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FROM THE EDITOR

By MAYER HORN, P.E.

ITE members and other transportation professionals should be concerned about what is happening in Washington: There has been much activity in both houses of the Congress and at the White House regarding the new multi-year federal transportation legislation: the



replacement for TEA-21 and the earlier ISTEA. At the top of the list of issues is the amount of funding; the Administration has been looking to minimize investment in transportation facilities and services. High on the list is how the funding should be allocated – particularly the minimum levels of funding so-called donor states should get. Both the members of Congress and the White House can benefit from hearing the views of ITE members.

Another issue – and one that should be related - that has been in the news is the price of gasoline at the pump. The combination of the proliferation of gas guzzling SUVs, the failure of the federal government to even index the gasoline tax for inflation much less raise the gasoline tax, and the failure to address overall fuel economy (including the so-called CAFÉ for corporate average fuel efficiency) means that gasoline consumption is increasing and so are prices. Except that, instead of the revenues being invested in the transportation system, they are going to the oil producing countries, some of which have not been on “our side” in the war on terrorism.

The media coverage of these issues has been interesting: The *New York Times* on Friday, April 2nd had two stories on the front pages of two sections. The front page of the Metro section began a story, “As Pork Barrel Halts at Subway, New York Feels Cheated Again,” explaining why transit and highway projects are increasingly suffering from lack of funding. The front page of the Business section began a story, “For Americans, Gas Guzzlers are Again

Kings of the Road,” explaining how large, fuel-inefficient vehicles are dominating auto sales. Finally, an Op-Ed piece in the *Wall Street Journal* of April 6th, entitled “Gas Panic” by Jerry Taylor and Peter Van Doren explains how gasoline prices are not at all-time highs, not even particularly high in real dollars. In short, this is a political issue, not an economic or “real” issue.

Another article in the news calls for a response that this column has suggested in the past. The *Wall Street Journal* of April 2nd mentioned that Reagan National Airport will be adding ten daily flights. Specific airlines “won” slots. What is wrong with pricing? For gates as well as slots?

Upcoming Meetings

Aside from these geopolitical and economic issues, there is our professional society: ITE. Membership in ITE is similar to membership in many organizations in one central way: The amount you get out of the organization is very much dependent on how much you put into it. Attendance at Met Section meetings has been quite good – see the president’s column on page 2. However, relatively few Met Section members attended the Spring Technical Conference in Irvine, CA at the end of March. Coming up in May is our District 1 Annual Meeting, hosted this year

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY MIKE SALATTI

CAN YOU FEEL IT?

An ambitious agenda was outlined in my first president's column and we are already now more than a third into 2004 and my term as president. As we slowly move out of winter's reach, be assured that the Board and Committee Chairs are moving aggressively to establish new programs and new precedents. Programs include new twists to our monthly meeting, special initiatives to involve our student chapters and a major efforts in the hot area of professional development. Like spring's awakening, excitement is building within the section. *Can you feel it?* If not then become a part of the exciting itinerary and lend a hand.

**Exciting Meetings**

Our monthly meetings still seem to be source of pride and successful accomplishment. Each of the three meetings held this year; Manhattan, New Brunswick and Floral Park, Long Island have exceeded 100 attendees. This month's meeting (in April) was at Princeton and each of the remaining meetings has a special event or twist associated with it to offer attendees more interaction with other professionals and opportunities for personal growth.

- May 13 (Newark) - Joint meeting with **WTS** w/ 2.5 hr **Technical Session** eligible for CEU credits.
- June 17 – Industry Day w/golf outing at Douglaston Manor
- September 23 (Long Island)– First joint meeting with LI Chapter of **ASCE**
- October 19 (Hoboken) – First Annual **Student Career Fair**
- November 30 (Queens) – 4 hr. **Technical Session** eligible for CEU credits

Professional Development

ITE MET Section has made determined efforts to keep its members informed about the most recent continuing education requirements for those wishing to maintain their PTOE certification, as well as meeting the newest continuing education requirements for licensing renewal in New York State. Committee Chair **Ray DiBiase** has garnered as much information as possible and, through his efforts, the Board has adopted a comprehensive policy (**Met Section Policy on Professional Development Hours**) concerning the section's role in supporting its members to acquire and achieve education requirements. See Ray's article in this issue and the policy soon to be published on the WEB site. As can be seen from the schedule of upcoming meetings, we have identified two meetings this year as the first ones where ITE will sponsor programs designed specifically for members to acquire continuing education hours that are eligible for both PTOE and NYS continuing education credits. Look for future details to follow.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By PAULA F. BENWAY

It's been a busy first quarter at the District Level. There are several initiatives underway that will benefit the Sections, District and ITE overall. The following are various activities to be aware of:

You must attend—don't miss out! The District One Annual Meeting will be held on **May 19-22, 2004 in Burlington, VT.** The New England Section is hosting this Annual Meeting. The Local Arrangements Committee has done an outstanding job in developing a technical and social program to satisfy every area of interest within our organization. Please check the website listed below for more information and we look forward to seeing you in Burlington, VT.

District One International Director Election – The Nominating Committee is hard at work and will have a slate of candidates for this position prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots will be mailed in July. The candidates will be making short presentations at the Annual Meeting in Burlington, VT. So please take the time to meet with them. Most importantly...Please VOTE!

International Vice President Election – Tom Clausen and Richard Romer candidates for the International Vice President are both looking to meet everyone and converse on the activities and needs of our Sections and District at the Annual Meeting. Please make a concerted effort to meet the candidates at the Annual Meeting and we encourage you to VOTE!

District Bylaws Amendments – The District Bylaws are currently being reviewed and we anticipate several updates to better reflect our current procedures and allow e-balloting and facilitate e-communications in the near future. Please carefully review the proposed Bylaw Amendments and we hope to obtain your proactive support in ensuring a positive vote. The general membership ballot will be mailed in July.

Student Chapters - The Met Section is in the process of petitioning the District Board to approve two potentially new Student Chapters. One at Cooper Union and one at Rutgers University. In addition, the New England Section is also working on a petition for a Student Chapter. Specific information is forthcoming and will require Board approval. Great work! The District Board is anxious to review these petitions and further encourage the active involvement by all our new Students to our industry and to ITE.

Have you checked out the ITE national Website lately? There are new publications, information on national events, and even new membership services. One of the new features on the website is the ability to update your employer, address, title, contact numbers, and e-mail on-line. Our registration materials for various meetings, ballots, and newsletters will only reach you if the information we have is up to date. Take the minute to update the database now.... check www.ITE.org under "My Profile".

We look forward to seeing you in Burlington, VT. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.



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TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATION SELF-ASSESSMENT – COMING SOON

By PAULA F. BENWAY

Traffic signals are one of the most commonly used traffic control devices for traffic engineers. There are approximately 300,000 traffic signals across the country in jurisdictions of all sizes. Unfortunately, traffic signal systems are historically under funded and under staffed. They are one of the first areas to be cut in tight budget times. And yet, investment in traffic signal operations is one of the most cost effective means to improve transportation system operation. ITE in partnership with the National Transportation Operation Coalition (NTOC) and FHWA is introducing a traffic signal operation self-assessment as part of a national effort to bring more attention to the need for additional investment in traffic signal operations.

The traffic signal operation self-assessment has two purposes. The first is to give agencies a tool to help them understand opportunities for improvement of their own policies and practices. Secondly, for agencies that choose, the results of the self-assessments will be used (anonymously) in a national report card on traffic signal operations. The national results will become part of a national media event designed to focus attention on the need for more resources for traffic signal operations.

The self-assessment, which will be released in early summer 2004, is intended for any agency with responsibility for the ongoing operation and maintenance of traffic signals. The self-assessment was developed by representatives from several associations and includes traffic engineering practitioners. The self-assessment contains six sections:

- Management
- Coordinated systems
- Individual intersections
- Specialized operations
- Detection
- Maintenance

The self-assessment is designed to be self scored and completed in 1-2 hours with input from key staff responsible for traffic signal operations. No data collection is required. Completion of the self-assessment is completely voluntary. For agencies that would like to support the national report card, self-assessment results will be collected (anonymously) and rolled together into a national view of traffic signal operations.

The national report card results are targeted for release in 2005 possibly as part of the 2005 ITE technical conference. No agency's individual results will be discernible from the national report card. The objective of the national report card is to highlight the need for funding support for traffic signal operations, the performance challenges due to limited resources, and the cost effectiveness of increased investment for traffic signal operations. The release of the national report card results will be the topic of a national press event.

Agencies that complete the self-assessment and provide their results for the national report card will be encouraged to conduct their own local press event in coordination with the national press event. Information will be developed to aid local agencies to use their own results effectively with their local media. Ideally, local press events will be conducted in tandem with the national event for a coordinated "push" of information to the media and public.

If you believe that more investment is needed in traffic signal operations, here's what you can do and how you can participate.

- Watch for the self assessment,
- Complete the self assessment,
- Provide your results for the national report card, and
- Conduct your own press event in coordination with the national press event.

These steps will take place between summer 2004 and spring 2005. This is your opportunity to make a difference. Please join the effort and participate!

For additional information, watch the ITE Journal, ITE website, ITE Council newsletters, and your District newsletter. For questions, contact Shelley Row at ITE Headquarters: 202 289 0222 x134.



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**ITE CAREER GUIDANCE PARTICIPATES IN THE 2004 ENGINEER'S WEEK
AT LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER**

By GUS DA SILVA, P. E. AND NELLIA SHAKHMINA

Engineer's Week at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ, was an opportunity to expose transportation engineering and the other engineering professions to children and teens from the NYC Metropolitan Area. It was held during two days, February 16th (President's Day) and February 28th, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Coordinated and manned with volunteers from ITE, ASCE and other engineering organizations, the location fit perfectly into the week's engineering theme. The Center was saturated with future engineering talent during this heavily promoted- and attended- event.

The ITE Met Section, through the efforts of the Career Guidance Committee, arranged for the Wheel-of-Safety Game. This game, along with boxes and boxes of prizes is provided annually by NYCDOT safety office at no cost and is always a popular attraction for the pre-adolescent generation. After answering a basic safety quiz correctly, each contestant spun the wheel and won a prize donated by the DOT. Other volunteers set-up a crayon coloring table with transportation diagrams and street safety themes as a learning tool for the children. This activity was frequented by many four to five year-olds, while also providing their parents with a much-needed respite.

ASCE provided exhibits and games for older participants to experiment and compete. One activity included making boats out of paper and mouse traps and racing them across a basin filled with water. For those structurally inclined, there was an area for constructing molecular models out of straw and marshmallows. Not to be excluded, future mechanical engineers were treated to creating kinetic sculptures out of marbles and plastic tubes, and connecting differently shaped and sized gears. Other engineering-related activities fueled teenager's interest in this future career profession.

The Science Center itself is filled with captivating science experiments and engaging hands-on activities. It is open year-round and offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to understand how and why things work. As mentioned in their mission statement, "LSC is an innovative learning resource for lifelong exploration of nature, humanity and technology, supporting the growth of our diverse region and promoting informed stewardship of the world."

This educational and fun experience was possible only through the efforts of our ITE Met Section volunteers. Thanks to NJIT, Joe Chow, Gus Da Silva, John Jahr, Nellia Shakhmina, Barbara Thayer, and all the other volunteers who participated in the 2004 Engineer's Week at Liberty Science Center.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NY PE'S

By RAY DiBIASE

New PE license renewal requirements went into effect in New York on January 1, 2004. These requirements mandate that engineers obtain continuing education credits in order to re-register their PE license every three years. Engineers working in the Public Sector whose position requires a PE license *and* who have union representation are exempt from these requirements.



Continuing education is broken down into two categories—courses and educational activities. Educational activities include teaching a course, writing a technical article, making a technical presentation at a professional conference, and completing an approved self-study program. Courses, the more likely means of obtaining credit, must be administered by a State-approved provider, be in an approved PE subject area, and must meet other requirements. In the three-year registration period preceding the renewal date, a total of 36 continuing education hours are required. A *minimum* of 18 continuing education hours must be obtained through courses. A *maximum* of 18 hours can be obtained through educational activities.

The continuing education requirements are being phased-in as follows, depending upon renewal dates:

- All dates in 2004—exempt.
- Between January 2005 and December 2006—12 hours *plus* one hour per month after January 2005 (e.g. January 2005—12 hours, January 2006—24 hours, December 2006—35 hours)
- January 2007 and later—36 hours.

This is a general description of the new registration renewal requirements. For more complete information, visit the NY State Education Department's website, at www.op.nysed.gov/peceques.htm.

Those renewing in early 2005 will probably have the fewest opportunities to obtain the continuing education hours. Most approved course providers are colleges and universities, who have been sources of continuing education for years. These institutions typically issue continuing education certificates at the conclusion of a course. Usually certificates are in terms of CEU's (continuing education units—one CEU equals ten continuing education hours).

Unfortunately, Professional Development Hours (PDHs), familiar to many of us through the PTOE renewal requirements and usually obtained by attending technical presentations, do not qualify, usually because the course presenter is not a State-approved provider, or the presentation does not meet course requirements. (The Met Section has developed a Policy on Professional Development Hours, which will be available on the Met Section website soon.)

The Met Section is addressing the somewhat-limited availability for obtaining continuing education credit by applying to the State-affiliated Practicing Institute of Engineering (PIE) to become a Sponsor Organization. Approval will most likely take several months, however, because PIE is understaffed. Once this occurs, the Met Section can establish courses which will qualify for continuing education credit. Since PIE is seeking to establish regional networks of Sponsor Organizations around NY State, opportunities to attend courses given by other organizations (e.g. ASCE) should develop.

In the interim, we have arranged for the New Jersey Institute of Technology and Polytechnic Institute to conduct two technical courses which will qualify for credit. These will be held on the afternoons of May 13 (Newark, NJ) and November 30 (Astoria, Queens), prior to our evening meetings. We anticipate that the courses will run between 2 ½ and 4 hours in length. More details will be provided in the monthly Meeting Announcements.

CONSULTANTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The ITE Consultants Council is sponsoring a scholarship program for young professionals in the transportation industry. Winners of this scholarship will be provided \$1500 in travel assistance to attend the 2005 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Melbourne, Australia.

Below are links to the Scholarship Fact Sheet and application form. Please distribute to any eligible members throughout your districts and sections.

http://www.ite.org/councils/005Scholarship_Program.pdf
http://www.ite.org/councils/Scholarship_App_Form.doc

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NEW YORK TIMES, LONG ISLAND SECTION
“L.I. Expressway Project Has Some Shortcomings”

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2004

By LEON GOODMAN

The state Department of Transportation’s excellent, forward-looking project to improve capacity, energy efficiency and safety on the 40 miles of the Long Island Expressway from Suffolk County into Queens is nearing completion. As a transportation engineer and planner, and as a Long Islander, I am pleased to see



that this major capital program generally incorporates elements like high-occupancy vehicle lanes (to optimize people-carrying capacity), improved clearances and shoulders (for safety and quicker handling of incidents), relocated ramps (to reduce what transit types call “weaving conflicts”) and environmental features (e.g., plantings and recharge basins).

I am very concerned, however, to see that the New York City section, from the city line to a point west of the Cross-Island Parkway, does not include H.O.V. lanes and shoulders.

By facilitating higher people-carrying per vehicle, H.O.V. lanes are an important element of energy-efficiency programs. The project’s H.O.V. lanes are already in operation in Suffolk and Nassau, and they would be even more effective if they were continued to the first major intersecting highway in the city, the Cross-Island Parkway.

But even more troubling than the lack of H.O.V. lanes is the complete omission of shoulders in the New York City section. With modern planning, design and construction techniques, shoulders could have been provided without moving the existing service roads. In fact, the four new bridges over the Expressway (the Cloverdale Boulevard pedestrian overpass, East Hampton Boulevard, Douglaston Parkway and Marathon Parkway) all have spans long enough to accommodate the travel lanes plus shoulders. The completed construction, however, has barriers at the edge of the travel lanes, so any disabled vehicles, or police vehicles, will have to stop in the right lane, blocking traf-

fic and risking being rear-ended. Also, before the current construction, there were three lanes and a shoulder in each direction throughout this section, including under the bridges. For this roadway-land use situation it seems, and is, illogical to provide added lanes while removing shoulders.

I applaud the Transportation Department for working with the involved communities and interest groups to apply design guidelines flexibility, aiming to minimize environmental and/or socioeconomic impacts. But in this case, it appears that the negotiations with local interests resulted in serious functional disadvantages, even though the guidelines could have been met without significant community impacts or unreasonable costs.

Whatever the underlying background, the end result is that the New York City section of the expressway will have less capacity and safety as compared with the Suffolk and Nassau sections. While it may be too late to correct the difficulties now built into this expressway section, it is my hope that future programs will be able to retain key features, like shoulders, while remaining responsive to community needs.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Student Outreach

We are very pleased to announce that a new student chapter is being formed at *Cooper Union*. Thank you **Larry Lennon** for your assistance. That application will soon be sent to ITE Headquarters for final approval. **Joe Orth** is leading the charge at *Rutgers*, where they are also in the process of filing for formal establishment of a student chapter. Thanks to the efforts of **Jai Patnaik**, president of the local student chapter, we are returning to *New Jersey Institute of Technology* in Newark for the upcoming May meeting. NJIT will host the technical session given in the afternoon. Ray DiBiase has made contact with *Polytechnic University* to present the afternoon session in November at Riccardo's.

Finally, committee co-chairs **John Miller** and **Joe Chow** are feverishly working to establish the section's first **Student Career Fair** scheduled for the October Meeting at Arthur's Tavern. See details in this issue. Room is on a first come –first serve basis for table space and consultants and public agencies alike are invited to participate.

Membership

Watch for upcoming recruitment programs being established by Committee co –chairs **Gordon Meth** and **Bill Hillman**. Please give them a call to volunteer your time – in this case many hands will definitely make light work. See details in this TransTalk about their program efforts. Membership is the life blood of the section and maintaining our position as a premier section in the country is in our interests.

Lastly, I'd like to thank **Gus DaSilva** and **Nellia Shakhmina** for contributing their time in helping make **Engineer's Week** at the Liberty Science Center a success. Many times members quietly donate their time and talents with little recognition. Thank you both!

TRAFFIC BOWL

ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT GREAT ANNUAL EVENT AT THE DISTRICT 1 MEETING? THE TRAFFIC BOWL COMPETITION AMONG THE THREE SECTIONS: MET SECTION (THAT'S US!), THE UPSTATE NEW YORK SECTION, AND THE NEW ENGLAND SECTION. YOU DO KNOW WHICH SECTION TO SUPPORT!

STUDENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The ITE Met Section is re-energizing the Student Outreach Committee, formerly the School Coordination Committee. As one way to enhance the relationship between the student and professional members, the ITE Met Section is planning to provide a regular column for the Student Chapters in TRANSTALK. The column will serve as a forum to facilitate the exchange of ideas and support cooperative activities among the Student Chapters and the MET Section. The Student Outreach Committee



will be contacting the colleges and universities to reestablish connections with the students and to expand ITE Student Chapters. It is anticipated that the column will be used to ensure a strong communication and coordination of activities between the students and ITE members. The Met Section welcomes the student members in providing timely activity information to the Met Section. For further information, please contact Joseph Chow at jchow@bergerlehman.com or John Miller at jmiller@dewberry.com.

STUDENT CAREER DAY

As one of the new initiatives for the ITE Met Section's Student Outreach Committee this year, the October meeting at Arthur's will be hosting a Student Career Fair. To make this a successful venture, it will require participation from both interested prospective students and employers. If you are an interested employer who would like to have the opportunity to meet and potentially hire the upcoming best and brightest of the metro area, please sign up a tabling spot with either of the two co-chairs: Joseph Chow at jchow@bergerlehman.com or John Miller at jmiller@dewberry.com. A fee of \$50 will be required for a spot for private employers (to be collected the day of the event), which is waived for public agencies. Spots will be LIMITED, so please reserve one with us ASAP!

NEW YORK TIMES, LONG ISLAND SECTION**“Short Comings of L.I.E. Fall on New York City”****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2004***By MITCHELL PALLY, VICE PRESIDENT
LONG ISLAND ASSOCIATION, COMMACK*

On February 1 you published a letter bemoaning the fact that the New York City section of the Long Island Expressway refurbishment project, from the Cross Island Parkway eastbound to the Nassau County line, does not include shoulders or a high occupancy-vehicle lane.

Both of these decisions were forced on the State Department of Transportation by the City of New York, which filed a lawsuit against the project. As part of the settlement, the city made sure that there was no H.O.V. lane from the Cross Island eastward to the Nassau line.

It is unfortunate that the City of New York has forced a position upon the Transportation Department that makes carpooling more difficult for our residents and drivers. But we all know that consistency is for small minds.



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by the New England Section and taking place in Burlington, VT. A large Met Section turnout would be nice. Of course, we have Met Section meetings on Thursday, May 13 in Newark at NJIT joint with WTS-GNY and on Thursday, June 17 at Douglaston Manor in Queens. The Institute's Annual Meeting is slated for the first week of August in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Met Section president Mike Salatti has been working hard and successfully to increase the activity of several committees; the results are impressive as is evident from some of the articles in this issue and the reports during the business portions of our Met Section meetings. In addition to the Officers, we should acknowledge the efforts and contributions of Marv Gersten (in launching the Lou Pignataro Award), Ray DiBiase, John Miller and Joe Chow, Gus DaSilva and Nellie Shakhmina, Lee Goodman, and Mike O'Rourke, among others. Thanks.

Finally, the business card ads: If your company or agency hasn't paid, don't be surprised if your business card ad is now missing. Your cooperation and support are much appreciated.

MET SECTION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The MET Section has begun its 2004-05 membership drive. The program will enlist the help of volunteers from each firm to increase our total membership to 1000 by the end of 2005. To achieve this ambitious goal we will require 175 new members or approximately a 20% increase in total membership. The program works as follows:

- One contact person from each firm will receive a “tickler” e-mail once per quarter. The e-mail will remind them to take a moment and think if anyone in their firm would be interested in becoming an ITE member.
- The e-mail, which will be forwarded to any potential new members, will highlight the benefits of ITE membership and contain an application.

The program is very simple and will take minimal effort by the participants. If you would like to help, please contact Bill Hillman of the LiRo Group at hillmanw@liro.com or (516) 938-5476 or Gordon Meth of Keller Kirkpatrick gmeth@kellkirk.com or (973) 377-8500.



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REMINDER TO RETURNING STUDENTS IN ITE...

Last fall, the ITE Met Section re-initiated the Student Paper competition for all the schools in the ITE Met Section area. A number of students from different schools submitted their papers and one was even nominated to move on to the district-wide competition. This fall, we will be undertaking the competition again, and wish to remind all the students who will be returning next semester, that if you or your friends have work that may be submitted for the competition this fall, please remember to hold onto it. All schools are welcome, even those without an official ITE Student Chapter. If you're a faculty advisor, please spread the word. Awards will once again be given to the top finalists with one or more chosen to proceed to the District competition. Thanks! *Student Outreach Committee*

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, MAY 13 – JOINT WITH WTS-GNY

3P.M.: TECHNICAL PROGRAM: OPTIMAL SPEED LIMITS ON MULTI-USE HIGHWAYS; EARN CEUs

5:30 P.M.: RECEPTION

6:30 P.M.: PRESENTATION BY ROB EDWARDS, NJ TRANSIT ON SECAUCUS TRANSFER STATION



THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE IS WORKING VERY HARD TO MAKE THE ANNUAL MEETING BOTH RELAXING AND INFORMATIVE. DRESS FOR THE MEETING WILL BE CASUAL. TRAVEL TO BURLINGTON IS EASY, EITHER BY CAR OR BY AIR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MAY, WHEN VERMONT IS IN FULL BLOOM. REMEMBER THE DATES: WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH TO FRIDAY, MAY 21ST. WITH THE MEETING ENDING ON A FRIDAY, YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO SPEND THE WEEKEND IN THE AREA.