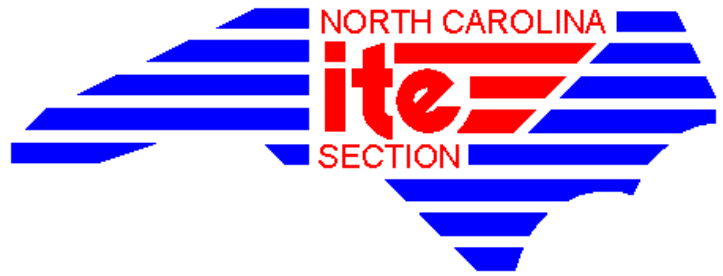


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March 2007

President's Message



Dale Privette
NCSITE President - 2007

There is no debate that the future of our professions, whether transportation engineering, transportation planning, or any combination of those, is largely dependent on attracting, educating, and recruiting bright, young, energetic students. The transportation profession, as well as many other areas of expertise, has begun to suffer the consequences of so many "seasoned veterans" leaving the profession through retirement. It seems that the volume of new engineers and planners entering the profession is unable to fill the void that these retirements are creating. So what do we do, as a professional organization, about this crisis?

As you will read later in this newsletter, NCSITE is actively attempting to promote the transportation profession, from middle school-aged students through those engaged in graduate level coursework. Many of our members are actively involved in mentoring middle and high school students, and our Planning Council takes a lead in promoting transportation in school competitions. Our section, for years, has sponsored a student-led local meeting where one of our student chapters organizes and presents papers (March 20 in Greensboro). And best of all, in the coming months, your Board will be hearing proposals from a special committee to completely overhaul and enhance NCSITE's scholarship

program. These initiatives are, I believe, just the tip of the iceberg. We all should take responsibility for promoting our profession, whether we attend our son's or daughter's elementary school class to talk about what we do, or accompany a group of graduate students to TRB each January, and anything in between, we should all attempt to share stories of the rich, rewarding profession we have chosen. I think our future depends on it.

Please check our calendar of events as there are several great opportunities for training, networking, and fellowship upcoming. Your Board will hold its next business meeting in conjunction with the student-led meeting on March 20 (registration form is included in this newsletter). Our annual mid-year meeting is really taking shape. I hope all of you will consider spending a couple of days (or more) in the mountains in June.

Last month, I promised to provide an update on our efforts to hire an Executive Associate. Our personnel committee has developed a request for letters of interest as a first step in recruiting possible candidates for this position. This request will be publicly advertised in the coming weeks and we hope to receive many responses from those interested and qualified. We still have a target of hiring this Associate by June 1.

Please continue to contact me if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns that I can assist in. As always, remember, your enjoyment of membership in our section is directly related to your level of involvement, so GET INVOLVED!!

Dale Privette
NCSITE President - 2007

New Hires and Promotions

John Ponder, II, P.E. has been promoted to Senior Project Manager at Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, PLLC (M/A/B). He has been with M/A/B for more than five years and focuses on traffic forecasting.

Taruna Toyal has been promoted to Senior Project Manager at M/A/B. She has been with M/A/B for more than six years and works on the company's travel modeling efforts.

Jianxin (Justine) Ma, P.E. has been recently hired by M/A/B. She has more than five years of traffic engineering experience with a focus on traffic impact analysis and traffic signal design.

Lauren Gillespie, E.I. has been recently hired by M/A/B after graduating from North Carolina State University.

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.

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New Revenues for Transportation

by Jim Humphrey, Charlotte Department of Transportation

The legislature is in full session now, but the prospect of new transportation revenues is unclear.

Most of us have seen publicity of the State's projected \$62M shortfall between revenues and needs over the next 25 years on their system alone. We've seen 3 Transportation related commissions and committees all come to the same conclusion...that there are dire needs that will affect the state's economy and growth....that more funding is needed....and that there is need for some basic reform in how transportation is funded and implemented. What the recommendations lack is action.

Governor Easley recently gave his "State of the State" address and outlined some budget proposals. There was talk of an infrastructure bond for as much as \$1M, but no mention of roads and transportation funding specifically. More recently, he was quoted in the newspaper as questioning the validity of the \$62M shortfall the NCDOT had projected and indicating he felt it was an overestimate of needs.

I recently attended a presentation by Senate Pro Tem Marc Basnight. He indicated that he did not see any new revenue sources for statewide transportation needs coming out of the legislature in this session. He did say that, if a locality had needs, they should come to the legislature with a plan for dealing with it. I see this as a positive comment toward the idea of local options.

The NC League of Municipalities has adopted a policy statement indicating both Infrastructure and Transportation Funding to be their highest priorities. This is a good thing.

NC GO, a transportation advocacy group seems to be active and advocating for more funding and reform....and being a proactive force for change and communication.

Some geographic areas of the state, specifically the Charlotte and Raleigh/Durham areas, have made transportation funding a component of their legislative goals.

The NCDOT has not formally announced how they propose to deal with the problems on their system. They are engaged in discussions with the Legislature's "State and Local Fiscal Modernization Committee-Infrastructure Responsibilities and Funding Subcommittee". A number of my peers and I, representing our municipalities, have also spoken to the subcommittee regarding needs on the municipal systems across the state. Some feel the subcommittee is the best opportunity for change.

I am told by people who work in the legislature that transportation will be a priority in this session. I'll try and forward pertinent information to you regarding this subject. In the meantime, communicate with your local and state officials about your views on the subject. Each of us as transportation professionals have a wealth of knowledge that will be valuable to those in decision making positions....if WE make it a priority.

Hold These Dates

March 14th

Transportation Planning Council Meeting

Kimley-Horn (Cary)



March 15th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting

Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC

March 20th

Student-Hosted Meeting

The Depot, NC A&T University
Greensboro, NC

<http://www.ncsite.org/documents/07StudentLedRegistration.pdf>

March 25th - 27th

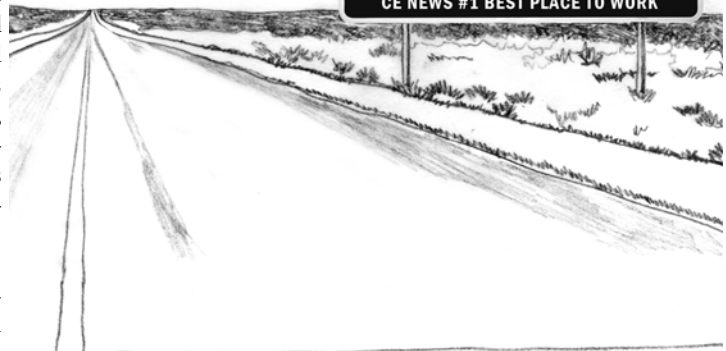
ITE International Technical Conference and Exhibit

San Diego, California

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.

Are you going places?



Steady path or uncharted trail—
we can help you get there.

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Don't forget the **Student Led Meeting** in Greensboro!
March 20, 2007

The Depot in Greensboro

Come support our student members and participate in some great technical presentations. Registrations are due **March 16th!!!** The registration form and additional information are available on the [NCSITE](http://www.ncsite.org) web site.



**New NC Go! Leaders Announce
 2007 Agenda Transportation Funding Solutions Critical for Legislature**

Raleigh, NC – With the 2007 legislative session gets underway, transportation coalition NC Go! has announced its priorities for the year as well as new volunteer leadership for the organization. Once again the coalition is challenging elected officials to begin serious debate on the transportation funding shortfall that looms in our state.

“We are at a crossroads and inaction is not an option,” said William “Beau” Mills, recently appointed as chair for NC Go! “North Carolina faces a \$65 billion shortfall between projected needs and available funding during the next 25 years. There are immediate needs which must be addressed, and elected officials need to take a look at the investments we making in transportation in North Carolina. It’s obvious something’s broken.”

NC Go! is the state’s only broad-based coalition focused on strengthening North Carolina’s transportation infrastructure. The group represents more than 130 businesses and organizations, including chambers of commerce and transit authorities. According to NC Go!, without adequate investment in highways, bridges, transit and other multi-modal forms of transportation, safety and efficiency decrease with overuse which results in deterioration and congestion.

As part of the NC Go! plan for 2007, highlighted priorities include:

- ⇒ Authorize a \$1 billion bond to jump-start transportation projects.
- ⇒ Preserve existing funding for transportation needs and end diversion from the Highway Trust Fund.
- ⇒ Permit local option solutions – including tolling – to enable municipalities to meet special needs.
- ⇒ Increase the Highway Use Fee to 5 percent, similar to neighboring states.
- ⇒ Seek fundamental financing reform for transportation funding.

“We are calling on legislators in Raleigh to address the growing transportation problem in our state,” added Mills. “If left unchecked, traffic only gets worse and highways and bridges in need of repair become ones that need to be replaced. This is the year to act.”

Mills has volunteered for several years as part of the NC Go! Executive Committee and, since 2001, has served as the Director for the N.C. Metropolitan Coalition. Previously he was a federal employee on special assignment as a Senior Policy Adviser to N.C. Governor Jim Hunt. Mills was also an Eisenhower Fellow in 2006, when he traveled to China to study their rapidly developing infrastructure and economic development strategies in an effort to increase North Carolina’s competitiveness in the region.

The coalition also announced that Berry Jenkins was appointed as NC Go! vice chair. Jenkins, director of the Carolinas AGC Highway Heavy Equipment Division, is a founding volunteer and executive committee member of NC Go!

“We pay a heavy price for investing too little in transportation,” said Jenkins. “Without adequate maintenance and improvement, safety issues and congestion worsen. That’s bad for economic development, commerce and our quality of life.”

“This is about more than completing loops or building bypasses,” said Jenkins. “NC Go! is making recommendations and calling for solutions because there are potholes, road signs and barricades going unrepaired. You might not recognize how important these repairs are until there’s not enough money for them.”

Questions? Contact Charles Hodges, chodges@capstrat.com

We're on the Web!
<http://www.ncsite.org>

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Transportation Planning Council Update

I would like take the opportunity to update everyone on the activities of the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) and thank those people who have been so instrumental to our success. For those of you who are not familiar with the TPC, we are focused on developing transportation planning related training opportunities, policy comment opportunities and networking opportunities for NCSITE members and members of the North Carolina transportation community. The TPC holds monthly meetings to plan the activities of the council. While these meetings are largely administrative, anyone who is interested is more than welcome to attend. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Raleigh or Cary offices of Kimley-Horn (check website for location).

So far this year the TPC has hosted one lunch & learn in Raleigh titled *Engaging the Public in Transportation and Environmental Planning*. The luncheon was attended by 36 people and special thanks to Anne Morris for presenting and Terry Arellano and Melissa Cooney for their help in organizing the event. The TPC hopes to hold at least two more lunch & learns in the Triangle this year. In addition to the Triangle lunch & learns, due to the diligent work of Radha Swayampakala., there are plans for quarterly lunch & learns in the Charlotte area. The Charlotte area will also host two evening meetings with many thanks to Rob Hume for his work in organizing these events. The TPC has a strong desire to develop at least one lunch & learn per year in the Triad area, however, is in need of a local representative interested in organizing the luncheon. If you have any interest please let me know.

One of the primary items that the TPC is responsible for is holding the mid-year meeting. The planning for this year's meeting to be held in Asheville on June 14 and 15th is well underway. We are looking for ideas for technical presentations so please contact me if you have any ideas or any topics you would like to see presented. The success of the midyear meeting would not be possible without the help of Russell Dalton, Terry Arellano, Beth Royall, Todd Delk, James Voso and Reuben Moore. We are hoping for a fun and informative couple of days and hope you will be able to join us.

In addition the normal TPC functions, we provide support to the model users group and are looking to expand NCSITE through outreach efforts to environmental planners. Missy Dickens has been leading this effort and we hope to expand our technical programs to meet the needs of environmental planning professionals.

A new focus for the TPC in 2007 is to try to provide additional opportunities for training to expand the technical offerings for our membership. We are currently looking at providing both instructor led sessions and web seminars for the coming year. Watch the listserv for updates.

One last area that the TPC is trying to become more actively involved in is the Future Cities program. This program is for middle school students to learn about engineering and includes writing an essay, designing a city using the Sim City program and building a scale model of a portion of their city. NCSITE has sponsored an award for the past two years for the best transportation system. NCSITE members have been engineering mentors, judges and have provided support at the competition. This January the following NCSITE members participated: Eric Lamb, Kristina Solberg, Beth Royall, Lori Cove, Terry Arellano, Todd Delk, Russell Dalton and Peter Trencansky. We are looking to expand this effort and will be soliciting members to act as mentors this fall.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members of the TPC for their hard work, the NCSITE board for their support and the members for attending or programs. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to become more active with the TPC please contact me at 919-461-1332 or peter_trencansky@urscorp.com.



Traffic & Parking	Urban & Regional Planning	Raleigh, NC
Railway	Transportation Planning	919.755.0583
Highway/Bridges	Civil/Site	
Hydraulics	Economics	Greensboro, NC
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It's time to mark your calendar!

**NCSITE Mid-Year Meeting
June 14 - 15, 2007
Asheville, North Carolina**



Location & Accommodations

Crowne Plaza Resort \$109/Night Conference Rate
One Resort Drive (June 13 & 14th)
Asheville, North Carolina For Reservations Made by May 14, 2007

**CALL 800-733-3211 AND GIVE THE GROUP NAME NCSITE
TO RESERVE A ROOM AT THE CONFERENCE RATE**

Registration

*For registration post marked by **May 14, 2005***

NCSITE & Other ITE Section Members.....	\$75
Non-Members.....	\$85
Students.....	FREE

***\$10 late fee will be assessed for registrations post marked after May 14, 2007
No registrations will be accepted after June 1, 2007***

***MORE REGISTRATION INFORMATION & DRAFT AGENDA
WILL BE POSTED SOON ON THE NCSITE WEBSITE***

Don't forget about the Golf Tournament...

The NCSITE Scholarship Golf Tournament
will be held June 13, 2007 at 1:00 PM
at Broadmoor Golf Links.

*More information and registration details
will be available soon!*



We'll see you in Asheville!

NCSITE Mid-Year Meeting Golf Tournament

Dear ITE members and supporters;

Please join me in supporting ITE and the scholarship fund through golf and event sponsorship!

The NCSITE Mid-Year Meeting will be held this year in Asheville Thursday June 14th through Friday the 15th. We will hold our Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on the Wednesday before the conference (June 13th) at the Broadmoor Links. We will tee off starting at 1:00 pm. Entry fee for the tournament will be \$50 per person.

The course is located in a wildlife preserve, with no houses along the fairways, and no out of bounds (perfect for my style of play). Check out their website for more information at <http://www.broadmoorlinks.com/>.

Also, the event committee has arranged special entertainment, as we will have dinner Thursday night provided in the Pepsi Party Pavilion at the Asheville Tourists Baseball Stadium while we watch the Tourists take on the Hickory Crawdads in exciting minor league action.

Since the golf tournament is held to raise money for the scholarship fund, I need your help in making this a success. You are invited to sponsor individual holes for a price of \$150. A second hole may be sponsored for an additional \$100. If you are interested in providing additional sponsorship in the form of snacks, refreshments, or goody bags, please let me know, but please make this in addition to, rather than in place of, the basic sponsorship.

Also, to throw in a little change from past years, you are invited to prepare your own sign designating "your hole". I will provide signs for all companies not desiring to make their own, but we did want to make this opportunity available for anyone that wanted to personalize your advertisement. Should you choose to prepare your own, please let me know, and I will provide sign requirements and the deadline for pick-up.

Your sponsorship dollars, minus any direct cost, will go in entirety to the NCSITE Scholarship Fund.

Also, we need a sponsor for the Thursday outing to see the Tourists and Crawdads. This event sponsor will be identified by a banner located near the food, as well as specifically mentioned during the conference. If you are interested, please let me know.

If you decide not to sponsor, I hope you will still consider supporting the event by playing in the tournament. Registration as a golfer will be handled via the general meeting announcement.

Thank you for your support of this fine organization, and I look forward to seeing you there.

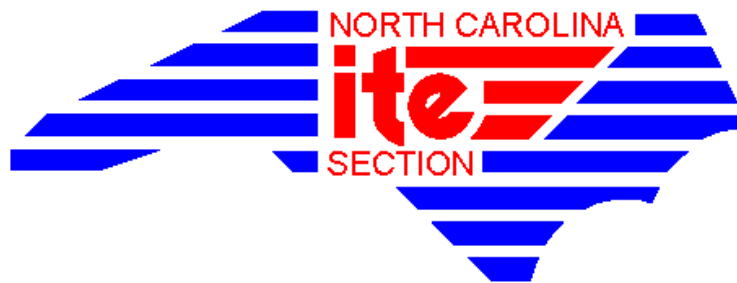
Thanks again,

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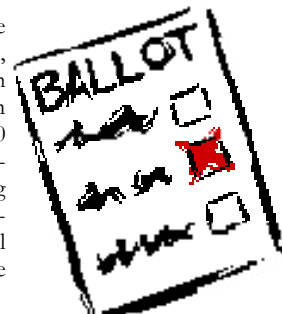
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Jim Westmoreland for SDITE Secretary-Treasurer

Jim Westmoreland has been officially nominated as a candidate for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern District of ITE (SDITE). Very soon, election ballots will be mailed out to all SDITE members and affiliates (with election results being tallied and announced at the SDITE Annual Meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee on April 22nd – 25th). At last count, we had over 290 (SDITE) voting members in the North Carolina Section. You can help increase the representation of NCSITE within the Southern District by casting your vote. Jim's official resume will be included with the SDITE officer ballot, but you can also view it on our web site. We are also assured that Jim will graciously answer any questions anyone may have about his vision for the Southern District and how he wants to help it grow.



Job Postings



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:

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SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER with 4+ 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 EI/EIT or PE, good communication skills and knowledge of traffic engineering concepts and analysis software. Masters in transportation a plus. Positions available in Richmond, VA, and Wilmington, NC.

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Technical skills should include a working knowledge of the following software applications: MicroStation, Geopak, AutoCad, Land Desktop, Synchro and/or Highway Capacity Software (HCS). A North Carolina PE license or ability to obtain one is required. It is also essential that this candidate possess excellent verbal and written communication skills.

We are a transportation engineering firm dedicated to building more than roads – we are committed to building people's lives both in our community and around the world. If you would like to be a part of our team, please call 336-744-1636 for any questions regarding this position or any other opportunities at John Davenport Engineering, Inc. You may fax resumes to Pattie Parker @ 336-722-6788 or e-mail to pparker@davenportengineering.com.

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Highway Engineer / Project Manager – Licensed PE plus 6 years of project management and roadway design experience. Experience using DOT Design Standards and Specifications is a plus.

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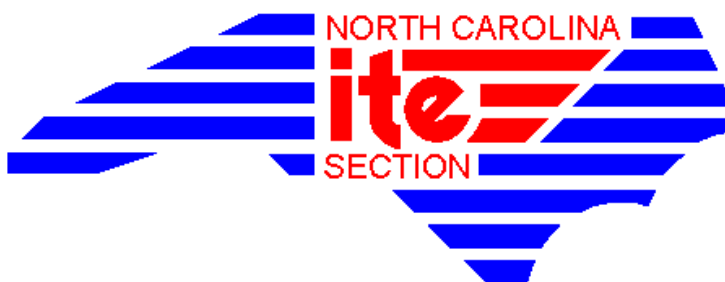
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This Space for Rent

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.

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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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