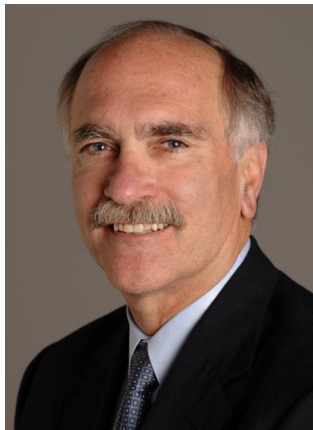


February 2006

President's Message



Your 2006 Board and Committee chairs got off to an energetic start planning for the new year. We had a joint meeting with our 2005 counterparts for some strategic planning in October, then met January 19 for our first Board meeting to confirm initiatives we wanted to tackle, approve work plans of the Councils and

Committees and conduct other NCSITE business. Myself, and all our members, are fortunate to have these folks at the NCSITE helm as we strive to provide excellent member services.

One of the key actions taken by the Board was to approve 14 Strategic Planning Initiatives. A few include:

- ⇒ resolving the issue of whether to hire a paid staff person
- ⇒ participation in sponsoring and judging a statewide public schools Future Cities Competition
- ⇒ exploration of a joint meeting with another ITE Section (such as Virginia or Tennessee)
- ⇒ consider organizing a Transportation Forum in 2007, similar to one sponsored in 2005
- ⇒ conduct a Member Survey to determine how to improve services
- ⇒ explore multi-day Mid-Year Meeting
- ⇒ improve the web site, including feasibility of web-based picture album

I'll get a full copy of the approved listing of Strategic Planning Initiatives posted on our web site. If you have any thoughts on these initiatives, feel free to send me a short e-mail.

Some of the other actions of the Board taken at the January meeting were to approve moving \$11,000 to our Scholarship account and also selecting Wilmington as the site to pursue for our mid-year meeting this year. We are looking for a May date. I'll share more information when it is available.

Of course, most of our membership enjoy participating in Council events. Whether it is learning from the technical presentations or just getting to know a peer, Councils are where the "action" is as far as NCSITE is concerned. Rather than steal their thunder, I have asked each Council Chair to provide some information on planned activities for the year and provide it in this or an upcoming issue of the Involver. Stay tuned.

I hope many of you are considering attending the SDITE meeting, which will be held in Jackson, Mississippi on April 2-5. Fred Burchett, who sits on their board from NCSITE, is soliciting speakers and program topics. E-mail him soon at Fred.Burchett@kimley-horn.com if you have an idea or want to volunteer. We also have been notified that North Carolina has been awarded the 2012 SDITE meeting. If your City would like to be considered to host the event, you should contact me to indicate your interest. The NCSITE Board will make a decision on location as early as March.

You might also consider attending the ITE Spring Meeting in San Antonio, Texas on March 19-22.

I continue to enjoy serving as your President. If you have ideas or thoughts on ways to improve NCSITE, feel free to email me at jhumphrey@ci.charlotte.nc.us

Jim Humphrey
NCSITE, President

Welcome New Members

Adam Snipes, NCDOT—
Transportation Planning Branch

Craig Hughes, High County COG



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NCSITE Mentoring Program Update

The 2006 NCSITE Mentoring Program is off to a great start this year! This program is designed to pair mid-level transportation managers with senior level managers in a forum that will encourage sharing experience and expertise. A kick-off meeting was held on January 19th at Sullivan's Steakhouse in Raleigh. This was a great opportunity for the Mentors and Protégés to have an opportunity to meet and to also learn more about the program. Mentors and Protégés from the past two years were there to share experiences and expectations for the upcoming months. This program generally runs from January to October. After the wrap-up meeting in October, we will be able to share some of the success stories with you. Here is a list of the 2006 Mentors and Protégés:

2006 NCSITE Mentor Program Participants	
MENTOR	PROTÉGÉ
Phil Wylie, City of High Point	Russell Dalton, Town of Apex
Ken Putnam, Mattern and Craig	Nathan Vannoy, City of Hickory
George Alexiou, Martin Alexiou Bryson, PLLC	Spencer Franklin, HNTB
Richard Atkins, Triad Transportation Partnerships	Dawn McPherson, NCDOT
Whitt Webb, HNTB	Chris Spencer, City of Greensboro
Fred Burchett, Kimley-Horn and Associates	Wendy Brindle, City of Salisbury
Pat Ivey, NCDOT	Nolan Kirkman, City of Burlington
Neil Lassiter, NCDOT	Paul Koch, Stantec
Mike Holder, NCDOT	Anthony Butzek, City of Asheville
Julie Hunkins, NCDOT	Lisa Moon, PBS&J

For more information about the program, please feel free to speak with one of the NCSITE Mentor Program Executive Committee members – Troy Peoples, Pat Ivey, Christa Greene, Daren Marceau, or Mark McDonald.

Hold These Dates

February 8th

Transportation Planning Council Meeting

4:30-5:30 Kimley-Horn

6:00-7:00 Bonefish Grill
Raleigh, NC



February 16th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting

Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC
6-8 p.m.

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March 28th

Student-Led NCSITE Meeting
McKimmon Center

Raleigh, NC
10:30 am— 5:30 pm
(registration begins at 9:30)

April 2nd— 5th

SDITE Annual Meeting

Marriott Downtown
Jackson, MS

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.

Future City Competition

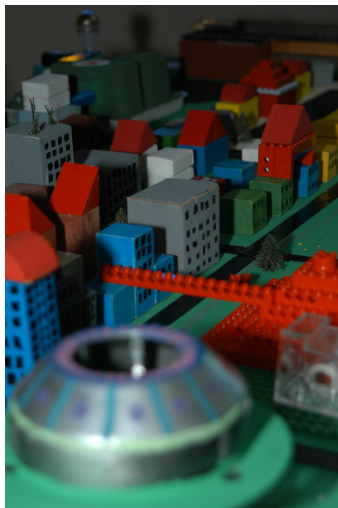


The Future City Competition is a national program sponsored by the Engineering Community to promote an interest in technology and engineering in middle school students. This program fosters an interest in math, science, and engineering through hands-on, real world applications. The competition is open to seventh and eighth grade students in public, private, and parochial schools within participating regions of the United States. Regional winners compete in the national finals, a featured event during National Engineers Week.

The competition is aimed at getting students interested in engineering as a career path. The students complete four tasks over the span of several months as part of the competition:

- ⇒ the computer design and management of a city using Sim City software;
- ⇒ an essay and abstract;
- ⇒ building an ideal city model using recycled materials; and finally,
- ⇒ an oral presentation at the finals.

These tasks form a multi-disciplined project requiring a wide range of skills and teamwork. There is good correlation between the standards of learning and this program. The team of students is assisted by an engineer mentor, who helps guide the students through the competition. The professional engineers in North Carolina assist in finding an engineer/mentor to work with the teams to serve as a guide and role model.



Several schools used this as a classroom module and others made it available as an extra curricular club activity.

The web site, www.futurecity.org, has great video clips and detailed rules, as well as on-line registration. If you are interested, you may register by filling out the attached form or online at www.futurecity.com

It is so important that we start developing the next generation of engineers, architects, and planners to keep our cities and counties running in the future. This competition is a step in that direction. The skills involved in the competition are reflective of those defined by the state's standards of learning.

At the 2006 North Carolina regional competition held on January 14th a special award for Best Transportation System was sponsored by NCSITE. The award was judged by Terry Arellano, Todd Delk, Roger Henderson, Bob League, and Peter Trecansky. The award as well as a check for \$250 to the winning team was presented by Transportation Planning Council Chair Peter Trecansky to C.W Stanford Middle School during an afternoon awards ceremony. NCSITE looks forward to supporting the Future Cities Competition in the future both through support of the Transportation System award and by providing Engineering Mentors to teams competing in the competition. If you would like more information please contact Peter Trecansky at (919) 461-1332 or at peter_trecansky@urcorp.com.



Job Postings

For more information on any of these positions, please visit:

<http://www.ncsite.org/employment.html>

The City of Winston Salem has three positions currently posted.



TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM TECHNICIAN (3051)

Under immediate supervision, performs complex skilled and technical work in the operation, maintenance and installation of traffic control and traffic signal system devices; does related work as required.

<http://www.cityofws.org/oea/jobSpecs.aspx?selected=933>

CIVIL ENGINEER (3729)

Under regular supervision, performs difficult professional work involved with the design, construction, inspection, and maintenance of a variety of public works and utility facilities; does related work as required.

<http://www.cityofws.org/oea/jobSpecs.aspx?selected=1050>

PROJECT PLANNER-TRANSIT (211)

Under regular supervision, responsible for all transit planning activities for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); coordinates all transit planning activities with the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA), the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and other MPOs and transit agencies in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina; performs difficult professional work involved in the planning of transit projects, programs, services and improvements; does related work as required.

These along with other City of Winston-Salem job postings are available at the following link.
<http://www.cityofws.org/oea/>

For questions, contact:
Connie K. Curtis
Deputy Director of Transportation
City of Winston-Salem DOT

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.



Ready for Anything!

Registration information is available at www.sdite2006.org
or
you may contact Bob Mabry,
Registration Chairman:
bmabry@mdot.state.ms.us
Phone: 601 . 826 . 0420

Save these dates: April 2-5, 2006

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Southern District Institute of Transportation Engineers is scheduled to be held in Jackson, MS at the Marriott Downtown. Mark these dates on your calendar and join us in Mississippi where despite Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we are *Ready for Anything!*

The Jackson Marriott Downtown
200 Amite Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
Phone: 1 . 800 . 228 . 9290
Fax: 601 . 353 . 4333

Rooms are \$109.00 plus tax per night. Refer to the Southern District ITE Meeting when making your room reservations.



**North Carolina Section
Institute of Transportation Engineers
and
Institute of Transportation Engineers
NCSU Student Chapter**



Are proud to host the 2006 Annual Student-Led NCSITE Meeting at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, North Carolina on

**Tuesday, March 28, 2006
10:30 AM – 5:30 PM (Registration begins at 9:30 AM)**

Members of the student chapters of NC State University, North Carolina A&T State University, and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte will be on hand for technical presentations on a variety of topics and networking with North Carolina transportation professionals.

****PDH's available for your attendance at this meeting****

In addition, preliminary plans are being made for a NCSITE group outing to the Carolina Hurricanes hockey game on Monday, March 27th as a companion social event to this meeting. Details on this event will follow in further correspondence.

Registration forms and Agenda will follow in the coming weeks. Please contact Tony Tagliaferri (ttagliaferri@stantec.com) or Liza Runey (emruney@ncsu.edu) for more information on this event.

**<http://www.ncsite.org>
<http://students.engr.ncsu.edu/ite/>**

Listserv Information

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

Involver Newsletter

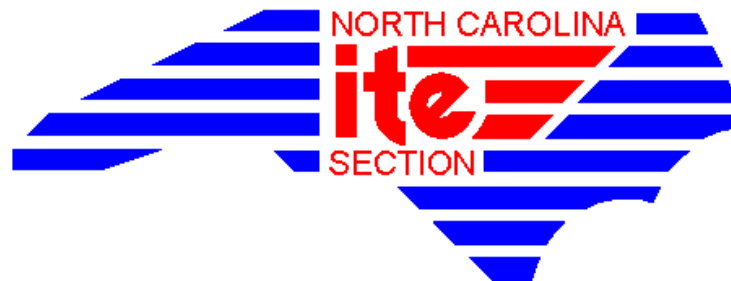
The editor of the NCSITE Involver is Stacie Phillips at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. She can be reached by phone at (919)653-2957 or by email at stacie.phillips@kimley-horn.com. Please send all advertisements, comments or submissions to Stacie.

This Space for Rent

It's the beginning of another great year with NCSITE and 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!
<http://www.ncsite.org>



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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