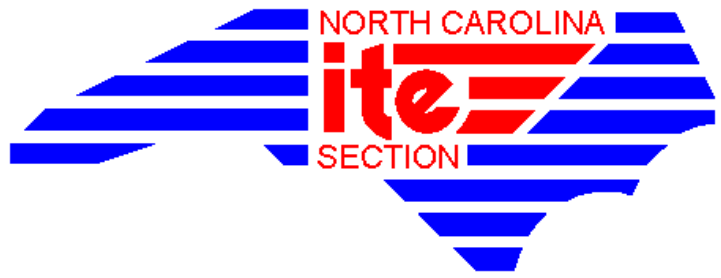
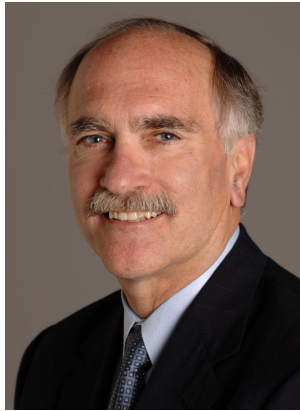


NCSITE INVOLVER



March 2006

President's Message



I thought I would write a little different type of message this month. A message that doesn't concentrate on NCSITE activities, although NCSITE is certainly a part of the topic. It is a message that is a little less technical and says more

about the people in our profession and the motivation each of us brings to our jobs. I want to write about what I like about what I do...public service. I don't think I am much different from most of you.

I am not ashamed to say that I enjoy helping people and making a difference. I think that if you can't get excited about what you do, you need to do something else. I enjoy coming to work every day (OK almost every day). I enjoy the people I work with. I enjoy the opportunity to get out in the field, to talk to the citizens, to understand the way they see "government", to be a problem solver. I like to see a citizen's face when I can say "yes" to a request.

Although I am not much of a technician, my training and education help me do things others can't do. I like driving by a building or riding

on a road or visiting a park or private development or whatever, and saying that I had something to do with that. Maybe there was an unusual twist to the process of implementation that was overcome. Maybe there was a detail we worked out that the public will never recognize or see... but that is the way it is supposed to be isn't it? Maybe there was a safeguard we worked out that would help or protect someone who doesn't even live nearby... yet.

We have a lot of variety in our work. There's never a dull moment. I enjoy expanding my horizons by working on something different, and I enjoy working with my staff on things that expand their horizons. I like to see the people who work with me grow. I like accomplishing more as a team than I could individually achieve. I like trying to figure out how what I do can contribute to the big picture... in my case, making Charlotte a better City... not for cars, but for people. I have never been driven by the salary I earn (don't tell my boss) although I do appreciate it when someone says "thank you". I like to know what really happened at a meeting rather than what was reported.

NCSITE is a pretty good place for people like you and me. I like being around people who care and make a difference.

Jim Humphrey
NCSITE, President
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Welcome New Members

Louis Kudelka,
NCDOT
Brett Wallace,
URS Corporation
Paul Pattison,
URS Corporation



New Section Coming Soon

Beginning with the April issue of the Involver, we will start to post information about new hires and promotions. 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.

ITRE SafeSpeed Study

The Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) has completed its evaluation of the City of Charlotte's photo speed enforcement program called SafeSpeed. SafeSpeed, which has been operational for 16 months, is comprised of three specially equipped vans that photograph speeding vehicles on 14 Charlotte roadways and mail citations to offenders.

The study, funded by the North Carolina Governors Highway Safety Program, evaluated three aspects of the SafeSpeed program; public opinions toward the use of photo speed enforcement, changes in vehicle speeds, and changes in the number of collisions within the enforcement corridors. City staff provided ITRE with collision and speed data collected as part of the SafeSpeed program as well as deployment and citation information gathered during enforcement activities.

The ITRE study issued the following findings:

- The percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit by 10 mph or more, categorized as aggressive drivers, decreased by an average of 55% within the enforcement corridors.
- An estimated 12% reduction in total collisions was attributed to automated speed enforcement cameras.
- Corridors with above average enforcement activity experienced a higher reduction in collisions, 14%.
- Participants within the focus groups indicated a positive perception of the program and emphasized the need for continuous driver education to increase the program's effectiveness.

The speed camera program appears to be successful and other agencies facing similar speed-related issues should consider similar programs of their own.

The City of Charlotte is pleased with the findings of the report. A follow-up study has already been planned, and will include additional crash data collected since the first study was completed as well as additional speed data. We hope that the follow-up report will show a continuation of the positive impacts of the SafeSpeed program on Charlotte roadways.

Contact: Charles Jones, 704-336-3901 - cjones@ci.charlotte.nc.us

Link to the full ITRE Study:

http://www.itre.ncsu.edu/ITREmain1/research_list.html#traffic

Hold These Dates

March 8th

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

March 16th

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

March 16th

NCSITE Board Meeting
Martin/Alexiou/Bryson
Raleigh, NC
10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.



March 20th

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

March 28th

Student-Led NCSITE Meeting
McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC
10:30am— 5:30pm (registration at 9:30)

April 2nd— 5th

SDITE Annual Meeting
Marriott Downtown
Jackson, MS

April 4th

Transportation Founders Fund Banquet
Capital City Club
Raleigh, NC
6:00 –9:00 p.m.

April 12th

Transportation Planning Council Meeting
4:30-5:30 Kimley-Horn
6:00-7:00 Bonefish Grill
Raleigh, 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.



**NCSU
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Annual Banquet and
Presentation**

**The future of toll roads
and infrastructure funding
mechanisms in the US
and across the world**

**Fidel Saenz de Ormijana, PhD
Technical Director
Ferrovia Agroman US Corp**

When: April 4, 2006, 6:00-9:00 pm

Where: Capital City Club, Raleigh
For registration and costs

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SAVE THE DATE !!!

The NCSITE Mid-Year Meeting
Thursday and Friday June 1-2
at the Blockade Runner in Wrightsville Beach!

Meeting will include:

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

A reduced rate is also available through the weekend at the hotel, so why don't you stay and make it a family vacation?

For hotel information visit:

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

Watch the NCSITE website for more information!

Job Postings



ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER/ TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC
Professional and administrative work planning and directing the activities of the

Transportation & Traffic Engineering Division. Work involves supervising the design and/or construction of transportation related projects; recommending capital improvement priorities, directing the operation and maintenance of computerized traffic signal system, traffic sign and pavement markings; overseeing transportation and MPO functions; supervising staff engaged in the maintenance of traffic control devices; operation of the coordinated traffic signal system, transportation planning and other related engineering work. Pay commensurate with experience. Apply by March 31, 2006. Resume not accepted in lieu of city application. Application available at www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us.



The Transportation Department at North Carolina State University has a position open for a Parking Planner.

For more information on the position, please visit:

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

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.

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

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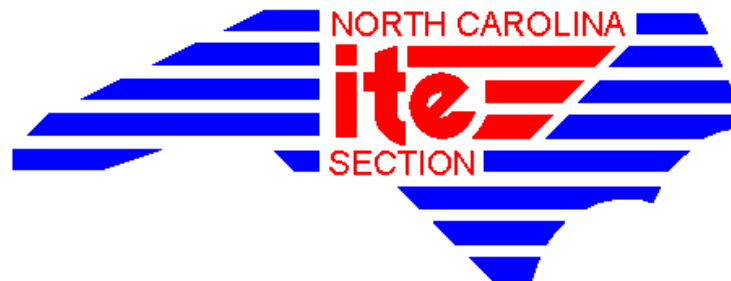
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This Space for Rent

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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