Every one of us gets through the tough times because somebody is there, standing in the gap to close it for us. – Oprah Winfrey

OK, so transportation engineers don’t usually get home from work in time to watch Oprah, but this quote does bring to mind a powerful image, as timeless as the Old Testament, but also timely for us as ITE members: People depend on the work we do, and often we are the ones standing in the gap. So what do we need to know to be able to close that gap?

Well, it always helps to know whom we are standing in the gap for. If you are a leader in the transportation profession, the answer to that question might surprise you. Obviously, your co-workers, clients, and your employer are expecting you to be able to close the gap on important studies or projects, doing your part to get the job done. On a personal level, family members depend on your support, and certainly each of us should be responsible enough to support our own needs. Beyond that, though, fellow ITE members count on you to treat them with respect and to do your part to promote the profession and the Institute for the benefit of all. Most important, the public, even though you may not have direct contact with them, depends on you to approach every technical and professional challenge in a way that is fair and honest, using your expertise with their welfare in mind, because transportation engineering by its very nature is a profession that profoundly affects the public safety, convenience, and general well being. If these themes sound familiar, I must tell you at this point (for the sake of being ethical) that I borrowed them from our own ITE Canon of Ethics, a guide for anyone who aspires to lead in our profession! I urge you to get a copy (it’s on the ITE website), read it regularly, and take its provisions to heart. It will begin to give you the answers you may seek as to why you need to stand in the gap.

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In addition, standing in and closing the gap requires courage. If you are a traffic engineer, transportation planner, or other transportation professional, I can guarantee that you will find yourself participating in formal meetings, or informal conversations, where you will be the only individual around who can provide the right answer, display the proper insight, or exploit the common ground in such a way as to allow your listeners to reach an inspired and viable understanding of an important problem or concern. There are simply not enough people who know what we know to go around, so it is incumbent upon each of us to go ahead and put our convictions and ourselves on the line whenever the opportunity arises.

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Anything to Eat at This Exit?

On September 15, FHWA granted interim approval for an increase in the use of specific service signs at interchanges. Until now, jurisdictions have been limited (according to the MUTCD) to a maximum of six logo panels on each of four signs in advance of the interchange. Each of the four signs provide information on one service type found at the exit. The approved service types are: Gas, Food, Lodging, Camping, Attraction, and 24-Hour Pharmacy.

Now, up to 12 logo signs per service type are allowed, provided no more than four total signs are displayed. Each service type can also be displayed on up to two signs. You'll be interested to know that the research backing up the decision to allow 12 logo panels was done by VDOT last year. Approval of this change is based on written approval by the FHWA’s Office of Transportation Operations, so contact that office for details on the ruling.

Thinking Through the Problem

We know that intersections are a major source of crashes and congestion on our roadways, but why? An FHWA report released in August attempts some explanation in the form of a detailed study of the thought processes motorists use in navigating signalized intersections. The key word here is “detailed”. The 219 page document takes us step-by-step through the cognitive, perceptual, and psychomotor functions used in seven different signal scenarios. The scenarios are: (1) left turn on green light, (2) left turn on yellow light, (3) straight on yellow light, (4) straight on green light, (5) right turn on green light, (6) right turn on red light, and (7) stop on red light.

For each scenario, driver tasks are broken into five tasks and the thought processes of each are explained. Figures aid in this explanation. The conclusions of each scenario are presented in the form of “information process bottlenecks”. These are the tasks that are difficult or that may be skipped by drivers, often leading to trouble. Unfortunately, ideas for improving intersections to minimize these bottlenecks are not presented, but the research lays down an interesting foundation for understanding driver behavior in the intersection.


And If You Like That One...

Another recent FHWA report has summarized 113 human factor results papers by four classes: intersections, speed management, peds and bikes, and visibility. Each paper is summarized in two pages and provides brief information in fields like purpose, methods, key results, and conclusions. Importantly, how to find the research report is also usually provided.

This document is a good starting point for those interested in human factor research and is good reading for people who like to be able to say things like, “Well you know, senior drivers fail to observe behind their vehicles before slowing down during the approach to an intersection 87 percent of the time on unfamiliar routes and 96 percent of the time on familiar routes.” (fact from Intersection Negotiation Problems of Older Drivers, Volume I)


Future Annual Meetings

April 22-25, 2007 Knoxville, TN
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Please submit papers, abstracts or presentation summaries by October 16, 2006 you would like to present at the upcoming 2007 Southern District Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee on April 22 through April 25, 2007. Each presentation will be allotted approximately 25 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions. Each technical session will be comprised of 3 presentations.

The suggested Technical Session topics are as follows:

- Alternate Modes: Transit, Multi-Modal Centers and Movement, Trucking, Bike / Pedestrian
- Aging Population: Work Zone Traffic Control, Retroreflectivity, Basics of Engineering
- Innovative Projects & Techniques
- Best Practices
- Preliminary Requirements for Legal Forensics
- Context Sensitive Solutions / Environment
- Photo Enforcement
- Fast Tracking Projects
- Neighborhood Roads
- Roadway Capacity, Design & Speed Control
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- Safety: Highway, Intersection, Pedestrian, Etc.
- Crash Reports: Problems & Solutions
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- Neighborhood Roads

There will be a professional development session on ethics the morning of April 25th that will follow the transportation technical program (April 23-24). Suggestions for topics or presenters are welcome.

Fill out and return submittal to: anthonytodd@johnsoncitytn.org or:  Anthony Todd  
209 Water Street  
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Title of Presentation: __________________________________________________________
Description: ______________________________________________________________________
Name(s) / Title / Organization: ______________________________________________________________
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Attach paper or abstract (use txt, doc, or pdf if submitting electronically).
Finally, while the image of a lonely sentinel standing in the gap is compelling, it actually requires teamwork to close that gap. Like many of you, I spent time over the past few weeks reading and viewing the TV programs, newspaper articles, and Internet features commemorating the one year anniversary of the Katrina tragedy. One of the most impressive aspects of the entire episode was the massive effort to repair and shore up the levees and floodwalls, filling and closing the gaps. Only then could the pumping out of the floodwaters begin. That work required the diverse talents of many people, all pulling together to accomplish the objective. Closing the gaps in ITE, making the Southern District stronger and more relevant to our members and to those we serve, requires teamwork, too. That work is reflected in the successful Annual Meeting we enjoyed in Jackson, in the efforts of our committees, and in the work that is going on right now in our Strategic Planning process. There is always room for more committed folks on the team to help us achieve success in our Strategic Goal Areas: Leadership Development, Workforce Development, Technical Services, Member and Section Services, and Information, Communications, and Outreach. Where will we find you in SDITE, helping to fill and close the gaps?

Volunteers Rally ‘Round SDITE 2010 (And I Don’t Just Mean Tennessee)
Steve Strength

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In the wake of the storms of 2005, the LAC scrambled north from Biloxi to Jackson, determined to host the Annual District Meeting. The move voided all previous planning and put organizers against the clock in every aspect of the meeting. In all, it was a fine meeting by any standards. Approximately 240 attendees from throughout the southeast converged to celebrate the profession and the spirit reflected in the people of the Gulf Coast.

On Monday, the program began in the usual spirited fashion with the roll call of states. The opening speakers were Robert Walker, Jackson’s Chief Administrative Officer, and Butch Brown, MDOT’s Executive Director, who welcomed all to Jackson and spoke on the impacts of Katrina. The opening session also saw the recognition of Kirsten Black of Virginia as the 2006 Joe Thomas Young Member Award winner. On Monday night, attendees basked in the hospitality of the old south when the ABD hosted a wonderful evening at the Old Capitol Inn.

Tuesday brought the SDITE business meeting, the finals of the 2nd Annual Temple Scholarship Challenge, and the awards dinner. Lunch was the time to decide the top-performing student chapter in the district. Two rounds of “The Challenge” had provided the intense quiz bowl action we love and in the end, the Clemson-based team from South Carolina took home the showcase from the showdown. At the awards dinner, held at the Jackson’s refined University Club, three of the District’s finest were recognized. The Marble J. Hensley Individual Activity Award was presented to Calvin Leggett of NCDOT who has provided exceptional leadership in the North Carolina Section, one of ITE’s most productive. The Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award went to Philip Wylie, Transportation Director in the City of High Point, NC for his long record of service to the District. Lastly, a new award was initiated in Jackson which recognizes long-term service within a governmental agency and contributions to SDITE. The award is entitled the John F. Exnicios Government Employee Outstanding Service Award, and Mr. Exnicios of the Deep South Section was on hand to accept the first award.

Throughout the meeting, an excellent program of technical sessions legitimized all the fun attendees were having. Concurrent sessions included emergency planning and recovery, funding and construction, environmental, operations, access management, ITS, and modeling. On Wednesday, two professional development sessions featured cultural sensitivity and ethics on the job. Altogether, over 30 transportation professionals from inside the District and out contributed to the program by making presentations.

Many attendees chose to leave the premises for a look around Jackson. Engineers got looks at the state-of-the-art Nissan plant in nearby Canton, the Union Station Intermodal Center, and Jackson’s TMC. Guests of the meeting toured a local pottery studio, the Georgia O’Keefe exhibit at the Mississippi Museum of Art, historic Fairview Inn, and the 300-acre Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

To re-live last April’s meeting, go to www.sdite2006.org. You can download selected technical presentations, see still pictures, and even watch a movie featuring vintage SDITE meeting photos!

Special thanks to Hibbett Neel and his LAC, Jeff Smith and his ABD, and y’all for your CTM (coming to the meeting). We’ll see everyone in Knoxville next spring!
News from the Sections

Kentucky Section

The Kentucky Section’s first meeting of 2006 was held on February 22nd in the Civil Engineering Building at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. A total of 32 people were in attendance. Section business included information on Strategic Plan Champions and the revised KYSITE Operations Manual. Technical presentations were given by Ken Agent with the Kentucky Transportation Center on Evaluation of High Traffic Crash Corridors, and Eric Walsh, Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD), on safety activities within the 17-county BGADD.

After a pizza lunch, three U of K student members participated in the section Traffic Bowl. This competition was used to distribute scholarship money for 2005. Each student received a $500 scholarship. These three students (Kevin Blain, Ryan Gossom, and Meiwu An) represented KYSITE in the Traffic Bowl at the SDITE Meeting in Jackson.

KYSITE had an enthusiastic group in attendance at the SDITE Annual Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi – some real thoroughbreds (remember roll call?). We were proud of our Traffic Bowl participants and look forward to the 2007 Traffic Bowl in Knoxville.

In June, KYSITE sponsored two training opportunities. The first opportunity was a Synchro Training Course led by Trafficware. The course was held June 13 through June 15, 2006, at the University of Kentucky Civil Engineering Building Computer Lab. The cost was $500 per person with 23 people attending. The second training opportunity was an ITE webinar on Site Development Traffic Impact Discussion. This was held on June 13th at no cost to participants. Since these two opportunities overlapped on June 13th, the Synchro Training Course was stopped long enough to allow participants to attend the ITE webinar.

The second meeting was a joint lunch and learn meeting of the Kentucky Section and the Ohio Section. It was held on July 13th at the OKI Regional Council of Governments in Cincinnati. The meeting was built around a webcast on the diverging diamond interchange. The diverging diamond interchange directs vehicles to the left side of the road to facilitate merging to and from the interstate. Traffic signals are placed where the arterial lanes cross and at left turns on the interstate off-ramps. The webcast featured Joe Bared, from FHWA, and Susan McCubbins, from the Missouri DOT. Ms. McCubbins is the Project Manager for the first diverging diamond interchange in the US, scheduled for construction in 2007. The presentation was followed by a Q/A session. A total of 63 people were in attendance.

Georgia Section

The ITE Georgia Section is off to a great start in 2006. We have completed the first half of 2006 with significant involvement of our members in section meetings and committee activities. Three of our meetings so far this year have approached or broken previous attendance records. The joint meeting with ACSE in March 2006 boasted a combined attendance of over 300. The April meeting with the Georgia Tech student chapter was also one of our best attended events with well over 100 members and students present. The ITE Summer Seminar, the highlight of our year, had over 170 registered participants - a record attendance level. The meeting also yielded 11 papers for the technical paper competition. Meanwhile, the career guidance committee has been doing its part to encourage potential future engineers through participation in the “Introduce a Girl to Engineering” and “Exploring Engineering Academy” programs. The other Georgia Section committees have been similarly active this year, involving an increasing number of members.

The keynote speaker for the Summer Seminar was Shelly Row, Associate Executive Director for Technical Programs for International ITE. Ms. Row discussed the national and international activities of ITE and provided detailed information on many of the ITE programs including the services to members that are based on being: relevant to the practice of transportation engineers; timely related to ongoing programs and of high quality.

The Recognition Banquet is always a highlight at the Summer Seminar and this year was no different. While there are Wednesday Sessions, the Banquet and the Scholarship Auction sort-of “cap off” the meeting. This year’s banquet had the highest attendance ever with 337 people including 109 children and 92 spouses/guests. The banquet speaker was Richard Burleson, Vice President, DMJM-Harris. Dick is a competent business manager of a large consulting firm as well as an author. What many people don’t know is that he for 25 years was a SEC Conference head football referee. He provided a humorous and lighthearted evening of entertainment at the banquet using his experiences in refereeing SEC football games. His book “You’d Better Be Right” details some of the experiences he had while a referee. The book was on sale at the annual banquet.

One of the most enjoyable events of the Summer Seminar is the sandcastle building contest which can be enjoyed by adults and children. The contest was managed by Lee Mohler and the judges were (We did not review the judges credentials, but assumed them to be of good character!).
North Carolina Section

NCSITE has seen continued growth in involvement from the membership with a multitude of activities and meetings being conducted throughout 2006. This high level of involvement and activity was highlighted by our recognition on August 5th at the ITE Annual Meeting in Milwaukee with the 2005 Section Activities Award. In 2006, the Board has sponsored several initiatives focused on improving the member services for our Section. Expanded functionality and information being provided through our web site and our monthly newsletter, the Involver, has focused on including more technical articles and information about the Transportation industry in North Carolina. A summer membership drive has fueled our growth in membership and led us to a growth of approximately 50 new members in 2006, making our current active membership approximately 575 affiliates and members. A membership survey conducted over the summer was focused on what services the membership recognizes as beneficial and what areas they would like to see expanded. The survey was successful in receiving feedback from almost 50% of the active membership.

The Transportation Planning Council (TPC), Traffic Engineering Council (TEC), Administrative Council (AC), and the Consultant / Vendor Council have continued to be the work horses of our Section by conducting regularly scheduled meetings to organize and develop the technical meeting and activities. The technical meetings conducted so far in 2006 include:

- The Student Led Meeting held on March 28th in Raleigh
- The Charlotte Area Spring Dinner Meeting on April 20th
- Local meeting in Hickory on April 25th
- Triangle Area Lunch ‘n Learn on May 12th in Raleigh
- Charlotte Area Lunch ‘n Learn on May 25th
- The NCSITE Mid-Year meeting hosted on June 1st and 2nd in Wrightsville Beach
- Charlotte Area Lunch ‘n Learn on September 14th

The AC has sponsored another annual cycle of the Mentoring Program that was initiated in January with 10 pairs of mentors and protégés.

Involvement in the North Carolina Future Cities Competition has been championed by the TPC with a contribution of $500 annually being continued in 2006.

A summer social event at a Durham Bulls game was organized by the TPC on June 16th.

The TPC holds open-invitation social hour networking events following monthly organization meetings.

The TEC has continued successful meetings of the Signal Systems User Group and initiated effort for the Simulation and Capacity Analysis User Group.

The TEC has initiated a Trip Generation Task Force focusing on internal capture and including involvement from NCDOT, municipalities, and the private sector.

Alabama Section

The Alabama Section held its Spring Meeting on March 9, 2006 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on the campus of the University of Alabama. The group of attendees was welcomed to the meeting by the Mayor of Tuscaloosa and the Dean of the College of Engineering. The meeting included five (5) technical presentations and a technical tour of the University’s new traffic operations laboratory.

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Section was held June 7-9, 2006 in Gulf Shores, Alabama as a joint meeting with the Deep South Section. The meeting provided a professional development seminar titled “Professional Issues in Education, Licensing and Accreditation” as well as eleven (11) technical presentations to the 112 attendees. The highlight of the meeting was the annual banquet and scholarship auction fund raiser. Harold Raynor was honored by the renaming of the ALSITE scholarship to the Harold M. Raynor ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. Mr. Raynor was instrumental in setting up the scholarship foundation and has provided outstanding leadership and service through his vision and dedicated work. Also honored at this year’s banquet was Joe Wilkerson. He was presented the ALSITE Transportation Safety Award for his service and many contributions during his long career with FHWA.

This year the auction fund raiser was bittersweet because of the passing of the long time auctioneer, Vic McSwain. Vic’s wife Barbara and their two daughters were in attendance at the banquet. In honor of Vic’s contribution and dedicated service, the auction was named the Vic McSwain Memorial Scholarship Auction. There were several other tributes to Vic including a personal letter from Senator Richard Shelby, a perpetual plaque documenting the proceeds of the ALSITE Scholarship Auction and the presentation of a $1,500 scholarship to Terrence Williamson of the University of Alabama which was jointly sponsored by ALSITE and Deep South ITE in Vic’s memory. This year, a total of $6,850 was raised for the ALSITE Scholarship Fund.

The Fall Meeting is scheduled to the held on October 3, 2006 in Auburn, Alabama on the campus of Auburn University. An interesting technical program is planned and we look forward to a good meeting and a good attendance.
South Carolina Section

2006 SCITE Officers:

President Mike Ridgeway  
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Past President Wil Ravenhorst  
Section Representative Dipak Patel  
Affiliate Director Tom Dodds

Virginia Section

The VASITE Continuing Education Committee plans and conducts training courses on relevant topics for the VASITE membership. Through a Transportation Safety Project Grant from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), VASITE is able to offer safety-related continuing education courses at an affordable cost to attendees. Typically, the DMV Safety Grant covers over half of the course registration costs. VASITE is very appreciative of the DMV for their generous support of our training courses to improve safety across the Commonwealth.

The 2006 VASITE Spring Meeting was held on March 23rd at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center in Roanoke, VA. The presenters were Paul Anderson, Michelle Smith, Miguel Perez, Shane Sawyer, Mike Lancaster, Charlie Klauer, Suzie Lee, and Liz Belcher.

Deep South Section

If you missed the Southern District meeting in April, hosted by the Deep South Section in Jackson, MS you missed a really great meeting. Relocated from Biloxi due to Hurricane Katrina damage to the Beau Rivage Hotel, the meeting was quickly put together in Jackson. The Deep South members in Mississippi and Louisiana did a great job despite only having about six months to get the meeting relocated.

Much of the Technical Session focus was on the Hurricane Katrina impact to the Louisiana and the Mississippi regions. Various speakers described the efforts on the local and state levels to get the two state transportation back in operation.

Tennessee Section

Annually, the Tennessee Section hosts four regular meetings around the state, and has just completed the 2006 schedule of meetings.

In February, we climbed ol’ Rocky Top to meet with the UT Student Chapter in Knoxville. Then on to Memphis in April to learn about the work happening in and around the Bluff City. Next was our annual Summer Meeting and Auction held at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville in June. And we rounded it all off with a trip to Chattanooga to meet jointly with the Georgia Chapter of ITS America.

Along the way, many of our members made the trip to Jackson. TSITE salutes the Deep South Section and the LAC in Jackson who worked to put on a great meeting in tough circumstances. Also, several went to the International Meeting in Milwaukee.

Among several focus points of the Section this year has been an increase in technical advancement opportunities. TSITE has engaged in several training sessions including a webinar hosting project which is getting off the ground in strong fashion. Workshop opportunities with FHWA have been well received as was the all-out 3 day meeting with ITS GA.

Development of our four student chapters continues to be a challenge and a source of pride. In a rotating arrangement to meet on campus once a year, the students at UT were great hosts. The chapter at the University of Memphis is also coming on strong with good participation and attendance at two of our meetings. Development of the student membership is also supported by the annual auction benefiting the TSITE scholarships. This year, over $4,500 was raised in this effort.

Billy Kemp of Tennessee’s Be in the Click program was on hand at the Summer Meeting to discuss this program. TSITE will be investing $1,500 to begin the program at three high schools this fall. The purpose of this venture is to help increase awareness of seat belt safety and reward students for active participation in safe driving behavior.

On a sad note, ITE lost friend and colleague Bill Kervin last spring. Bill was known to the Section and the profession as an outgoing, personable, and truly unique individual.

In addition to experience with several consulting firms, Mr. Kervin was a former public works director in Knox County, TN and had served as a city engineer and public works director for municipalities in Tennessee and West Virginia. He was a Past President of TSITE.

Bill had just returned from Iraq where he served as a member of the 278th Tennessee Army National Guard for almost two years. TSITE recognized his service to country in a proclamation awarded in October 2005. He leaves wife Kathy and daughter Holly in Knoxville. Bill was a valued colleague, a hard worker, and an honorable mentor who will be missed.
News of the South — Newsletter of the Southern District (5)

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