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DISTRICT 1 CHAIR'S APRIL MESSAGE

FROM MARK KULEWICZ

To the Membership of District 1:

Hello to you all, and I hope that you have sufficiently thawed from the long and cold winter, and are now enjoying the warmth and longer days of spring. Speaking of which, the District 1 Annual Meeting is upon us, and I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you to join your fellow ITE members at this outstanding event. It will be held in Rochester from Wednesday to Friday, May 7–9, just in time for the "world renowned" Lilac Festival, which starts on May 9th. If the lilacs are in full bloom, it must be spring in Rochester.

Co-chairs Lorenzo Rotoli and Terry Rice, along with a dedicated band of local arrangement committee volunteers, have worked hard to put together an outstanding technical and social program. Technical session topics include "Emergency Management and Security Initiatives—the Impact on Operations;" "Today's Vehicle Detection Technology;" "Traffic Calming—Are We Making Progress;" and a session exploring "TEA 3" highway funding and "Corridor 1—What Does it Mean for the US and Canada" with New York State DOT Commissioner Joseph Boardman.

For those of you who want to get out of the "classroom," there will be two technical tours to choose from. One will tour the Rochester-Toronto Fast Ferry and the O'Rourke Bridge. Former District Chair and Harvey Boutwell Award winner Mike O'Rourke says he has nothing to do with the bridge—he even spells his name differently—but you may want to take the tour just to make sure.

The second technical tour is of the Monroe County Regional Operations Center and Emergency Operations Center. These may or may not be the same place—but once again only those who go on the tour will know for sure.

The social program is outstanding as well, beginning with a Welcome Reception at the George Eastman House on Wednesday night, May 7th. This facility is the perfect setting for an "Ice Breaker," housing an education institution that tell the story of photography and motion pictures. There will be live music, food and fun for all. No karaoke is permitted.

In addition there will be a Wednesday Luncheon to open the meeting, with updates from ITE International President Jack

Freeman and District 1 International Director Rick Zabinski. As your District 1 Chair, I too, will say a few words, but I promise to be mercifully short so that you can enjoy your meal and the opportunity to renew old friendships.

On Thursday, there will also be an Annual Awards Banquet—featuring a couple of new awards, as decided by your Executive Committee at their January meeting. The Banquet will be preceded by an Annual Meeting highlight—the Traffic Bowl. Once again the moderator will be none other than Steve Gayle, the Alex Trebek of the Transportation world.

We also encourage you to bring your spouse or companion. In addition to the social program, there will be a special Companion Tour of Highland Park, the site of the lilac festival. The meeting setting itself—the Lodge at the Woodcliff—is reportedly as nice as it sounds. And a golf outing will take place on Friday afternoon, if enough interest exists.

For more information, contact Conference Chairperson Lorenzo Rotoli at Lrotoli@FisherAssoc.com, or log onto www.ITENYUpstate.com. The District 1 Executive Committee—Kim Hazarvartian, Paula Benway, Rod Emery, Rick Zabinski, and I—look forward to seeing you there.

FROM THE EDITOR...

BY MAYER HORN, P.E.

Your comments are sought regarding transportation issues and developments, especially in the NY-NJ metro area. The following are examples of issues and developments on which you might choose to comment:

- An HOV-3 lane has replaced the Bus/Taxi lane on the Long Island Expressway (I-495) approach to the Queens Midtown Tunnel. This has become possible as a result of installing a moveable concrete barrier.
- NYC DOT's Through Streets program has been operational for nearly six months in midtown Manhattan.
- MTA has raised its transit fares and bridge and tunnel tolls. There is no peak vs. off-peak tolls for MTA facilities.
- At the federal level, various organizations, including ITE, are developing or have developed positions on transportation funding for highways, transit, Amtrak, aviation, ITS, etc.

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My Fellow ITE Members,

Looks like the snowy, cold and long winter is coming to an end, FINALLY! Let us all hope for a wonderful spring and summer.

Although it was cold and snowy during our first three section meetings this year, we still managed to have record attendance. All three meetings had attendance in excess of 100 and at Koenig's meeting in March, we had over 150 people, the highest since I have been involved in the Met Section. The credit goes to each one of you for taking time to attend these meetings, to our local arrangement chairs, and last but not the least, our vice-president, Mike Salatti.



ITE celebrated its "Engineers Week" at the Liberty Science Center in February. Gus DaSilva, our Chairperson for Career Guidance, has taken keen interest in demonstrating various traffic engineering gadgets to the visiting public. In addition, we have also received a proclamation from the Honorable Governor James E. McGreevey of New Jersey and a Joint Legislative Resolution from the State and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey during the "Engineer's Week".

Our membership committee chairs have been extremely active and are making inroads in increasing membership. For the first two months of the year, we were successful in recruiting sixteen new members into the Met Section. In addition, Bill Hillman and Armando Lepore are planning to participate in the Polytechnic University career fair on April 23rd, 2003. Those members who are interested are encouraged to assist our committee in recruiting more young members into our section.

In terms of upcoming events, we have meetings scheduled for the next three months: On April 15th, we will be meeting in Princeton, NJ. On May 14th, we will be celebrating industry night with a Dinner Cruise aboard the Mystique from South Street Seaport in Manhattan. On June 12th, we will be meeting in White Plains, NY.

In addition to these section meetings, the ITE District 1 Annual meeting is scheduled from May 7th through 9th in Rochester, NY. As defending champions, we have the obligation to retain the Traffic Bowl for the Met Section. Any volunteers??

That's all for now. Talk to you in the next issue of TransTalk.

NYMTC SCHEDULES ITS MEETING

*By KUO-ANN CHIAO, DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES
NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL*

NYMTC has scheduled a meeting to debrief and seek comments on the draft products of NYMTC's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Integration Strategy. The purpose of the ITS Integration Strategy Project is to create a unified strategy and to integrate each of NYMTC's member's individual ITS systems into a regional system. This strategy will lead into the ITS Regional Architecture as well as the ITS portion of NYMTC's 2002 Regional Transportation Plan. As the ITS projects are deployed throughout the region and are increasing their impacts on our daily life, the public meeting provides a good opportunity for people to understand and make comments on the ITS integration strategy that NYMTC is developing with its member agencies. The public meeting will be held on April 24, 2003 at Polytechnic University. Because the public meeting will cover highly technical subjects and the time of the meeting is relatively limited, the project team encourages those who are interested in attending the meeting to be or get familiar with the subjects covered in the project before the meeting. For more information about the project or ITS, please visit NYMTC's website at <http://www.NYMTC.org/its/itsindex.html>.

Contact: Salvatore Mamone at 718.472.3222 or SMamone@dot.state.ny.us

CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

DON M. HENDERSON, P. ENG., PTOE

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, BUNT & ASSOCIATES



As a candidate for International Vice President, I am honored to be able to serve as an ambassador and leader for the Institute. The Institute is the largest individual member transportation organization in the world with the two principal objectives: to support the mobility needs of society and to provide for the needs of its members. My overall goal is to continue to build on the

success the Institute has achieved while addressing the continuous changes in the transportation profession.

How have I served ITE?

In 1997, I completed a 3-year term as an International Director, was District 7 President from 1991-93 and chaired the rewrite of the MUTCD for Canada (1998).

My Professional Experience

My over 30 years work experience includes senior positions in both the public and private sectors, primarily in the areas of traffic management and transportation planning. I have worked

for the Cities of Winnipeg, Ottawa, and Vancouver, the Texas Transportation Institute, Wilbur Smith and Associates (Houston), and Bunt & Associates (Vancouver, British Columbia).

What will I do for ITE?

The following are some ways that we can work together to increase the value of your membership:

- Increase the International Focus by becoming only the third Vice President from outside the USA in 75 years and by presiding at the 2005 International Annual Meeting in Australia.
- Implement the action items from the new Strategic Plan within the current budget.
- Keep Dues and Annual Meeting Costs affordable by careful financial management.
- Provide support for new and revised Technical Products.
- Provide for Workforce Development by supporting ongoing training and student activities.

Your vote is an important opportunity to express your choice for running the Institute. I encourage you to take time to vote and to encourage other members to do the same. Thank you for your support!

TIMOTHY P. HARPST, P.E., PTOE (F)

Transportation Director, City of Salt Lake City, Utah USA

OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

ITE exists to serve its members. My goals are in the areas of Member Services, Workforce Development, Public Relations, Growth/Diversity.



- Provide the best products and services for our dues
- Keep annual meetings and conferences affordable
- Continue enhancements of the ITE website
- Expand publication of worldwide best practices
- Offer more continuing education opportunities
- Promote mentoring of younger members and students
- Develop more Public Relations tools
- Strongly promote ITE's position on Reauthorization
- Promote ITE's growth internationally

ITE ELECTED OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

- International Board of Direction, 1999-2001
- District 6 Board, 1994-1997 (President, 1996)
- Intermountain Section Board, 1987-1990 (President, 1990)

- Utah Chapter Board, 1981-1983 (President, 1983)
- 13 International, District, Section, Chapter committees

REASONS TO ELECT TIM

- 14 years elected leader at all four levels of ITE
- 23 years experience as a City Traffic Engineer
- 3 years experience as a state D.O.T. traffic engineer
- 5 years experience as an educator
- International perspective and experience
- Consensus-builder and innovator
- Strong management and budgeting experience
- Committed to ITE
- <http://home.earthlink.net/~vote4tim/>

AWARDS

2002 ITE Transportation Achievement Award for Operations in recognition of the successful planning and operation of the 2002 Winter Olympics regional transportation system

James L. Pline Distinguished Member Award, 1994
Outstanding Educator, University of Utah '89 '91 '92

EDUCATION

B.S.C.E., Penn State University, 1973
M.S.C.E., Virginia Tech, 1975

The following letter was sent to New York Governor Pataki and the County Executives of Nassau and Suffolk, Thomas Suozzi and Robert Gaffney, respectively, on ITE Met Section letterhead regarding LITP 2000. It was sent by Leon Goodman, P.E., Policy and Legislative Chair, ITE Metropolitan Section of NY & NJ

Honorable George E. Pataki
Governor ,State of New York
The Executive Chamber
Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Pataki,

New York State and its local governments face unprecedented challenges, as they seek to maintain our quality of life in these difficult times. The continuing development and operations of safe, efficient, and environmentally-compatible transportation systems in our state, including Long Island, is a vital element of these efforts.

Our Metropolitan Section membership includes over 800 transportation professionals involved in the administration, planning, and operations of highway and public transportation systems. We are in the public sector and the private sector, deal with all passenger and goods movement modes, and continuously monitor key transportation programs in the region.

We respectfully submit here our thoughts on the LITP 2000 plan, which has been facilitated through New York State Department of Transportation's Long Island regional office. We believe that this plan's ideas for Long Island's transportation future are sound and should be developed further. The attached resolution, approved by the Executive Board of the Metropolitan Section, outlines our rationale for this conclusion.

We urge your consideration of our recommendation as you and other decision-makers move forward with State and local transportation programs.

Resolution

FEBRUARY 20, 2003

This resolution accompanied the letters to New York Governor Pataki and County Executives Suozzi and Gaffney of Nassau and Suffolk, respectively. It was on ITE Met Section letterhead.

WHEREAS the members of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Metropolitan Section of New York and New Jersey (ITE Met Section) are dedicated to the development and operation of safe, efficient, and environmentally - compatible systems for moving people and goods in the New York - New Jersey Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Long Island Transportation Plan to Manage Congestion (LITP 2000) has been developed under the guidance of a Long Island - based Technical Advisory Committee, with the assistance of the New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, preliminary review of an earlier draft LITP 2000 plan, by the Policy and Legislative Committee of ITE Met Section, indicated its promise for meeting Long Island's future transportation and development needs (see attached May 31, 2001 comments submitted at LITP 2000 Hofstra Open House); and

WHEREAS, we have now reviewed the key features of the current "final draft", as summarized in the (attached) November 2002 ITE Met Section Newsletter article by New York State Department of Transportation Regional Director Thomas Oelerich; and

WHEREAS, the LITP 2000 plan would effectively utilize the most appropriate transportation and transit modes for moving people and goods into, within, and out of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, the plan would therefore minimize the growth of trips by single-occupant vehicles (SOVs), and increase the goods movement "share" by freight rail; and

WHEREAS, we continue to believe that the proposed LITP 2000 plan's congestion management strategies represent a forward-looking and realistic guide for: the development of Long Island's future transportation systems, improving Long Island's environment, and improving Long Island's energy efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of ITE Met Section, for the reasons noted above, supports the adoption and further development of LITP 2000, with future adjustments as may develop from more detailed studies of the specific strategies and projects therein.

Attachments:

- May 31, 2001 LITP 2000 statement by L. Goodman, Chair, ITE Met Section Policy and Legislative Committee
- November 2002 LITP 2000 article, ITE Met Section Newsletter (Trans Talk)

WANTED

—◆◆◆— **New ITE Members** —◆◆◆—



REWARD

—◆◆◆— First dinner meeting – **FREE** – for new members

—◆◆◆— - **Gifts** - for anyone finding new members

The MET Section is holding a contest to boost membership for 2003. The lucky person finding the most new members (including students) for 2003 will receive the 'Mystery Grand Prize'. Runner-up prizes will also be awarded. Results will be announced at the November meeting. Anyone can play by finding pledges for membership and submitting the information to one of the membership co-chairs listed below:

**Institute of Transportation Engineers
Metropolitan Section of New York and New Jersey**

Membership Incentive Program

I _____ pledge to be a member. My sponsor is _____.

I will register:

On-line at www.ite.org

Registration Form (obtain from membership Co-Chair below)

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www.woodcliffodge.com

www.visitrochester.com

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, engineers have used their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to improve our lives; and

WHEREAS, engineers face major technological challenges--from rebuilding towns devastated by natural disasters to designing the information superhighway that has led us into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, engineers encourage our young math and science students to realize the power of their knowledge; and

WHEREAS, we look for engineers to use their knowledge and skills to overcome future challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. McGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

FEBRUARY 2003

as

ENGINEERS MONTH

in New Jersey, and recognize the significant achievements of professional engineers in the Garden State.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

A stylized signature of Regena L. Thomas in black ink.

REGENA L. THOMAS,
SECRETARY OF STATE

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand three and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

A stylized signature of James E. McGreevey in black ink.

GOVERNOR



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senators CODEY, BENNETT and SMITH, Assemblymen SIRES, EGAN and CHIVUKULA
And All Members of the Legislature

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to join the Institute of Transportation Engineers – New York and New Jersey Metropolitan Section in marking and observing February 16 to 22, 2003, as National Engineers Week in the Garden State; and,

WHEREAS, Founded in 1930, the Institute of Transportation Engineers has continued to fulfill its mission of serving as a gateway to knowledge and advancement through meetings, seminars, and publications, and through a network of more than fifteen thousand members in eighty countries; and,

WHEREAS, The Institute of Transportation Engineers – New York and New Jersey Metropolitan Section, which was formed in 1945, contains more than eight hundred members comprising all forms of transportation professionals; and,

WHEREAS, National Engineers Week recognizes the dedication of these transportation professionals who are responsible for planning, designing, and operating streets and highways, transit systems, airports, railroads, ports, and harbors to provide for the safe, rapid, comfortable, convenient, economical, and environmentally compatible movement of people and goods; and,

WHEREAS, In addition, the Institute of Transportation Engineers – New York and New Jersey Metropolitan Section, in cooperation with Rutgers University, promotes the development of transportation engineering skills through undergraduate and graduate level programs, training conferences and short courses, a student chapter, and an annual meeting on the New Brunswick campus; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for this Legislature to recognize National Engineers Week 2003 as a significant occasion in this State and nation; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby notes the occurrence of National Engineers Week on February 16 to 22, 2003, and extends sincere best wishes for a successful and informative week; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate Presidents and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to the Institute of Transportation Engineers – New York and New Jersey Metropolitan Section.

Attest:



Donna M. Phelps
Secretary of the Senate



Christine Riebe
Clerk of the General Assembly

John P. Bennett
President of the Senate

Richard J. Codey
President of the Senate

James Sires
Speaker of the General Assembly

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KLD ASSOCIATES, INC.

KLD Associates, Inc. is a growing, internationally recognized firm specializing in: transportation engineering, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications, motor vehicle and highway safety research, and the development and application of state-of-the-art computer software for traffic engineers and transportation planners.

We are currently seeking qualified applicants for positions in the following offices as described below:

Junior Transportation Engineer - Huntington Station, New York : Entry level position for a recent graduate of a recognized Master's Degree program in Transportation Engineering. Position will involve application of traffic simulation models, planning models, and signal optimization models. Applicants should identify experience with these models in their academic, and/or professional careers. Knowledge of computer programming in JAVA and/or C/C++ is a plus. A competitive salary will be offered based upon experience. Considerable opportunities for professional growth and advancement are available.

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Transportation Planner/Engineer with two+ years experience in travel forecasting/modeling, traffic and pedestrian analyses, transit and parking studies, and preparation of design reports and design approval documents.

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FROM THE EDITOR... (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

- There are a number of proposals for redeveloping lower Manhattan, with transportation issues central to many. Combined with the list of major projects – primarily transit, especially in the New York sector of the region – the competition for funding could prevent action on any: financial gridlock resulting from political gridlock resulting from over-programming.
- As a result of budget shortfalls, various agencies have encouraged substantial numbers of our colleagues to retire from public sector positions. This affected the Port Authority after last December and NYS DOT after March.

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