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Letter from the President

The word "community" can be defined as the "body of persons of common and especially professional interests scattered throughout a larger society." In the transportation engineering field, our ITE community has established itself as the "body of persons" that one can rely on to exchange information, learn new things about the profession, and perhaps most importantly, foster personal relationships that extend well beyond the workplace environment.

Kevin Chang
WA Section President

Staying connected with one another is essential to building a strong community. If you have been a regular reader of our monthly newsletter, you have undoubtedly come across our recurring request for member information updates. At this time, a new member directory is in the final stages of development, and will represent the culmination of an update process that has

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SAVE THE DATE

The 2009 MUTCD: Notable Changes and Upcoming Revisions

The 2009 MUTCD has now been officially adopted for use in Washington state. This month's presentation will discuss the Washington state modifications to the Manual; notable changes in signing, markings, and signalization; and upcoming revisions that FHWA anticipates will be issued this summer regarding compliance dates and the meaning of Standard ("shall") statements.

Our featured speaker is James W. Ellison, P.E., Consulting Traffic Engineer. Jim has worked as a traffic engineer in the Puget Sound area for the last 39 years in county, city, and private sectors. He is an independent traffic engineering consultant located in Federal Way, retiring from his long tenure as Pierce County Traffic Engineer in 2009. He has been a member of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices since 1996.

WHEN Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 11:30 AM-2:00 PM Lunch Meeting

VENUE Edmonds Library,
Edmonds Plaza Room
650 Main Street, Edmonds, WA (view map)

COST $20 for ITE Members, $25 for non-ITE members,
$6 if brown bag (to cover the room rental)

MENU Ingallina's boxed lunches. Please pick one selection from below:

All Box Lunch Salads (choices 1, 2 and 3) include: A fresh baked roll with butter, fresh cut fruit cup, cookie, bottled water, utensils and napkin.

1. Asian Noodle with Chicken
2. Classic Cobb Salad
3. Pear Blue Cheese Salad

All Box Lunch Sandwiches (choices 4, 5, 6 and 7) include: Tim's chips, fresh cut fruit cup, a delicious cookie, bottled water, utensils and napkin.

4. Roast Turkey Waldorf
5. Smoked Turkey Havarti Sandwich
6. Albacore & Dill Pickle Sandwich
7. Cuban Steak Sandwich

RSVP Please register by RSVP'ing to Carla Nasr itewaregister@gmail.com as early as possible, but no later than Friday, April 6th at 5:00 PM. No-shows will be billed for their lunch.

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been evolving over the last six years. We recognize that contact information can change over time, especially with the recent economic downturn that has impacted either you or someone you know, and printing a directory that is quickly outdated offers very little practical value. Our future directory will be made available in an electronic format to alleviate some of these issues, and it is our hope that this resource will be of some benefit to you and your colleagues, albeit with a "subject to change" disclaimer.

If you are an ITE international member, please be reminded that ITE headquarters has launched and is promoting its own "ITE Community" website for members. This resource, with more information available at community.ite.org, offers you: the chance to connect and collaborate with other members, the ability to create your own comprehensive and interactive profile, and the opportunity to participate in regular discussions and online user forums. As an international member, you are also eligible for complimentary membership in one employer-type council and one technical council. These councils are intimate subgroups of common interest and disciplines within the larger ITE community of transportation professionals.

As we look ahead to the spring, I hope that you will join or re-join your local ITE community at an upcoming Washington State Section event. We have assembled a very strong schedule that includes this month's lunch meeting featuring an informative presentation on the MUTCD, the always-rewarding May Student Night, and our Annual Meeting, Awards Presentation, and Golf Tournament during the second week of June.

Your participation in the ITE community matters. In local weather terms, let's just say that it's worth more than a thousand umbrellas in one of our driving rainstorms. See you soon.

Kevin Chang, President
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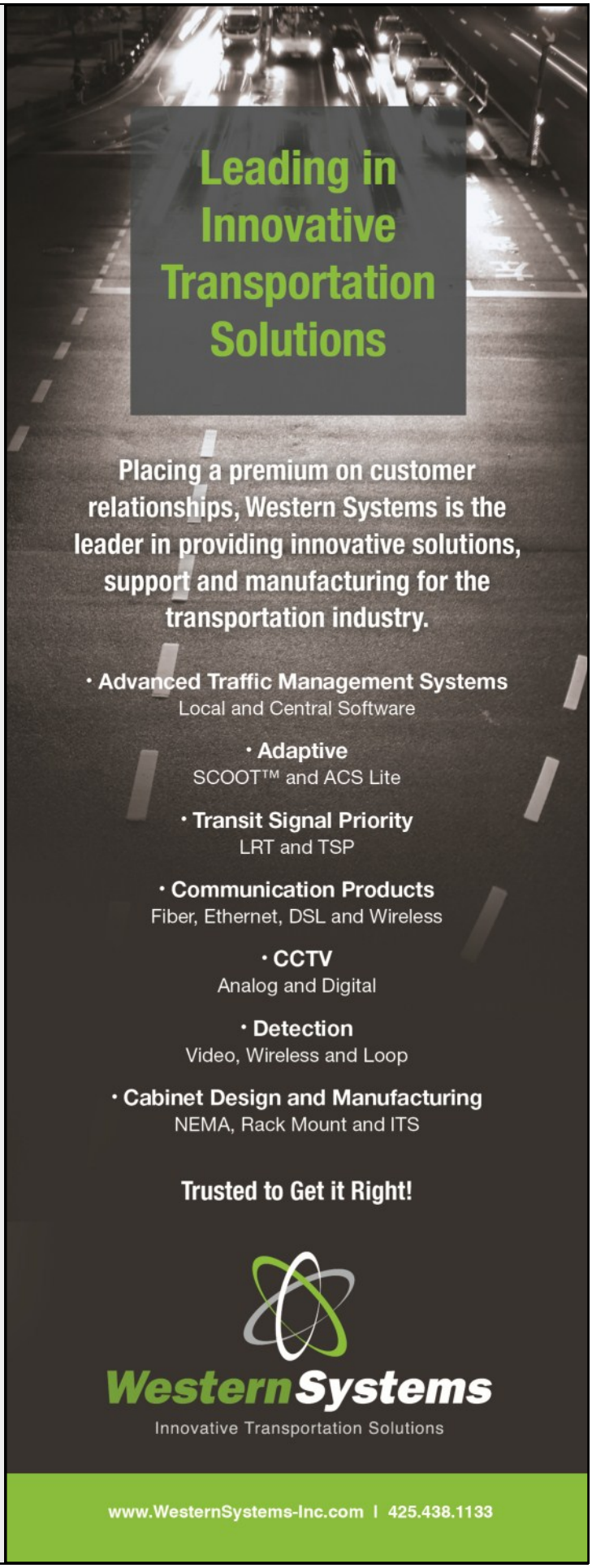

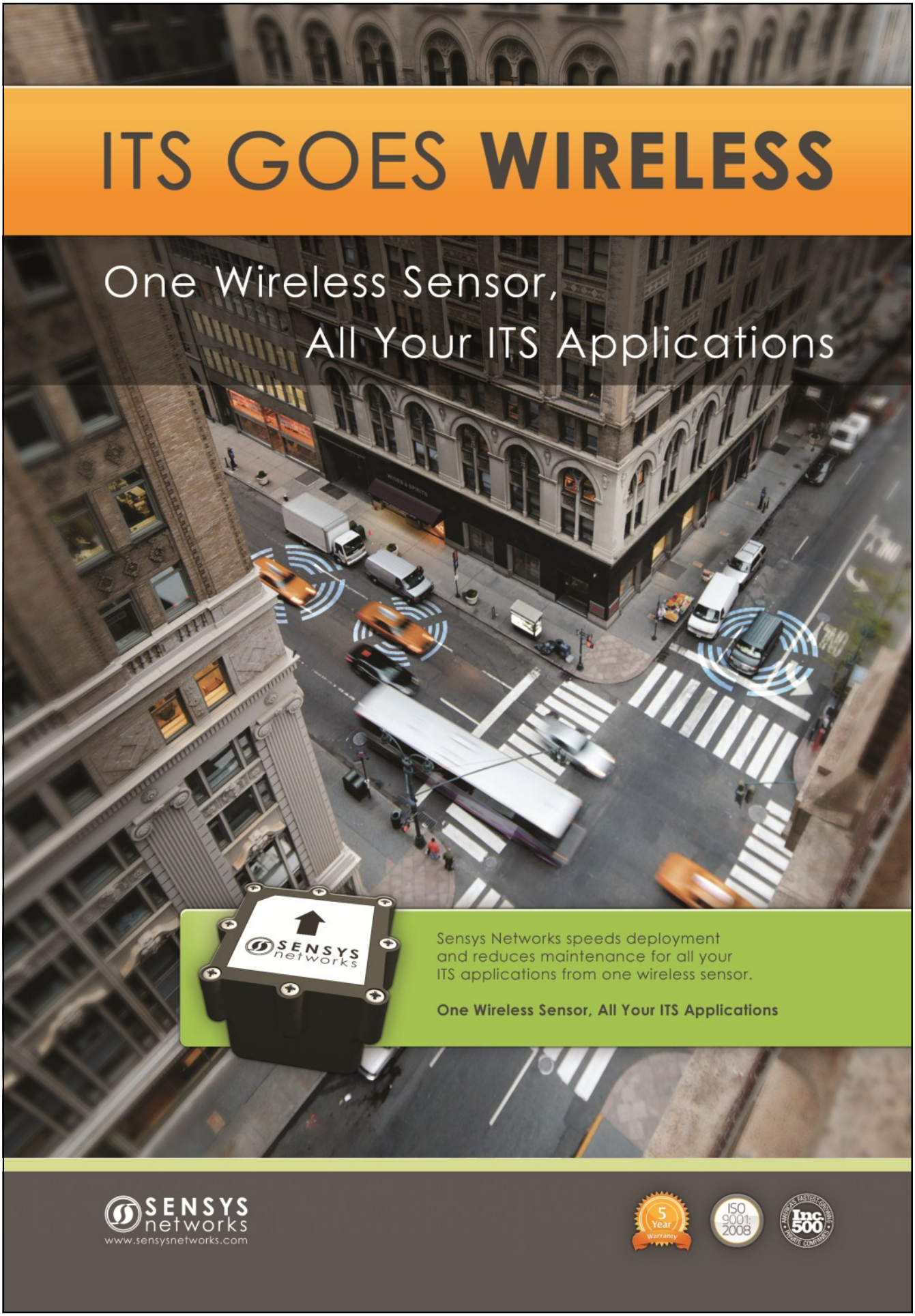
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Scribe Report

By Paul Cho, City of Redmond

March Meeting (Tuesday, 3/13/2012)

The great thing about meeting in Seattle for the March ITE luncheon meeting is the great views of the water along the way and if you're lucky you can get a peek-a-boo view of the Bay. The bad thing is deciding where to park once you arrive. For those that work in downtown, I'm sure the non-passenger car experience was much more pleasant. Eventually we found parking and walked to Safeco Plaza and rode the elevator to the 33rd floor where we joined a packed conference room eagerly awaiting to hear this month's topic on City of Seattle's bicycle and pedestrian programs

After enjoying boxed Mediterranean lunches, Kevin Chang started the meeting at 12:10 and reiterated the popularity of today's topic; 10 people had to be turned away since the room was already at capacity. Mr. Chang continued on with announcements of upcoming meetings before introducing Brian Dougherty, Transportation Planner for City of Seattle to speak on Seattle's experience implementing bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Mr. Dougherty shared his excitement on the grand re-opening of the Burke-Gilman Trail through the Lake Forest Park area. This regional mixed use trail spans from the Ship Canal Trail to Redmond. He also acknowledged neighboring communities that have also made significant impacts such as Kirkland, which adopted a non-motorized ordinance.

Seattle's Bicycle Master Plan is a 10 year plan to provide one-quarter mile access to 95 percent of the residents. The initial focus was to provide quantity of facilities by using sharrows on existing roadways rather than a complete rechannelization with bike lanes. But now the balance between added bike lanes and sharrows is even. Focusing on bringing attention to conflict areas, other improvements have included colored bike lanes, bike boxes at intersections and on-street bike racks for parking.

Adopted in 2009, Seattle's Pedestrian Master Plan set a goal to be the most walkable City in the U.S. But to get there, the City had to address the fact that it would take 1000 years to cover every street mile in the City. In addition, the City has to address the cost of on-going repairs to 80-100 year old facilities.

The program again began by prioritizing critical areas near schools. Other improvements followed with eleven road diet projects in the past five years as well as Neighborhood Greenways (formerly bike boulevards) spanning seven miles in four neighborhoods. In addition, eight miles of new urban trails have been added to the existing forty miles. For those interested in a more detailed list of trails and facilities, Brian encouraged to look online for an extensive list.

Mr. Dougherty then invited questions from the members.

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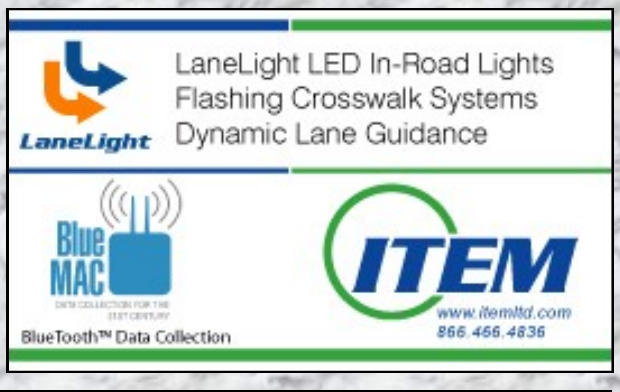
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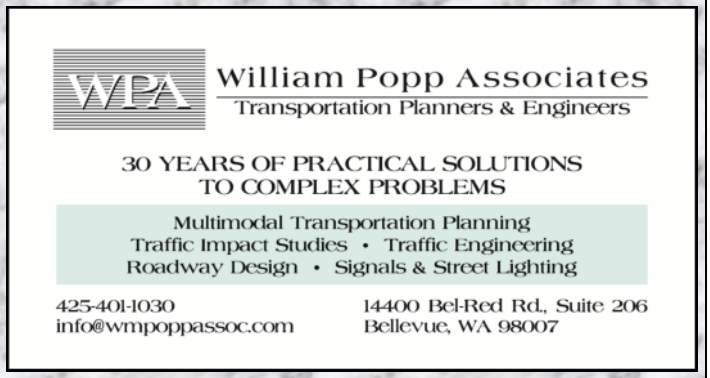
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Harbour Pointe - Site of the 24th ITE Classic

ITE Golf Classic #24

Harbour Pointe Golf Club – Mukilteo, WA

Tuesday, June 12th, 2012, 9:00am Shotgun Start

Terry Gibson and Mark Poch – Tournament Chairs

Harbour Pointe Golf Club will be the site of our 24th ITE Golf Classic. The beautiful and well maintained Harbour Pointe track will provide a challenging and varied golf experience by offering two distinctly unique nines. The front winds through wetlands with water in play on every hole, while the back is set among rolling hills, and framed by sweeping views of Puget Sound. If you want a true northwest golf experience complete with water, trees, sand, and a touch of summer, you'll want to be sure to turn out for our 24th Classic (and by the way…golf carts are back!!).

Our tournament will have a shotgun start at 9:00 am on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012. **Please check in no later than 8:15am.** Cost for the event will be **$80 per person (due May 9th)**, and will include use of the range, power cart, competition prizes, and BBQ after the round. We need to have a **final count to Harbour Point by May 9th** to meet our guaranteed minimum number of golfers, ***so please pay by May 9th (or make arrangements with Mark)!*** A big thanks to our sponsors for this special price!

So be sure to be a part of our famous day of golf, food, and fun! Please fill in your registration forms and call or email Mark Poch (425.452.6137, mpoch@bellevuewa.gov) to reserve your place in the tournament. **Team captains should fill out the attached registration form and all checks ($80 per person, or $320 for a team of four) need to be received by Wednesday, May 9th.**

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Remember, 2 players from each team must be ITE members (call Mark for exceptions). Single golfers or couples are definitely welcome as we usually have a couple teams with less than 4 players.

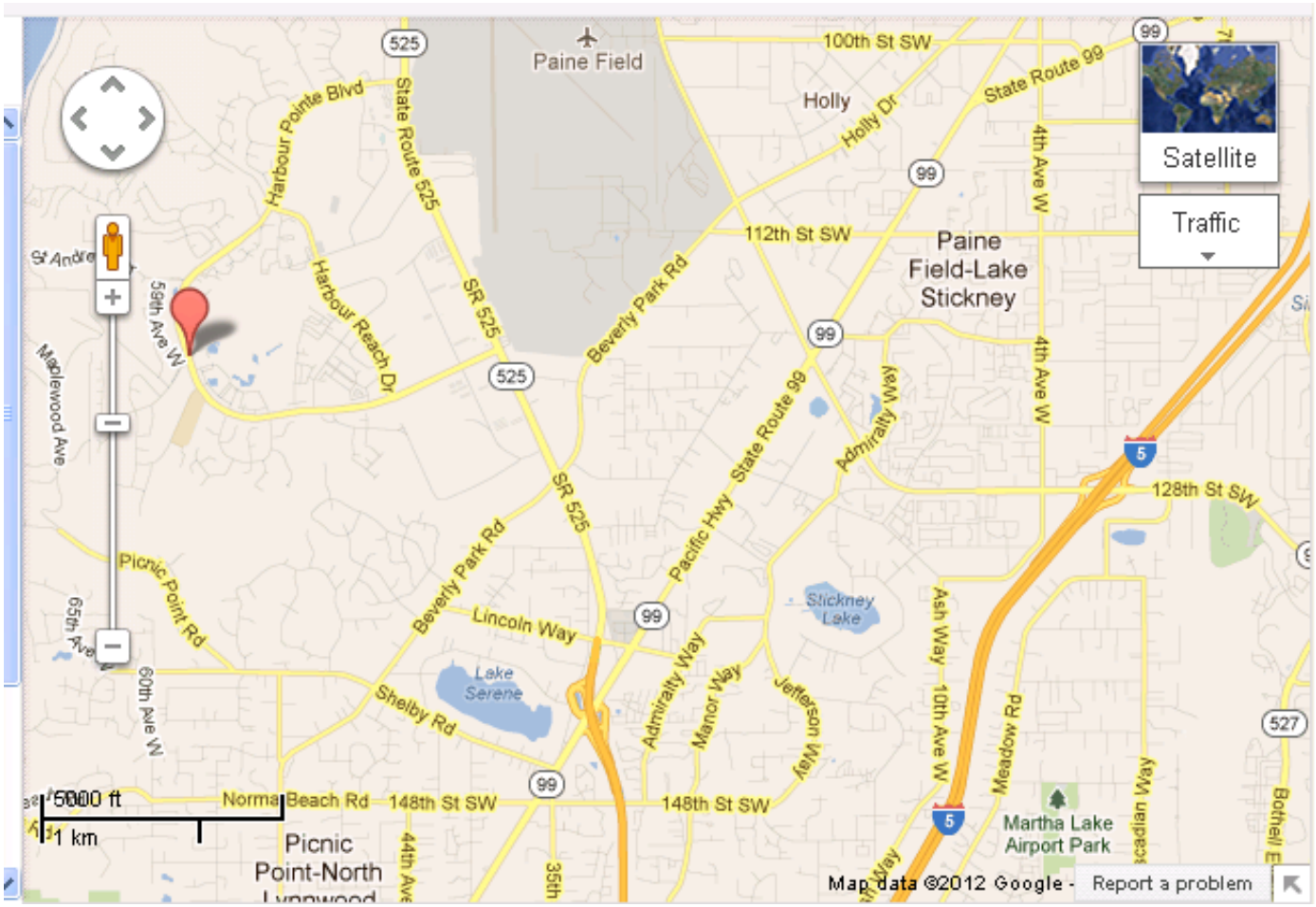
Please leave yourself plenty of time to get to the course. We have unlimited use of the practice facility prior to the shotgun start, so come early and warm up.

The course address is 11817 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo, WA 98275
(425) 355-6060

From Northbound I-5, take exit #182 and stay left to northbound SR 525, proceed 4 miles to Harbour Pointe Blvd, turn left and course is on right in 1.5 miles.

From Northbound I-405, stay on I-405 until you go over I-5 and the highway becomes SR 525. Proceed 4 miles to Harbour Pointe Blvd, turn left and course is on right in 1.5 miles.

From Southbound I-5, take exit #189, continue on SR 526 until it junctions with SR 525 (Mukilteo Speedway), turn left onto SR 525 and then right onto Harbour Pointe Blvd. The course will be on the left in 1.5 miles.



24th Annual ITE Golf Classic

Terry Gibson/Mark Poch – Tournament Chairs

Registration Form

Harbour Pointe - Mukilteo, WA

Tuesday June 12th, 2012 – 9:00am Shotgun Start

Team Name/Firm/Agency _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Names & emails of other players in group:

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_____ Check enclosed for myself/others ($80 per person)

_____ Check enclosed for entire 4 person team ($320)

_____ Will mail check when purchase order is approved

(Payment deadline is May 9th, make check to ITE - Washington Section)

Teams – The Executive Board has requested that 2 or more team players must be ITE members and/or registered for the June Annual Mtg, call Mark for exceptions – thanks!

Cost - $80 per person, $320 per team. Includes range balls, golf, power cart, prizes, and BBQ after the round.

Sponsors - We need you! Please contact Mark Poch at Bellevue (425.452.6137) about sponsoring this year's Classic!

Format – Popular "Scramble" format, each player hits/putts best ball from tee to green.

Awards – ITE traveling trophy to team with low score. Special hole competitions (kp/long drive). Raffle prizes.

Defending Champions – Huitt-Zollars (won playoff over Seattle DOT)

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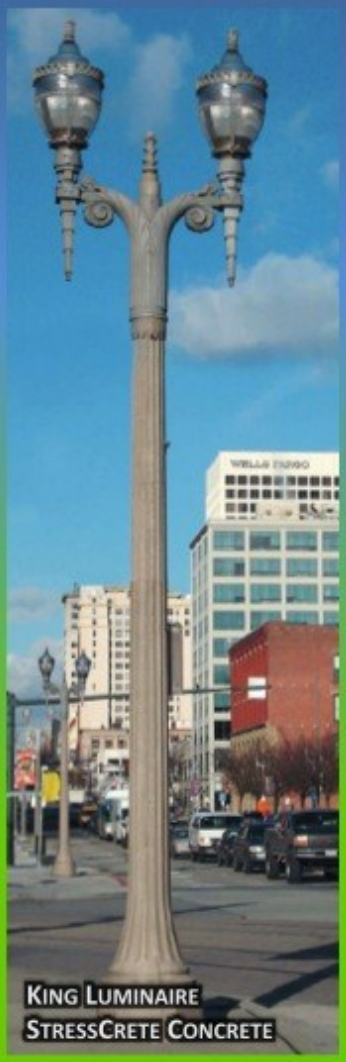

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Upcoming ITE Washington State Section Events - Please Save The Date!!

Please save the date for these upcoming ITE Washington State Section events:

- Wednesday, May 9th - May Student Night and Presentations
- Monday, June 11th - June Meeting and 2011-2012 Awards Presentation
- Tuesday, June 12th - 24th Annual ITE-Washington Golf Tournament (Harbour Pointe Golf Course)

Also, the Joint IMSA NW Annual Conference / ITE Oregon Quad Conference will be held on the first week of June in Vancouver, WA. For more information, please go to <www.regonline.com/2012imsaNWconference> and <www.regonline.com/2012iteoregonquad>.

ITE Washington State Section 2011-2012 Membership Directory Notice

By Dongho Chang, State Section Secretary

The Washington State Section of ITE will be producing our 2011-2012 membership directory this spring. The membership directory will be posted electronically on our website as a valuable resource to our members. The directory will be a reference for clients and peers and we want to have your most current contact information. If you had a recent change in your contact and membership information, please visit our website at http://www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/membership/membership.html and complete the update form. Please email Dongho Chang at dongho.chang@seattle.gov if you wish to be omitted from the directory.

Washington Traffic Simulation Roundtable Group

The Washington Traffic Simulation Roundtable Group, an ITE Washington Technical Committee, will be hosting its next meeting at the City of Bellevue. Here are the meeting details:

When: Thursday, April 19, 2012, 10:00 am to 12 pm.

Where: Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-112. Driving directions are found at: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/directions_to_city_hall.htm
Parking is free with validation from the city

Agenda:
- **Introduction & Announcements** – Tony Woody & Matt Beaulieu, co-chairs
- **An Overview of the Decisions Commons** – Critter Thompson, Research Director, Decision Commons
- **Initial Traffic Impacts of SR520 Tolling** – Matt Beaulieu, WSDOT Northwest Region
- **HCM Methodology for Assessing Operational Strategies under Varying Demand and Capacity Conditions** – Doug McClanahan, WSDOT HQ

All are welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Matt Beaulieu at BeauliM@wsdot.wa.gov or Tony Woody at tony.woody@CH2M.com. If you were forwarded this email by a colleague and would like to be added to the mailing list for future announcement, or would like to be removed from our list, please contact Matt Beaulieu.

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