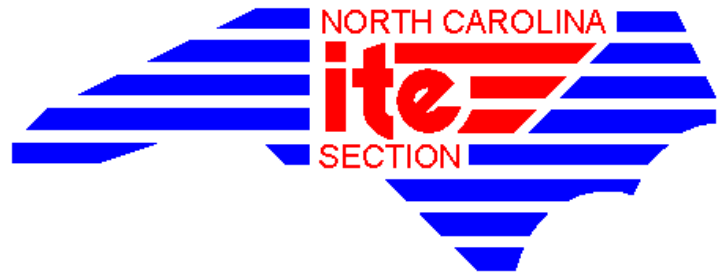


NCSITE INVOLVER



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President's Message



Greetings and Happy New Year! I want to thank the NCSITE membership for providing me the opportunity to serve as your President in 2007. Throughout the months ahead, I will be providing updates on the Board's activities to you, as well as sharing other information that should enhance your satisfaction in our organization.

NCSITE has been my personal "organization of choice" since joining the NCSU student chapter in 1987. Through the years, I have participated on various committees, councils, task forces, user groups and other activities that really helped me see all the wonderful opportunities NCSITE provides for its members. I hope that most of you will either remain involved or become more involved in your organization's activities this year, as there are many terrific benefits, both personal and professional, to be realized.

This year, the Board's mantra is simple – "Back to Basics". We hope to analyze the things we do poorly and improve them. The stuff we are pretty good at, we are going to do even better in 2007 and the years ahead. Your Board met on December 11 to wrap up old business and then map out a strategic plan for improving services to members in 2007. Thanks to all of you who completed the two surveys last year – the feedback you shared will be used to craft many of our initiatives for the year. Some of the enhancements we plan to roll out in 2007 include:

- ⇒ Online meeting registrations and online payment options
- ⇒ Enhanced content and navigation of our website (www.ncsite.org)

- ⇒ Better communication and outreach with our new members
- ⇒ Web-based training opportunities sponsored by our Councils
- ⇒ Planning Council and Engineering Council will challenge each other to provide the most PDH opportunities throughout the year

These are just a few of the many plans we made recently. In the coming months, our Councils and Committees will be sharing their specific plans and goals with you, so stay tuned for notifications of exciting opportunities ahead. As your President, I cannot tell you how valuable your feedback is. Therefore, if you have ideas or opinions on matters important to NCSITE, feel free to share those with me at dale.privette@townofcary.org.

Dale Privette
NCSITE President - 2007

Hold These Dates

January 17th Transportation Planning Council Meeting

4:30-5:30 Kimley-Horn (Cary Office)
6:00-7:00 Bonefish Grill



January 18th Traffic Engineering Council Meeting

6-8 PM
Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC

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

Welcome New Members

John Grant, Ramey Kemp & Associates



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2006 NCSITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NCSITE has seen continued growth in involvement from the membership with a multitude of activities and meetings being conducted throughout 2006. This high level of involvement and activity was highlighted by our recognition on August 5th at the ITE Annual Meeting in Milwaukee with the 2005 Section Activities Award. In 2006, the Board has sponsored several initiatives focused on improving the member services for our Section. Expanded functionality and information being provided through our web site and our monthly newsletter, the Involver, has focused on including more technical articles and information about the Transportation industry in North Carolina. A summer membership drive has fueled our growth in membership and led us to a growth of approximately 66 new members in 2006, making our current active membership approximately 604 affiliates and members. A membership survey conducted over the summer was focused on what services the membership recognizes as the beneficial and what areas they would like to see expanded.

The Transportation Planning Council, Traffic Engineering, Administrative, and the Consultant/Vendor Councils have continued to be the work horses of our Section by conducting regularly scheduled meetings organizing and developing the technical meeting and activities for our Section. Committees within our organization have also contributed toward our success in 2006. The following is a summary of their activities:

COUNCILS

The Council Director is responsible for organizing and coordinating the four councils within NCSITE: Administrative, Transportation Planning, Transportation Engineering and Consultant/Vendor Councils. The Council Director works with each of the councils and represents their concerns to the Board. Russell Dalton will continue as Council Director in 2007.

The Consultant/Vendor Council (CVC) Chair strives to involve product vendors and transportation engineering and planning consultants more often in NCSITE activities. The CVC increases the exposure of consultants and vendors to the membership and provides opportunities for them to sponsor events, thus promoting activities that are mutually beneficial to the membership and the sponsoring companies. The CVC also works to provide training opportunities while promoting vendors and their products to the membership. The CVC is the driving force behind scholarship fundraising. David Jones will be leaving this position after 2006; Mark Freeman will be assuming the role of CVC Chair in 2007.

The accomplishments of the CVC for the year 2006 include organization of the Mid-Year Golf Tournament hosted on June 2nd and organization of the Annual Meeting Golf Outing hosted on November 8th

The Administrative Council (AC) Chair promotes efforts to foster leadership development, soft skills training, transportation profession advocacy, networking, communications and activities to identify and address strategic and emerging issues for the transportation profession. The Council caters to senior and mid-level managers in the profession and those who aspire to a management role. The Council's structure includes a leadership team, the Council membership, and the rest of the Section's members and affiliates who express an interest to be involved. Ed Johnson/Troy Peoples will be leaving this position after 2006.

The accomplishments of the AC for the year 2006 include the following:

- ⇒ Held a spring meeting and is planning another meeting in December
- ⇒ Sponsored another annual cycle of the Mentoring Program that was initiated in January with 10 pairs of mentors and protégés (the kick-off dinner was January 19th and the wrap-up dinner was October 19th)
- ⇒ Provided support for the Annual Meeting Agenda



2006 NCSITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

The Transportation Planning Council (TPC) Chair holds monthly meetings with an organizational team to plan events throughout the year. The TPC promotes NCSITE in the planning community through workshops, meetings, luncheons and users groups. Peter Trencansky will continue as TPC Chair in 2007.

- ⇒ The accomplishments of the TPC for the year 2006 include the following:
- ⇒ Charlotte Area Spring Dinner Meeting on April 20th
- ⇒ Triangle Area Lunch 'n' Learn on May 12th in Raleigh
- ⇒ Charlotte Area Lunch 'n' Learn on May 25th
- ⇒ NCSITE Mid-Year meeting hosted on June 1st and 2nd in Wrightsville Beach
- ⇒ Charlotte Area Lunch 'n' Learn on September 14th
- ⇒ Charlotte Area Tour and Dinner Meeting on October 19th
- ⇒ Summer social event at a Durham Bulls game on June 16th
- ⇒ Championed involvement in the North Carolina Future Cities Competition with a contribution of \$500 toward the awards
- ⇒ Continued to hold open-invitation social hour networking events following monthly organization meetings



The Transportation Engineering Council (TEC) Chair holds monthly meetings with an organizational team to plan events throughout the year. The TEC promotes NCSITE in the engineering community through technical training opportunities, seminars, users groups and task force teams. Bobby Croom will continue as TEC Chair in 2007.

The accomplishments of the TEC for the year 2006 include the following:

- ⇒ Assisted in organizing the Student-led Meeting held on March 28th in Raleigh
- ⇒ Local meeting in Hickory on April 25th
- ⇒ The TEC has continued successful meetings of the Signal Systems User Group and initiated the Simulation and Capacity Analysis (SimCap) User Group
- ⇒ Within the Signal Systems Users Group, a Signal Timing Evaluation Sub-Group has been generated
- ⇒ The TEC has initiated a Trip Generation Task Force focusing on internal capture and including involvement from NCDOT, municipalities, and the private sector
- ⇒ Development of a Local Meeting Packet
- ⇒ Organization of the annual Silent Auction scholarship fundraiser to be run in conjunction with the Annual Meeting

COMMITTEES

Membership Committee—Mark McDonald (City of High Point)

- ⇒ 66 new members including 11 student members
- ⇒ Total membership is 604 active: 277 members, 282 affiliates and 45 students
- ⇒ Development of New Member Packet

Operational Committee—Jeff Dale (Kimley-Horn and Associates)

- ⇒ Ongoing website updates including the online events calendar
- ⇒ Operations Manual development
- ⇒ Membership directory and listserv updates
- ⇒ Production and support for the monthly *Involver* newsletters



Survey Committee—Jim Westmoreland (City of Greensboro)

- ⇒ Developed two member surveys through multiple meetings and distributed for online responses
- ⇒ Distributed a summary report and provided to the Board for input into future actions

2006 NCSITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

MAJOR TASK ITEMS

NCSITE Web Site (www.ncsite.org)

2006 has been a great year for the [www.NCSITE.org](http://www.ncsite.org) team members. Throughout the year, the team has worked tirelessly to add several new items and improve some of the existing information and services offered to our NCSITE membership.

- ⇒ New Layout of the NCSITE Homepage (President's Message and Latest News) <http://www.ncsite.org/index.html>
- ⇒ Exclusive WebPages for the SimCap Analysis User Group (<http://www.ncsite.org/simcap/>) and the Trip Generation Task Force (<http://www.ncsite.org/tripgeneration.html>)
- ⇒ NCSITE Annual Awards Information <http://www.ncsite.org/awards.html>
- ⇒ Online nominations for NCSITE Annual Awards <http://www.ncsite.org/awards/nominationform.html>
- ⇒ Directors and Committee Chairs photographs <http://www.ncsite.org/directors.html>
- ⇒ Council Director/Chairs responsibilities, 2006 goals and photographs <http://www.ncsite.org/councildirector.html>
- ⇒ Presentations and Photos from most of the NCSITE sponsored meetings <http://www.ncsite.org/MeetingArchives.html>
- ⇒ NCSITE Membership Update Form http://www.ncsite.org/update_form.html

We are excited for Radha Swayampakala (RS&H) to continue his leadership in 2007. His team plans to continue improving and expanding the member's services that are being offered to the Section. Some of the exciting ideas that are currently planned for implementation in the future include:

- ⇒ Online registrations for the NCSITE sponsored meetings
- ⇒ Online directory of NCSITE members
- ⇒ Continued expansion of the Section history for Past Meetings and accomplishments
- ⇒ Continued expansion of the online library of resources

Involver

For the second year in a row, Stacie Phillips (Kimley-Horn and Associates) has maintained her role as the Involver editor and coordinator for advertisements and job postings for our members. During 2006, Stacie was assisted by several reporters recruited by Mr. Humphrey. Thanks to the articles from these reporters and several other NCSITE members, we were able to expand the amount of technical articles and local transportation information shared in the 2006 editions of the Involver.

Membership Database and Directory

At the beginning of 2006, the Operations Committee worked closely with the Membership Committee to develop a process for capturing the contact information for all of the new members that joined during the year. With this effort, the Membership and Operations Committees were able to maintain closely coordinated databases of the current membership. We are hoping this initiative made it easier for new members to be integrated into some of the ongoing meetings and events.

After countless emails to the existing membership and with the ITE office, the Operations Committee has completed a significant update to the official membership database and has created a 2007 Directory of Members and Affiliates. This Directory has been provided in an electronic format on CD and is available at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Report

The Operations Committee is beginning efforts to develop the 2006 Annual Report. The Section has had a tremendously busy year and we are excited to work on capturing the many successful events that occurred throughout the year. If you were responsible for organizing any meetings or events during the 2006 calendar year, please contact us so that we can ensure that your event will be accurately documented within the Annual report.

For more information about any of NCSITE's activities, please visit our web site: www.ncsite.org . Please contact any of the above named individuals if you like to volunteer.



NCDOT Transportation Leadership Team Formed

Before he retired, Len Sanderson, NCDOT Highway Administrator, created a Transportation Leadership Team. Its mission is to “Develop and implement a leadership plan to timely deliver a quality transportation program in North Carolina by identifying and addressing emerging transportation issues.” The group includes representatives of the NCDOT and FHWA staff, but mostly folks who represent various organizations and who are vendors, consultants or contractors related to the Transportation industry. I serve as a representative of NCSITE.

While the mission statement sounds a bit nebulous, the goals are much more straight- forward and include:

1. Identify, pilot and implement accelerated project delivery systems, specifications, processes and procedures.
2. Improve the quality of the transportation projects and products.
3. Identify and implement cost containment approaches.
4. Improve public perception of project implementation.

We’ve held two meetings to date. The focus right now is developing a list of potential initiatives the team would like to pursue to address each goal, prioritize them and develop a work plan. We are also pulling together information regarding what the NCDOT is already doing to address the goals so that we can work out a work plan strategy that coordinates the work of the Committee and NCDOT.

I’ll try and give periodic reports on progress thru the *Involver*. Kudos are in order for the NCDOT and Len Sanderson for addressing this timely subject and, particularly, enlisting the help of folks outside of NCDOT who are in the transportation business in their efforts.

Submitted by **Jim G. Humphrey, Charlotte DOT**
2006 President, NCSITE

Charlotte Lunch 'n' Learn

The Charlotte area hosted its third Lunch 'n' Learn session of 2006 on December 13th at the Charlotte Museum of History. Mr. **Brian Fowler, P.E.**, and Mr. **Charles Abel, P.E.**, senior Traffic Signal Systems Engineers with the Charlotte Department of Transportation, presented the latest technology and the future of the City of Charlotte Traffic Signal System. An audience of about 50 professionals and students were entertained and well-fed and all look forward to the upcoming Charlotte Lunch 'n' Learns in 2007. The PowerPoint presentation is available at: <http://www.ncsite.org/MeetingArchives.html>

Sincere thanks to: *Jim Beck, DRMP; Michael Blackmore, RS&H; Brian Fowler, CDOT; Rick Grochoske, CDOT; Ranjitha Manchukonda, Parsons Brinkerhoff; Tracy Newsome, CDOT; Srinivas Pulugurtha, UNC Charlotte; Louis Raymond, PBS&J; Tony Tagliaferri, Chas H. Sells; and Brett Wallace, URS* for their time and effort for helping with the arrangements of the Lunch 'n' Learn sessions in 2006.

If you have any questions or comments about this Meeting, please contact Mr. **Radha Krishna Swayampakala, PE, RS&H** at radha.swayampakala@rsandh.com.

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

Inaugural TRB Reception

NC State University is delighted to announce its Inaugural TRB Reception
Please join us to enjoy food, drinks and good conversation!

Monday, January 22, 2007
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Churchill Hotel*
1914 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, DC

* located across the street
from the Hilton Washington
Special thanks to our inaugural sponsors
who will be recognized at the event.

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Job Postings

RAMEY KEMP & ASSOCIATES, INC. **TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. is a growing employee-owned transportation engineering firm headquartered in Raleigh, NC with branch offices located in Richmond, VA, Winston Salem, NC, and Wilmington, NC. We offer very competitive compensation and benefits as well as a flexible work environment. We currently have the following positions available:

BRANCH MANAGER for start up office in downtown Wilmington, NC. 8+ years experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate must possess excellent written/oral communication skills, a BSCE, and PE registration. Masters in Transportation and PTOE certification a plus. Public speaking and project management experience is essential.

SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER with 8+ years experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sectors. Ideal candidate will have excellent written/oral skills, a BSCE, and PE registration. Masters in transportation and PTOE certification a plus. Positions available in Richmond, VA and Wilmington, NC.

TRAFFIC ASSOCIATE with 0-4 years 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. Masters in transportation a plus. Positions available in Raleigh, NC, Richmond, VA, and Wilmington, NC.

*E-mail resume along with a cover letter to hr@rameykemp.com.



The Traffic Engineering Branch of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking highly motivated individuals for entry-level, mid-level and supervisory-level transportation engineering positions in the **Congestion Management Section**.

We currently have two openings for a Plan Review Project Design Engineer who will perform and lead entry level engineers and technicians in performing traffic engineering analysis and safety and design reviews, review analyses performed by other staff and private engineering firms, attend and direct project related meetings including public meetings, schedule, budget, estimate, negotiate, and manage consulting firm contracts.

These positions will be posted from 1/10/07 until 1/24/07. Applications must be received by the closing date. The position is posted on NCDOT's web page as shown below. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cove at (919)250-4151.

Job Postings: <http://www.ncdot.org> and click on "Careers"

Traffic Design Engineer

Assist in the preparation of traffic signal plans, traffic control plans, pavement marking plans, signing plans, functional roadway designs, and traffic impact studies.

Minimum qualifications: BS or BA in Civil Engineering, specializing in Traffic and Transportation Engineering or related field with 2 to 5 years of experience, EI required, PE preferred.

Technical skills: Knowledge of NCDOT traffic signal design standards; good communication and computer skills; expertise in Microstation and experience in AutoCAD, Synchro, and HCS.

Interested candidates should submit resumes to Jody Lewis at jodylewis@mabtrans.com, or at Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, PLLC, 4000 WestChase Boulevard, Suite 530, Raleigh, NC 27607.

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Transportation Engineer I/II

Hiring Range: I-\$40,915.00-\$51,393.00/II-\$44,969.00-\$56,485.00

The **City of Durham**, North Carolina seeks a Transportation Engineer I/II. Job responsibilities include: Perform typical traffic engineering studies; preparation of oral and written reports to staff, committees, elected bodies. Education requirements: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and three years of progressive transportation engineering experience. Transportation Engineer I-E.I. preferred; Transportation Engineer II-E.I. Required and P.E. preferred.

Forward a copy of your resume to City of Durham Human Resources Office at: Human Resources, City of Durham, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701. Phone: (919) 450-4214. www.durhamnc.gov The City of Durham is an EO/AA Employer.

Our client seeks **Project Managers** for their **Norfolk** area office in the following disciplines: **Transportation & Planning, Site Design and Water Management**. These roles will provide leadership to each of the respective areas and also work directly with clients.

We are looking for candidates with increasing levels of experience in Project Management. Having a PE is preferred, but not required.

We are **The Human Capital Group**, a retained executive search firm, with extensive knowledge and experience in the design field.

For more information, contact Dan Ryan at 615 371 0285 or at Dan@HumanCapitalGroupInc.com

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>

Involver Newsletter

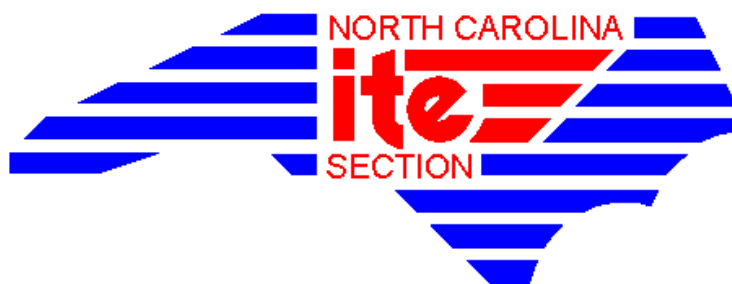
The editor of the NCSITE Involver is Stacie Phillips at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. She can be reached by phone at (919)653-2957 or by email at stacie.phillips@kimley-horn.com. Please send all advertisements, comments or submissions to Stacie.

This Space for Rent

We are looking for companies that would like to participate in our Involver and web page advertisements. If you decide to participate, 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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