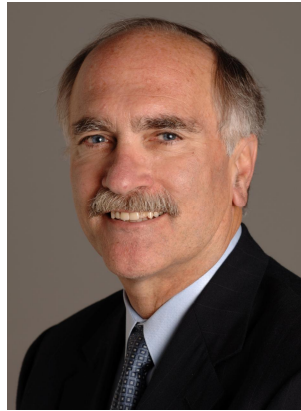


April 2006

President's Message



We're Number 1!
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You may not know it, but NCSITE is viewed as the top section in the south-east (and one of the best in the nation for that matter). At the Southern District ITE meeting in Jackson, MS earlier this week, Bill Martin, NCSITE President in 2005,

accepted the Outstanding Section Award. This is the third straight year NCSITE has won this prestigious award. The Board, Councils, Committees and all of you deserve credit and many thanks. SDITE consists of 9 southeastern states.

At this year's SDITE meeting, we continued to show why our Section and members are the best. A few highlights include:

- ⇒ NCSITE had about 30 members in attendance.
- ⇒ The UNC-Charlotte Student Chapter, represented by Caroline Kone, Tim McCall and Matt Bell made it to the finals of the Student Quiz Bowl and finished a close second to Clemson students, who won on the last question. We are proud of them.
- ⇒ Phil Wylie of High Point won the Herman Hoose Distinguished Service Award and Calvin Leggett of the NCDOT won the Marble J. Hensley Individual Activity Award. Great honors for great members.
- ⇒ Mike Reese, Louis Kudelka and David Spencer (all NCDOT) won the Outstanding Non-Sponsored Technical Paper award.
- ⇒ Kumar Neppalli (Chapel Hill), Tracy Newsome (Charlotte), Vivian Coleman (Charlotte), Larry Meisner (Kimley-Horn), Bill Finger (Charlotte), Mike Reese (NCDOT), Jan Anderson (RS&H) and Kevin Smith (Kimley-Horn) all gave technical presentations.

- ⇒ Richard Atkins (Triad Transportation Partnerships) facilitated several strategic planning committees which NCSITE members participated in, which I will report on separately.
- ⇒ Jim Westmoreland (Greensboro) was rumored to have danced with "Elvis" who entertained the crowd at one social event.

Jackson provided warm hospitality and a great program but our hearts went out to folks from Biloxi and the gulf coast who suffered so much personal and family loss due to Hurricane Katrina. The conference was moved to Jackson from Biloxi at the last minute as a result. Keep the folks affected by the hurricane in your prayers... much is left to be done.

Southern District Moves to Implement Strategic Plan

The Southern District plans to send out a newsletter soon which will likely describe this initiative, but I thought I would give you a "heads up" and recognize some NCSITE members involved.

SDITE is establishing six Strategic Goal Area Committees as listed below. Each committee will be asked to make recommendations regarding how SDITE can improve services. NCSITE has members on all committees as indicated. Richard Atkins (Triad Transportation Partnerships) is facilitating the initiative and Brent McKinney (PART) chairs the Leadership Development Committee. Initial recommendations are expected late this year.

- ⇒ Technical Knowledge Goal Area – Bill Martin
- ⇒ Member and Section Services – Terry Snow
- ⇒ Work Force Development – Jim Westmoreland
- ⇒ Leadership Development – Brent McKinney, Christa Greene
- ⇒ Information, Communications and Outreach – Dale Privette

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NCSITE.org

The NCSITE Operations Committee is working on making NCSITE.org a useful and handy resource for the membership. The Website sub-committee has recently researched how other ITE groups through out the country are using their websites to educate and communicate with their members. As a result of this research, this committee has identified and is working on several changes for NCSITE.org. In the coming months, we will update you on new items added to NCSITE.org.

Some of the recent updates to the website include:

- ⇒ New Layout of the NCSITE Homepage
- ⇒ 2005 Annual Meeting Presentations and Pictures (under Documents tab)
- ⇒ 2006 Student-led Meeting Presentations and Pictures (under Documents tab)

A few of the items in our To Do list are:

- ⇒ Scholarship and Awards Information (including past recipients)
- ⇒ Online nominations for Annual Awards
- ⇒ Directors and Council Chairs photographs
- ⇒ Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
- ⇒ Information about Signal Systems User Group, Model Users Group, Raleigh Lunch 'n' Learn Organizing Group and Charlotte Lunch 'n' Learn Organizing Group
- ⇒ Past Meeting Presentations and Photos (from available Archives)
- ⇒ Presentations and Photos from every future meeting hosted by NCSITE

Also, please visit our sponsor's links (right-side column in the Homepage). If you have any comments or suggestions, feel free to contact Jeff Dale (jeff.dale@kimley-horn.com), Operations Committee Chair.

Charlotte Lunch 'n Learn

Charlotte's First Lunch 'n Learn Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 25th, 2006.

Topic: Charlotte Center City Streetcar System

Speaker: Willie Noble, CATS

For more information, please contact Radha Krishna Swayampakala at radha.swayampakala@rsandh.com

Hickory Local Meeting

The next NCSITE Local Meeting will be held at the Hickory Police Department Training Room on Tuesday April 25, 2006. For more information, visit: <http://www.ncsite.org/documents/06HickoryLocalMtgSaveTheDate.pdf>

Hold These Dates

April 12th

Transportation Planning Council Meeting
4:30-5:30 Kimley-Horn (Downtown Raleigh Office)
6:00-7:00 Bonefish Grill
Raleigh, NC

April 20th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting
Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC
6-8 p.m.

April 20th

Charlotte Area Spring Dinner Meeting
"TAP into the Future"
Rainbow Café Charlotte Plaza
Charlotte, NC
5:30 -8:30 p.m.



April 25th

Hickory Local Meeting
Hickory Police Department Training Room
Hickory, NC

May 10th

Transportation Planning Council Meeting
4:30-5:30 Kimley-Horn (Cary Office)
6:00-7:00 Bonefish Grill
Raleigh, NC

May 18th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting
Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC
6-8 p.m.

June 1st-2nd

NCSITE Mid-Year Meeting
Blockade Runner Hotel
Wrightsville Beach, NC

For more information about upcoming meetings, please visit our web site at <http://www.ncsite.org/meetings.html> and/or be on the lookout for email announcements.

NCSITE Student-Led Meeting

The NCSITE Student-Led meeting has become an annual tradition and a popular networking opportunity for members of the Section. This year's meeting, hosted by the NC State student chapter, featured three technical sessions exclusively reserved for student presentations that highlighted contemporary topics from alternative funding sources to unconventional intersection designs and everything in between. This year's meeting was one of the best-attended so far, with a group of nearly 100 students and professionals that included many new faces. If this year's meeting was any indication, the annual Student-Led meeting will be a highly-anticipated event for many NCSITE members for years to come.



Bicycle Planning and Design Workshops, April 18-20

The Division of Highways, the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, and the Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) are jointly sponsoring one-day bicycle planning and design workshops during April 18-20. Nationally recognized trainers will be presenting the latest guidance on enhancing bicycle access, innovative bicycle facility treatments, shared-roadway accommodations, shared-use paths, signalization and signing, intersection design, at-grade and grade-separated crossings, bikeway design standards, and NCDOT policies, standards and guidelines. Information on the workshops as well as an online registration form are on the workshop web site at <http://www.itre.ncsu.edu/transit/Bikewkshp/>.



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Business Brief

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, PLLC, a growing transportation planning and traffic engineering firm serving clients across North Carolina and the country, has relocated to new offices at 4000 WestChase Boulevard, Suite 530 in Raleigh. Their new phone number is (919) 829-0328. Staff e-mail addresses and Web site address remain the same.

Charlotte's Transportation Action Plan

The City of Charlotte has completed a draft of its first comprehensive transportation plan, known as the Transportation Action Plan (TAP). The TAP requests that \$3.57B of local funds be spent on a variety of transportation improvements and maintenance efforts within Charlotte over the next 25 years. The TAP includes the City's goals, objectives and policies. It also lists the programs and projects that will help Charlotte achieve its vision of becoming one of the premier cities in the nation for integrating land use and transportation choices.

The TAP calls for the following expenditures:

- Motorists - \$2.5B (71% of the funds) to improve motorist capacity and safety, and to better maintain roads
- Pedestrians - \$536M (15% of the funds) for sidewalks, pedestrian connections, safe routes to schools and sidewalk maintenance
- Bicyclists - \$47M (1.5% of the funds) to implement bikeways including on and off-road bicycle facilities
- Centers, Corridors and Livable Neighborhoods - \$445M (12.5% of the funds) to invest in designated centers, corridors and neighborhoods including streetscape and traffic calming projects

So far, the City has held three TAP public workshops in February and March, and has one more on March 25th. The City also created an internet based survey, which over 850 people have already taken. Early survey results indicate that over 90% of residents are either concerned or very concerned about transportation conditions today and over the next 25 years.

Respondents were also asked to tell the City how they would want us to allocate funds if we had only \$100 to spend on transportation needs. Residents have indicated that they want to see a balanced transportation approach in Charlotte (see early results below). The survey remains active on the Charlotte Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Web site until March 31, 2006.

Welcome New Members

Cheryl Collins, NCDOT
 Bryan Hayes, Town of Cary



<u>Type of Improvement</u>	<u>How should the \$100 be allocated?</u>
Widen Thoroughfares	\$17.90
Better Pedestrian Facilities	\$12.70
New Thoroughfares	\$11.10
Better Maintenance	\$18.90
Better Bicycle Facilities	\$13.40
Improve Street Appearance	\$10.10
Coordinate Traffic Signals	\$15.90
TOTAL	\$100.00

This May, CDOT will bring the TAP to City Council and ask for adoption. If you would like to download a draft of the TAP, or preview a detailed breakdown of the \$3.57B in expenditures, please visit <http://cdot.charmeck.org>.

Contact: Dan Gallagher at 704.336.4984 or

Charlotte Area Spring Dinner Meeting

Please join us in Charlotte on April 20th to "TAP into the Future" at the Rainbow Café Charlotte Plaza. Danny Pleasant from the Charlotte Department of Transportation will focus on the \$3.5 Billion Transportation Action Plan to address major urban issues over the next 25 years. Tracy Newsom, also with CDOT, will present on Charlotte's progressive and comprehensive Urban Street Design Guidelines that are working to improve the urban transportation system. The social hour will begin at 5:30 followed by the buffet dinner and program. Registration is \$40 for professionals and free for students if registered before the deadline of April 14th.

<http://www.ncsite.org/documents/06CharlotteSpringMeeting.pdf>

New Hires and Promotions

- ⇒ *Mr. Jim Morrison, P.E.* has joined *Wilbur Smith Associates* as a Senior Roadway Engineer.
- ⇒ *Mr. Kevin W. Bisby, P.E.* has joined *Wilbur Smith Associates* as a Senior Transportation Engineer.

If your office has a recent new hire or promotion to announce, please let us know by sending a short (one or two sentences) announcement with the person's name, company/agency name, and position to stacie.phillips@kimley-horn.com.



You Don't Wanna Miss This So
Put it on Your Calendar!

NCSITE Mid-Year Meeting June 1st and 2nd, 2006



Golf Tourney
Friday Afternoon

Meeting will include:

- technical sessions
- mobile tours
- social hour
- golf tournament at Magnolia Greens.

Topics include:

- Goods Movement
- Hot Topics in Planning
- Superstreets Panel Discussion

For hotel information visit:

<http://www.blockade-runner.com/>

A registration form is on the last page
of this month's Involver.

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Job Postings



The LPA Group, Inc. has the following openings in our Charlotte and Raleigh, NC offices:

Senior Project Engineer, P.E. - Raleigh –Registered professional civil engineer with 7-12 years of progressive highway design experience needed for transportation improvement projects throughout N.C. Proven DOT experience, knowledge of Microstation & GEOPAK required. North Carolina project experience & NC PE preferred. Job Code NCDB0105SPE

Senior Hydraulic Engineer, P.E. - Charlotte/Raleigh –Registered professional civil engineer with 7-12 years of experience in hydraulic design for bridges, culverts & highways, hydrologic studies, storm water management & scour analysis. Position will develop & lead group of hydraulic engineers & designers in North Carolina. Job Code NCDB0105SH



Gibson Engineers, PC has openings for the following positions:

Roadway Design Engineer

4+ years experience in roadway design for both public and private sector projects. The ideal candidate will have a BSCE, PE registration, Microstation, Geopak and project management experience. Knowledge of NCDOT requirements would be helpful.

Roadway Design Intern

0-4 years experience in roadway design for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have BSCE or equivalent education and experience. Microstation and Geopak experience would be helpful.

Traffic Engineer

8+ years experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have a BSCE, PE registration, excellent written and oral

City of Greensboro MPO Transportation Planner

The City of Greensboro, NC is seeking a MPO Transportation Planner. The position supports the technical and policy work of the Greensboro Urban Area MPO and the City of Greensboro Transportation Planning division and performs a wide range of challenging transportation planning duties. Qualifications include a Bachelors Degree in urban planning, civil engineering, or a related field, with a Masters Degree and professional certifications (e.g. AICP, P.E., etc.) preferred. The closing date for this position is May 5, 2006. For additional information, please visit <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov>

RAMEY KEMP & ASSOCIATES, INC. TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. has an opening for the following positions for our Raleigh, NC Office:

ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER with 4+ yrs experience in roadway design for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have BSCE, PE registration, and project management experience. Microstation/Geopak experience and knowledge of NCDOT requirements essential. Autocad experience a plus.

ROADWAY DESIGN INTERN with 0-4 yrs experience in roadway design for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have a BSCE and have passed FE/EIT exam and ready to take PE exam. Microstation/Geopak experience and knowledge of NCDOT requirements helpful. Autocad experience a plus.

SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER with 8+ yrs experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have a BSCE and PE registration. PTOE certification a plus. Excellent written/oral communication skills, ability to work with private/public sectors. Public speaking and project management experience is essential.

TRAFFIC INTERN with 0-4 yrs experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have a BSCE, registered FE/EIT or PE, good communication skills, and knowledge of traffic engineering concepts and analysis software. Raleigh, Winston-Salem, or Richmond, VA possible location.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Assistant Director for Transportation Planning/ Transit

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Public Safety is seeking a transportation professional to perform administrative and technical duties as Assistant Director for Transportation Planning/Transit reporting to the Director of Public Safety.

Minimum requirements include a Bachelors Degree in urban and regional planning or transportation planning and five years of experience in transportation management or community planning including fiscal or supervisory experience. Master's degree preferred.

For more information on any of these positions, please visit: <http://www.ncsite.org/employment.html>

Listserv Information

Information regarding the two Listserv's (official and optional) is available on the NCSITE website at: <http://www.ncsite.org/memberlistserv.html>

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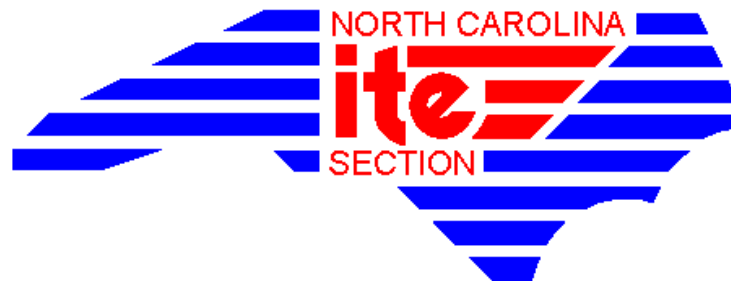
The editor of the NCSITE Involver is Stacie Phillips at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. She can be reached by phone at (919)653-2957 or by email at stacie.phillips@kimley-horn.com. Please send all advertisements, comments or submissions to Stacie.

This Space for Rent

We are looking for companies that would like to participate in our Involver and web page advertisements. If you decide to participate in 2006, your ad would appear in two issues of the Involver (on a rotating basis). Your company logo and a link to your website would also appear on the NCSITE website (www.ncsite.org).

If you are interested in advertising in the Involver, please contact Stacie Phillips for more information at stacie.phillips@kimley-horn.com.

We're on the Web!
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The North Carolina Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, known as NCSITE, is a professional society of persons involved in transportation engineering activities. It is affiliated with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), an international professional society of transportation engineers.

The NCSITE membership includes a broad range of transportation personnel--engineers, planners, educators, administrators, and technicians. Many modes of transportation are represented in the organization's membership.

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MID-YEAR MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Blockade Runner Beach Resort & Conference Center
Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
June 1 – 2, 2006

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION TYPE

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NCSITE Member | \$65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member | \$75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | FREE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee (if postmarked May 2, 2006 – May 19, 2006) | \$15 |

Total Enclosed \$ _____

PORT TOUR MOBILE WORKSHOP

Please indicate if you are planning to attend the tour of the State Port of Wilmington on the morning of Thursday, June 1st:

- YES, I plan to attend. I understand that buses will be leaving the Blockade Runner at 9:00 AM and that no private vehicles will be allowed to enter the port.
- NO, I do not plan to attend.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Registration form and payment must be postmarked by **May 19, 2006**
- Registration form and payment postmarked after **May 1, 2006** subject to \$15 late fee
- Cancellations with a full refund will be granted until **May 19, 2006**
- **AFTER MAY 19, 2006, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Please send completed registration forms and payment (check payable to NCSITE) to:

Beth L. Royall, P.E.
Gibson Engineers
PO Box 700
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2006!