Letter from the President

Welcome to a new year of Washington Section ITE activities! All of us on the Executive Board and the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs look forward to providing you, the members of this great section, with an outstanding year full of interesting, informative and affordable meetings and presentations.

This year’s Executive Board consists of Katherine Casseday as Vice President/Treasurer, Kevin Chang as Secretary, Nick Ching as Past President, and me as President.

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Call for Technical Articles

It’s the start of a new year, and the Technical Report Committee is eager to showcase your exciting or interesting study, program, or project. Do you have a technical topic to share?

If you do, please contact Kevin Chang at <kevin.chang@kingcounty.gov> for more information.

This Month: I-5 Master Plan (Whatcom County)

The presentation discusses the role of Interstate 5 (I-5) in meeting the short and long term mobility needs for the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County in Washington State. Existing ramps and interchanges are deficient and spaced too closely together resulting in a high frequency of collisions. Improvements are needed to improve safety and provide regional mobility. A multi-agency process was used to conduct the analysis and to balance the need for improved regional mobility for freight and through traffic, with the need to improve safety and to maintain local access to sustain growth and economic development. Many alternatives were considered including eliminating or closing interchanges, adding a collector distributor roadway, tolling and managed lanes, rebuilding existing interchanges, active traffic management and transit/TDM. An effective public outreach program was used to inform decision makers and gather input from stakeholders and local agencies.

Our speaker, Mark Yand is a Principal with DKS Associates and has managed modeling and planning projects for a wide range of clients in the greater Puget Sound area including the Washington State Department of Transportation. Mark manages the operations of DKS’ Seattle office and provides project oversight, coordination and supervision of planning projects and design projects in the Seattle office including corridor studies, modeling, traffic design, communications and ITS. He has completed complex multimodal transportation analysis on a wide range of multimodal alternatives for corridors in urban areas including projects in Washington, Oregon and Arizona. His presentation is based upon corridor planning studies completed for the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Interstate 5 corridor in Whatcom County in the northwestern part of Washington State.

When Tuesday, September 15th, 2009, 11:30 am

Venue Salty’s on Alki, Alki Room
1936 Harbor Avenue SW, Seattle, WA

Cost $35.00 for lunch (free for students)

Menu Buffet service that includes: Wild Copper River Salmon w/white wine butter, lemon and tomato tapenade, Top Sirloin Steak, Seafood Chowder, Caesar Salad, Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Vegetable Lasagna, Vegetables, Starbucks Coffee and Tea, & White Chocolate Mousse (individually plated & served)

RSVP By Noon on Friday, September 11th, please e-mail: ITERegistration@hotmail.com
Please include company name, address, phone number & names of attendees; note that you will receive an invoice from ITE if you RSVP but are unable to attend.
I also want to acknowledge the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs who volunteer their time to the section and without whose effort we could not function. They are:

Newsletter: Carter Danne (Parametrix)
Programs: Edward Koltonowski (Gibson Traffic Consultants)
Hospitality: Carla Nasr (Traffic Data Gathering)
Scribe: Paul Cho (City of Redmond)
Membership: Jan Ciganik (KPG Inc.)
Webmaster: Rory Cameron (City of Issaquah)
Annual Meeting: Jerry Liu (Parsons)
ITE/IMSA Meeting: Lawrence Guan (Parsons Brinckerhoff)
Student Activities: Scott Lee (Transpo Group)
University Liaison: Yinhai Wang (University of Washington)
Golf Tournament: Terry Gibson
Technical Committee: (vacant)
Advisory Board: Mark Madden (DKS Associates)
Social Committee: Glenn Schwantes (HNTB)

In addition, I also want to acknowledge Iris Cabrera of the City of Kirkland who has served as our Hospitality Chair for the last three years and has provided us with outstanding venues and menus for our meetings. Furthermore, I want to acknowledge Joshua Johnson of CH2M Hill who stepped in and provided great leadership for the annual ITE/IMSA meeting in February.

Thank all of you for what you do!

I also want to recognize Ming-Yi Wang (INCA Engineers) and George E. Fies (Parametrix) on achieving Life Member status with ITE International, thank you for your ongoing interest and lifetime commitment to ITE!

This past July I had the privilege of being able to attend the District 6 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, and I thank my employer for this opportunity. Despite the economy, attendance at this meeting was quite high. If you have never been to a District 6 Annual Meeting they not only providing outstanding presentations of what is happening across the District but they also provide great social events that allow us to share time with colleges, friends and associates we have made over the years. In addition, it is a great value as almost all meals are included in the registration fee. which was a reasonable $350 for this three and a half day event. This also includes the Monday Family Night which this year was a picnic at an amusement park in downtown Denver, and the always entertaining Traffic Bowl on Tuesday afternoon which is a “Jeopardy“ style competition between the various sections of the district with the 1st through 3rd place finishers winning money for their section scholarship programs. (Unfortunately, this year our section could not field a
team—but we have been “in the money” several times in the past.)

At the meeting Kevin Chang, John Logan and I attended the District 6 Board Meeting where we learned that ITE District 4 (Midwest) and District 6 are planning a joint Annual Meeting in 2014 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Mt. Rushmore). Later, John Logan and I attended the Leadership Breakfast where each section reports on the year’s activities. I can report to you that we are among the leaders of the District.

Personally, my battery gets “recharged” when I attend these meetings and see the innovations fellow professionals are implementing across a wide array of topics. It may sound strange but there is electricity in the air when a gathering of 500-600 transportation professionals and vendors get together. And we have a lot of fun! I hope all of you can attend at least once. Of course, once you do you will want to go back again and again.

Speaking of the Traffic Bowl, because it has been such a success since the Oregon Section started it in 1994, ITE International started a Student Traffic Bowl this year. The Washington Section contributed $1,000 to this effort.

In this newsletter on the final page you will find a schedule of Washington Section meetings for the upcoming year. In addition, the District 6 Annual Meeting will be in San Francisco, June 27-30 and the International Meeting will be in Vancouver, BC, August 8-11. Because of the 2010 International Meeting the Vancouver Section has requested that no Quad Meeting be held this year.

I look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Jim Bloodgood
President, ITE Washington Section
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[http://www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/index.htm](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/index.htm)

**Free Training Workshop - September 29-30, 2009**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), and the Washington Simulation Roundtable Group are sponsoring a free 1.5-day training workshop on the topic of dynamic traffic assignment, mesoscopic simulation, and Dynasmart-P. The target audience is planners and engineers at MPOs, public agencies, and consultants who are involved in travel demand and simulation modeling. More information is included in the attached Announcement.

To register for this workshop, please fill out the Registration Form (attached to the e-mail with the ITE newsletter) and email it to James Colyar, FHWA, at [james.colyar@dot.gov](mailto:james.colyar@dot.gov). Space is limited and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please forward on to others who might be interested. If you have any questions, please call James Colyar, FHWA, at 360-753-9408.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Plan ahead and mark your calendars now for upcoming Washington Section meetings and events:

- October 13, 2009
- November 10, 2009
- December 8, 2009 (breakfast meeting & training)
- January 12, 2010
- February 22, 2010 (tentative) - ITE/IMSA Meeting
- March 9, 2010
- March 14-17, 2010 Technical Conference, Savannah, Georgia
- April 13, 2010 (tentative)
- May 10, 2010 - Student Night
- June 7, 2010 (tentative) - Washington Section Annual Meeting
- June 27-30, 2010 - District 6 Meeting, San Francisco, California
- August 8-11, 2010 - International Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia

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