dwhitlock@w-trans.com to discuss these or other important issues.

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Alex J. Ariniello, P.E., PTOE (M)

Vice President, LSC Transportation Consultants, Denver

It is an honor to be selected as a candidate for the position of Secretary-Treasurer for District 6. During the last few years I have had the opportunity to get to know several District 6 officers and I am impressed with the dedicated professionals and fun-loving people that the District has chosen as leaders. As the largest of ITE's Districts, District 6 has historically provided outstanding technical programs and an award winning newsletter. I hope to maintain the District's excellence in these areas. I will also continue the District's student initiatives and hope to expand the involvement of students in the District's activities.



My specific goals for District 6

- Expand Student Initiatives including a mentoring program
- Hold down the cost of District Meetings and support student attendance

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- Expand the delivery of low-cost technical training to District members
- Promote the PTOE and its use as a job qualification
- Expand District technical programs

My ITE Colorado-Wyoming Section Experience

- Continuing Education Committee, 1995-98
- Roundabout Conference Co-Chair, 1998
- Scholarship Committee Chair 1998-1999
- Secretary-Treasurer, 1999-00
- Vice-President, 2000-01
- President, 2001-02
- Local Activities Committee for 2009 District 6 Meeting

My Professional Experience

- Ten years with LSC Transportation Consultants, a 35 employee traffic engineering firm
- Manager, Denver office, 2000-2004, President, 2004 to present
- Director of the Colorado LTAP, Colorado State University, 1993-1995
- 17 years with Boulder County, CO as Transportation Engineer, County Engineer and Public Works Director
- BSE and MSCE degrees from Princeton University

My other Civic and Leadership Activities

- Lafayette City Councilman, 1989-1999 (City of 15,000)
- Denver Regional Council of Governments Board Member
- President, Colorado Association of Road Supervisors and Engineers
- National Association of County Engineers Board Member
- President, Colorado University Parents Association Board

I will bring the same energy and enthusiasm that I have shown in these other positions to the District 6 Executive Board. I have practiced in the field of transportation for over thirty years in the public, academic and private sectors. I am committed to advancing the profession through my work in the field, through my involvement in ITE and through mentoring of younger members. I look forward to the opportunity to continue my service to ITE as District 6's Secretary-Treasurer.

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Jennifer Rosales, P.E. (M)

Professional Associate/Lead Transportation Engineer, PB PlaceMaking, Portland

I am honored to be nominated to serve you as ITE's District 6 Secretary-Treasurer.

Vision and Goals

- *Mentor and train younger members and students to meet future transportation challenges.* Continue to enhance professional development and mentoring



- opportunities for our members from the district to the local level.
- *Support student initiatives programs at the District, Section and Chapter levels.* We need to attract the best and brightest students to the transportation profession and support student chapters and transportation programs. I would continue to support successful student programs and chapter research opportunities.
- *Attract more members to District 6 meetings by keeping annual meetings affordable and expanding technical programs and training to the membership.* Control annual meeting costs, provide low cost options for meeting registration, and develop partnerships with other societies to expand technical program tracts.
- *Expand use of information technology to share transportation information and tools.* A cost-effective and efficient way includes expanding the use of the web and providing electronic access to technical materials and tools that members need daily. Expand e-learning and e-publishing opportunities for District 6 members. I support electronic voting for convenience to the membership.

ITE Leadership

My commitment and service to ITE began as a student. I have served ITE at all levels including:

- Current Executive Committee Member of the ITE Pedestrian and Bicycle Council
- Current ITE PBC Newsletter Editor
- Current ITE District 6 Career Guidance Chair
 - Organized student competitions including student paper, student chapter report, and James H. Kell student competitions. Record number of participants in competitions.
 - Launching new Mentorship Program for District 6 professionals
 - Creating new awards for District 6 young professionals
 - Evaluator for District 6 Outstanding Student Award, District 6 Data Collection Fund, and Outstanding Educator Award
- LAC Chair - 2007 District 6 Annual Meeting in Portland
- Oregon Section elected board, 1998-2002 (President 2000-01)
 - Received Best Section Activities Award for the Oregon Section from ITE District 6, 2001
 - Received Special Service Award from Oregon Section, 1999
- Oregon Section Student Chapter Liaison Chair, 1997-98
- Oregon Section Legislative Committee Chair, 1995-97
- ITE Student Chapter President at Oregon State University, 1994-95

When it is time to vote, please remember Jennifer Rosales, an experienced and committed leader ready to set the pace for District 6. My brochure is on the Oregon Section website at www.oregonite.org.

District 6 Election Information

In accordance with Section 5.2 of the District 6 Bylaws, additional nominations may be made by petition signed by not less than five members. Each petition shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to run for the office for which nominated, and must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer not later than 60 days prior to the election. No member shall be a candidate for more than one office.

Candidates for District 6 Office

Candidate for International Director

Deepak "Dee" Ubhayakar, P.E., (F)
City Traffic Engineer, City of Pomona, Calif.

As a candidate for International Director, I have been given an opportunity to Make a Difference in ITE, which exists to serve its Members.

GOALS

Member Services, International Growth, Workforce Development and Transportation Safety.

- Provide the best products and services in technical, public speaking, writing, leadership and management areas
- Develop a Speakers Bureau and Public Relations tools to promote our profession
- Implement the action items from the new Strategic Plan
- Keep Dues, Annual Meetings and Conferences affordable
- Promote growth internationally
- Provide for Workforce Development by supporting ongoing training and student activities
- Provide mentoring opportunities for members and students
- Support Student initiatives
- Provide tools needed to improve traffic safety worldwide



ITE SERVICE

- Fellow and 25 year Member
- Riverside-San Bernardino Section Board, 1990-1995, 1998-2000. President-1993, 1998
- General Chairman, 2002 District Annual Meeting, Palm Desert, California
- District and International Meeting Delegate, Moderator and Presenter
- Candidate for 2001 International Director
- Provides annual tour of Pomona's Transportation Division to Cal Poly students since 1995
- Mentor to Cal Poly students since 1995. Currently mentoring an ITE Student Chapter officer

WHY ELECT DEE ?

- 15 years active service to ITE
- 30 years experience in transportation engineering in public and private sectors
- 15 years active service to City Traffic Engineers Association in Southern California. President-1993, 2001, 2005
- Initiated and implemented in 1990, an Annual Traffic Commissioners Workshop to educate transportation policy makers. Workshop Chairman-1993, 2001, 2004, 2005
- 15 year Member of Toastmasters International, the worlds leading public speaking and leadership organization

- Motivational Speaker in middle and high schools and colleges
- MC and Stand Up Comedian
- Traveled all over USA and the world. Understands their transportation needs
- Born and raised in India, now a 36 year USA resident and a proud American citizen

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION AWARDS

Toastmasters International (TI)

- Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)
- President of the Year
- Area Governor of the Year
- Division Governor of the Year
- Marilyn Mitchell Educational Excellence Award
- Penny Cole Achievement Award-Highest award for service to TI, ITE, CTE and Community

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- BSME, Cal Poly University, Pomona
- MBA, University of California
- Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.), California

Thank you for your support of my election as ITE International Director.

Candidate for International Director

Monica M. Suter, P.E., T.E., PTOE (M)
Traffic Engineer, City of Santa Ana, Calif.

I am honored to be an ITE International Director candidate for service on both the International and District 6 Boards.



My Vision & Goals

- Improve Public Perception of Our Profession
- Enhance Student Development
- Encourage Young Professional Mentoring & Professional Workforce Development
- Further ITE Recommended Practices
- Encourage Membership Participation in ITE Councils, Committees & Publications
- Regional Priorities Within the Context of ITE as a Whole

From active participation in International and District 6 board meetings and conferences, I have developed a key understanding of ITE at all levels. I confirmed with other International Directors (IDs) what this position entails and that my strengths and experience match this position. As a result, I can be immediately effective as your "ID" in establishing ITE policy and guiding ITE's direction. As your ITE "Senator," I would offer:

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- *Award Winning Leadership*—International & District 6 “Best Section Activity Award” & District 6 “Membership Award” as President of Our District-sized S. California Section.
- *Vision & Passion for the Profession*—To Educate the Public About Transportation.
- *ITE Service & Experience*—Several ITE Publications & Presentations at International, District, & Section Levels; District 6 Session Moderating; ITE Council & Committee Participation; District 6 Award Committees; & ITE Officer Positions.
- *Innovative ITE Student Involvement at All Levels*—Arranged the First-Ever Elementary School Student Technical Presentation at ITE’s 2004 International Spring Technical Conference.
- *Public Recognition of Transportation*—Received 2004 “APWA Project of the Year Award” for City of Santa Ana Among Public Officials & Project is Featured in One of My ITE Papers.
- *Diplomacy*—Working With ITE, Citizens, & Elected Officials to Communicate the “WHY” Behind Traffic Recommendations to Create “Win-Win” Solutions.

My 17 years of transportation experience includes both *public* and *private* service for a variety of projects requiring large agency cooperation. I currently supervise a team of five employees for the City and manage traffic citizen requests for over half of the City of over 350,000 people. This experience gives me a broad perspective to understand the various needs of our membership.

Credentials: Bachelor of Science Degree, Michigan State University, Civil & Traffic Engineering Registrations in California, & PTOE.

I encourage you to VOTE and request that you vote for me so that I can represent YOU and the PUBLIC we serve at both the International and District levels!

You may reach me at: msuter@ci.santa-ana.ca.us, (714) 647-5645, or www.members.cox.net/award-winning-leadership/VOTE-4-MONICA-4-ITE-ID.pdf to download brochure.

Candidate for International Director

Julia Townsend, P.E., T.E., PTOE (F)

*Traffic Engineer, kdANDERSON,
Loomis, Calif.*

I am honored to be a candidate for International Director. For thousands of Transportation Professionals, ITE is the organization of choice. ITE has become a leader in the transportation industry due to experienced and dedicated leadership with a vision for the future. It is my desire to continue the tradition of strong leadership in serving on both the International Board of Direction as well as the District 6 Board of Direction. Joining ITE in 1990 and having served ITE through Section, District, and International leadership and committee positions over the past 12 years, I see a bright future for our profession.



Vision for the Future

Attracting and retaining the best students into the transportation field has been my focus in ITE. I believe that each of us can help to positively impact the future. I have worked to:

- Set up framework for the newly envisioned District 6 Endowment Fund
- Help establish the District 6 Student Initiatives Program
- Initiate several new Student Awards
- Present to students from the elementary school level to ITE Student Chapters

International ITE

- Legislative and Policy Committee (2005)
- Nominations Committee (2003-2004)
- Trip Generation Modules Review Panel (2003)
- Traffic Engineering Council, Member

ITE Leadership Roles

- President, District 6 (2002-2003)
- District 6 Board of Direction (2000-2004)
- Nominations Committee, Chair (2003-2004)
- Advisory Committee (2004-Present), Chair (2004-2005)
- District Liaison for 2004 Annual Meeting (2000-2004)
- Website Committee, Chair (2001-2002)
- President, Northern California Section (1997-1988), Officer (1993-1999)

While serving on the District 6 Board, Julia has participated in creation of the District’s:

- Strategic Plan (Co-author)
- Proposed Charter and Bylaws Revisions (Co-author)
- Local Arrangement Committee Annual Meeting Manual Update (Author)

Degree

- BS in Civil Engineering, Colorado State University, Colorado

Work Experience

I have worked for kdANDERSON Transportation Engineers for the past fourteen years. As a Project Manager, I am primarily in charge of Traffic Demand Modeling, General Plan Updates, and Traffic Impact Studies. I am a member of WTS and have served as a subject matter expert for the California Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

I greatly appreciate the support of the ITE members throughout our District over the past four years as a District Officer and look forward to the opportunity to serve you again as your representative to the International Board of Direction.

Whitefish, Red Traffic

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and wants a street that is compatible with the character of the town. These were the primary issues driving the selection of the preferred alternative in the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the project. The preferred alternative as defined in the EIS includes the conversion of existing streets to create a “one-way couplet” in the downtown area. The work also entails reconstructing U.S. Highway 93 for Whitefish Urban and Whitefish West—adding City entry treatments; incorporating medians, turn lanes, bike lanes, and sidewalk; replacing two existing bridges; and building two new bridges, all in the heart of the community. The project defined by the EIS provides improved traffic safety and capacity, while striving to be compatible with the character of Whitefish. Total estimated cost for the project, to be constructed in stages, is \$28 million (in 2004 dollars). Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2009, depending on completion of design and availability of funds.

A River Runs Through It

The Whitefish River winds through the town, providing excellent recreational opportunities. The City of Whitefish has developed a wonderful trail system that follows the river. Trail crossings and connections are important elements that will integrate into the design. One existing river crossing is accommodated by three mammoth, 12-foot-diameter culverts, which will be replaced by a bridge to allow fish and boats to traverse it. The project also includes a new, 600-foot-long bridge that will provide a significant enhancement to U.S. 93 travel, as well as a critical connection in a limited transportation network.

About the Author:

Brent Campbell, P.E., is a Senior Transportation Engineer and Principal at WGM Group, Inc. He is the project manager for the US 93 Project in Whitefish. He is a past president of the Montana Chapter of ITE. He is also on the Local Arrangements Committee, preparing for the upcoming District 6 Annual Meeting in nearby Kalispell, Montana.



Environmental Compatibility

Six alternatives were evaluated for Whitefish in the 1994 US Highway 93, Somers to Whitefish West, Final EIS. The selection of the preferred alternative was based on providing the best transportation solution with the least environmental impact. Several “bypass” alternatives were considered and rejected by the community. Many of the businesses fear the loss of tourist traffic with the relocation of the highway to the outskirts of town. In addition, Whitefish continues to experience considerable growth, and congestion in the downtown would continue. This project is an opportunity to provide modern traffic signals and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities, in addition to enhancing traffic capacity. All of this would be done in keeping with the considerable character of this picturesque resort community. Due to a lack of funding, the project design has been delayed. An environmental reevaluation will be prepared to provide updated environmental information and review for the project. Historic neighborhoods, disruptive urban construction, a river with endangered Bull Trout, and loss of parking are all impacts identified in the EIS.

Public Process

WGM Group will undertake a substantial public involvement process to re-familiarize the community with the EIS and gain input on the final design. Along with a series of open houses and community meetings, an 18-person Citizens Working Group will be formed to provide input on the project design. Many in the community are unfamiliar with the proposed plans, necessitating a review of the previous decision-making and environmental process. Rebuilding community acceptance of the project is a critical and necessary step.

All Roads Lead Through Town

Like many small, mountain communities, Whitefish developed around the main highway leading through town. The highway has long been the lifeblood of the community. Because of the mountainous terrain, river and major railroad line that runs through town, the roadway network in and around the community is limited. To get from one side of town to the other, or to the major ski resort located just outside of town, one must generally go through the heart of the downtown. This has long been advantageous to the local business community, but Whitefish is now a major destination and businesses are less reliant on drive-by traffic. The concentration of

traffic at this one point results in congestion, especially during the peak tourist season. Widening the road to respond to the demand created by this concentration of traffic is generally not an option. Improvements will be made to the extent possible while staying within the boundaries defined in the EIS. The MDT and WGM Group will also work with the community to begin the process of planning a roadway network to provide options to local circulation in and around Whitefish.

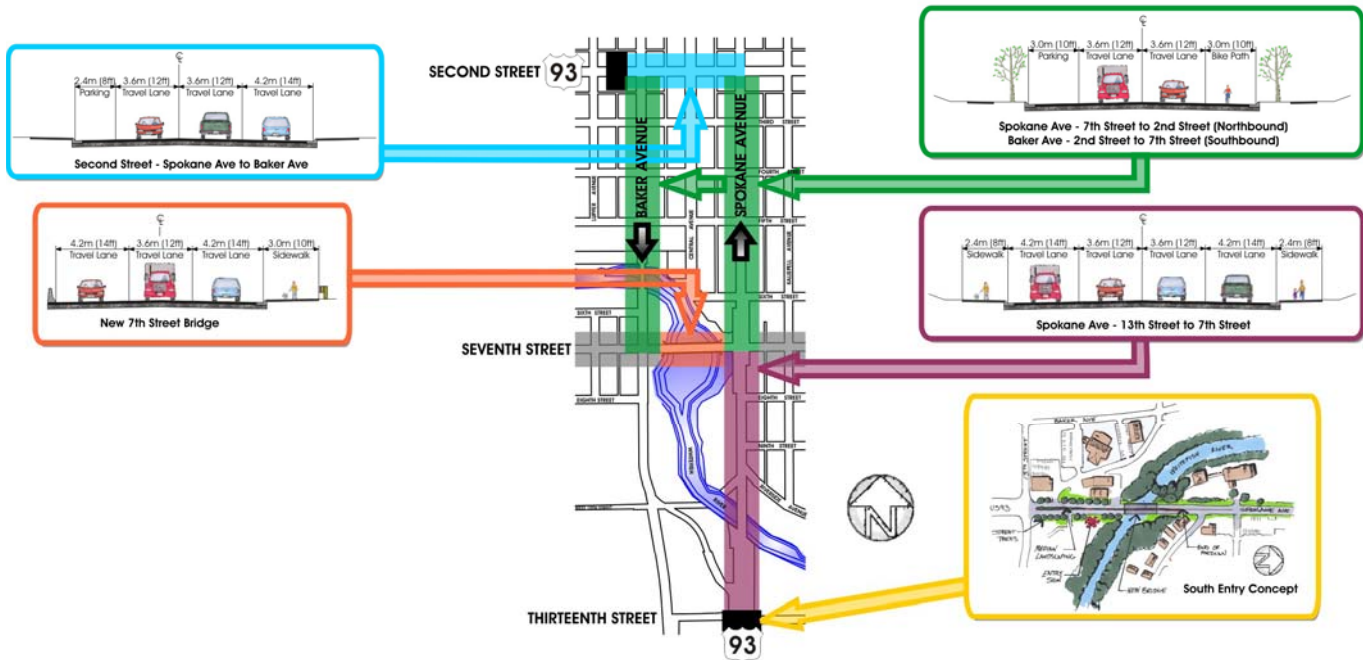
Traffic Projections

Whitefish is experiencing substantial growth in and around the community. Retirees and new families are moving to the community to enjoy the quality of life. The future population, and associated traffic growth, can be difficult to predict. Developable land is limited, and growth rates and development locations can be difficult to predict. To provide a more detailed understanding of the order of magnitude traffic volumes anticipated in the design year (2029), the project team is undertaking a detailed land-use and demographic study that will assess the potential areas and magnitude of growth. The projected land use will then be included in a traffic model of the community. This transportation-planning exercise will provide a better understanding of the potential traffic issues in the US 93 corridor and importantly, provide the City with some insight on potential network improvements.

The Value of Simulation

Synchro and SimTraffic will be used to model several scenarios for the project design and public involvement. No-build and build scenarios will be developed for the year of opening and the design year. The no-build scenario provides a baseline with which to compare the proposed improvements. In addition to Level of Service (LOS), several Measures of Effectiveness (MOE's) will be developed to allow additional comparison of benefits on a network-wide basis. This is an effective tool to overcome the limitations presented in evaluating traffic benefits solely on intersection traffic delay. Network-wide delay (in hours), carbon monoxide production, gasoline consumed, and unserved vehicles are elements that the public can relate to. The accuracy of the prediction is less important than the order of magnitude difference between the scenarios. This traffic modeling work is important in gaining the public's acceptance of the proposed improvements. Watching an actual simulation of the

ALTERNATIVE C (COUPLET-3) is the preferred option through the Whitefish Urban area.



predicted no-build congestion will be effective in convincing many on the necessity of the project.

Infrastructure challenges present many challenges, especially in the case of Whitefish. The project has required a multidisciplinary team with a wide variety of talents and skills. Although mountain communities present significant challenges, the most challenging aspect of this project was building consensus. A broad understanding of social, political, environmental, and technical issues was required to guide the community to a project that most could agree with.

Sign of the Times

“I stopped twice just in case that’s what they wanted...”

Submitted by Bruce Deeter; sign spotted in the City of Shafter, California



Legislative Update



Walt Stringer, District 6 Legislative Committee Chair

This issue’s column is brief, as many items are in process, and Congress is in a week-long recess as this is written. The House passed the six-year Transportation Equity Act on March 10.

Last week, on April 26, the Senate began consideration of HR 3 (SAFETEA, with text

substituting for the House TEA-21 bill), which would extend through 2009. Funding would be authorized at a

proposed \$283.9B level, with the White House indicating that any attempts to add additional budget amounts would be vetoed. The current TEA-21 extension authorization expires May 31, thus consensus and passage during May is essential to avoid another extension. The House version contained several amendments of interest which occurred in early March:

- Over 3300 high-priority projects were designated in the bill.
- Installation of rail/highway crossing protection devices becomes an eligible activity.



- Traffic Incident Management Communication equipment was added to Title 23.
- A Training Center for developing small/rural transportation systems will be established and funded, to provide training and research.

Section and Chapter Activities



Hawaii Section

January Meeting

The January meeting was held on the 12th at the YWCA in downtown Honolulu. The meeting was a joint endeavor with American Planning Association.

The featured speaker was Mr. Rodney Haraga, Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation. Mr. Haraga discussed the new Department of Transportation Planning Division, which consolidates airport, harbor, and highway planning into a single Central Planning Office (CPO). Planning is being centralized to promote the idea of a seamless transportation network. Kahului Airport was given as an example of modal interdependencies that would benefit from multimodal planning. Preliminary engineering activities will continue to reside in each modal division.

February Meeting

The February meeting was held on the 24th at Kahala Mall, which was exhibiting engineering displays for Engineer's Week. Members of the Hawaii Section also participated in the Engineer's Banquet at the Ala Moana Hotel on the 26th, which recognized ITE's exhibit at the mall as the best overall display.



Jodi Chew, Secretary



Central Coast Section

February Meeting

The February meeting was held on jointly with the Southern California Section on the 8th at the Plug Nickel Restaurant in Westlake Village. Twenty-five Central Coast Section members were in attendance. The first speaker was Juan Diaz, who presented "Railroad Corridor

Quiet Zones." Mr. Diaz discussed the implementation of the quiet zones as trade-off between safety for motorists and quality of life for adjacent residents. He presented a case study in the City of Covina where technical challenges included schools, driveways, and geometrics. Juan's words of wisdom are: partnership, negotiation skill, win-win strategy, and patience. The second speaker was Dee Ubhayaker, City Traffic Engineer with the City of Pomona, who discussed the impact of the Alameda Corridor East work in Pomona. They implemented a Jump-Smart Safety Program, which quickly implemented a number of safety improvements, including four-quadrant gates, at five railroad grade crossings at a cost of \$3.9 million. The City is now formally establishing a 1.8-mile quiet zone with Union Pacific Railroad Company, Caltrans, California Public Utilities Commission, and the Federal Railroad Administration.



Ray Chong, Secretary

International Director's Report: February Board of Direction Meeting

The International Board of Direction (IBOD) met on February 26, 2005 in conjunction with the Technical Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The three District 6 International Directors, Pat Noyes, Rock Miller and Rory Grindley, were in attendance. Other District 6 members present included International President Tim Harpst, International Vice President Rich Romer, Coordinating Council Chair Wayne Tanda, District 6 International Director Candidate Monica Suter, and past International Director Ray Davis.

Mega Issues

The Board continued discussion on mega issues facing the Institute identified through the strategic planning initiative of the past three years. The four mega issues discussed at this meeting were:

- Work Force Development
- Safety
- Leadership Development

- Education

The Board has focused on these mega issues at recent meetings and a number of activities have been undertaken to explore needs and opportunities associated with each issue. In terms of work force development, a needs survey of employers is being created to help frame the key issues.

In the area of safety, the Board has provided the following guidance:

- ITE should serve primarily in a provider role. As a provider, ITE will provide technical content, drawn from its member's knowledge and experience, in high-priority safety areas. The technical content may be in several forms, including training and educational materials, Informational Reports, Recommended Practices, web sites and more.

- ITE should be a leader in intersection safety. The IBOD noted that intersection safety encompasses several facets including signalized/unsignalized intersections and roundabouts, to name a few.
- ITE should be a provider of information on before/after countermeasure data including how to conduct before/after studies and the effectiveness of various safety countermeasures.
- ITE should be a leading advocate for improved safety data and crash records.
- In all topic areas, ITE should provide information on the use of technology to address transportation safety.



Pat Noyes, District 6 International Director

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President's Message

Volunteers are what keep ITE going and makes us the effective and dynamic organization that we are today. Volunteerism gives our great organization its strength and also makes it so relevant and necessary to the professional transportation community. I consider myself indeed privileged to have the opportunity to attend so many local ITE Chapter and Section meetings and meet so many of our outstanding volunteers. This March, I traveled to the Southern Arizona Section and, along with Chapter President Scott Nodes, enjoyed the honor of



recognizing our "ITE Queen" Jenny Grote for her many years of service to her local ITE Chapter. From Southern Arizona, I went to Lodi for their 32nd Annual Vendor Show. Chapter President Pete Palle and I recognized Gary Tsutsumi who was the volunteer who started their show 31 years ago. After Lodi, I had the burdensome task of flying to Hawaii, where Chapter President Wayne Yoshioka and I recognized Cathy Leong, Julian Ng, Cheryl Yoshida and Jodi Chew for their many years of exceptional service.

This year, we are fortunate to have three exceptional candidates for the position of International Director, and two equally well-qualified candidates for the position of Sectary-Treasurer. Please take the time to read and carefully consider the statements of these candidates before you choose those who will be your new leaders. Last year, only about 10 percent of eligible voters participated in the selection process. Please play an active role in choosing those who will be our leaders for the coming year.

Make your final plans now to attend the annual ITE District 6 meeting at scenic Kalispell, Montana, from July 10 to 13. Kalispell is a fantastic mountain community in northwestern Montana located about a two hours' drive from Glacier National Park or, for those who are willing to do more driving, about a day's drive from the northern entrance to Yellowstone

National Park. For those who wish to pursue a socially acceptable vice, remember that video poker is legal in Montana.

Kalispell may be reached by Delta Airlines through Salt Lake City. However, by far the most scenic and relaxing way to get there is to travel by Amtrak's celebrated Coast Starlight to Portland and then the Empire Builder to Montana.

Together we are the BEST zaki



Dr. Ricardo Archilla, University of Hawaii ITE Student Chapter Advisor, with some of his protégés



Jenny Grote receives a proclamation from Scott Nodes, while Zaki snaps the picture

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Typical tasks to be conducted by the successful candidate include: traffic impact studies, traffic signal warrant analyses, traffic signal timing/optimization, intersection and roadway level of service analyses, parking studies, report preparation, bicycle/pedestrian system planning and design, site access/circulation analyses, development of subarea circulation plans, construction traffic management and control plans, roadway signing/stripping plans, roadway intersection design, and presentation of recommendations to clients and the public. Generation of future traffic volumes (using gravity-based modeling software) may also be done.

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The individual should be highly motivated, and have strong technical, marketing, and management abilities to further develop our Irvine transportation business. Strong design skills, extensive experience with writing traffic impact studies and excellent communication skills including presentations to public/private audiences are required. Bachelor's degree in civil or transportation engineering and registration as a professional civil engineer in the State of California are mandatory. Urban Crossroads' employees enjoy great benefits including medical/dental and 401k participation. We are an equal opportunity employer. For

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Deadline for applications: 5/31/05. A completed City application is required and may be accompanied by a resume. For a job description and application, contact: **Personnel Department, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, (650) 330-6670.** We are proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Director's Report

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- ITE should be a provider in the area of speed management.
- ITE should be a provider in the area of pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Leadership development has received a great deal of attention recently from the IBOD from the perspective of identifying candidates for International Vice President. A new task force has been formed to look at leadership development on a broader level. Activities undertaken by this task force will include a review of the Elected Leadership Manual, a survey of existing leadership development activities by other societies, and a needs assessment at each level of the Institute. The task force will provide recommendations to the IBOD at the Annual Meeting to enhance leadership development within ITE.

Jodi Carson, Chair of the Education Council, has been asked to chair a committee to review the mission of the Education Council. The focus of this committee is to define areas for attention in education and needs for professional development.

Ongoing Activities

Gene Wilson, Chair of the Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc., provided an update on the status of PTOE certifications and presented a check to the International Board of Direction paying off the loan from ITE to support the establishment of the Transportation Professional Certification Board. The Transportation Professional Certification Board is looking at additional certifications for traffic operations practitioners.

ITE Headquarters staff presented an overview of the activities by division. The Technical Program Division focuses on a number of key activities, including council support, chapter services, awards, government affairs, meeting management, ITS and ITE standards, safety, management and operations, and designing for all users. Nine staff are currently dedicated to technical programs. The Administrative Division is responsible for accounting and financial management, membership and data processing, publication sales and order fulfillment, and meeting registration, and has eight employees. The Communications Division is responsible for all publications and marketing within ITE headquarters. Additional information on the specifics of this division will be presented at a future IBOD meeting.

New Initiatives

Coordinating Council Chair Wayne Tanda provided an overview of Coordinating Council activities and presented a proposal to include a membership in one Technical Council as part of membership dues. This would increase all dues minimally and encourage all members to align with at least one Council. There was support for the proposal and the IBOD directed staff to make changes effective with the 2006 dues.

ITE staff member Shelley Row presented a summary of the National Traffic Signal Report Card. The general findings included:

- Overall score is low.
- Management & detection scored lowest.
- Individual intersections scored highest.
- Large systems scored higher than national average.

The findings and initial recommendations were presented at the Technical Conference and live on the internet through a National Transportation Operations Coalition (NTOC) Webcast (available online at http://www.ntoxtalks.com/web_casts.php). Information on the findings will be sent to all survey respondents and provided through upcoming press events. ITE will provide agencies with information on how to prepare for the anticipated interest by local media. Any agency that did not complete a survey can still participate by going to the ITE website, www.ite.org, to fill out the survey.

Budget Update

Vice President Rich Romer presented the audited 2004 budget and an overview of the 2005 budget. The health of the Institute is very good and the target for a cash reserve has been surpassed. Membership dues are on target, publication sales are strong, and registration for the Technical Conference was high. Budget amendments were made to add new staff positions for professional development and to develop additional training programs for traffic operations practitioners.

Upcoming Meetings

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Meetings:

- August 7-10, 2005, Melbourne, Australia
- August 6-9, 2006, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

If you have any questions about the Board's activities or any other questions about the Institute, please feel free to contact any of your District 6 International Directors.

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