National Park Foundation Transportation Scholars:
Driving Change in New Bedford and Beyond
By: Steven M. Tupper, E.I.T., Cape Cod Commission
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A Message from the President
-Kien Ho-

First, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the New England ITE Section. The Section has been such a rewarding organization both personally and professionally. As your new President, I want to thank the immediate past President, Joe Balskus, for setting a great example for me to follow and his continued support of the Section. Joe, you certainly set the bar high for us!

The year 2012 promises to be an exciting one for the Section. We are planning for both the 2013 Northeastern District and the ITE International Annual Meeting. Both meetings will be held in Massachusetts with the District in Northampton and the International in Boston.

We started our first Board meeting in Montpelier, Vermont on January 24, 2012. I would like to thank the Vermont Chapter for hosting the meeting. We had a great turnout, with all the Board members attending along with several Committee Chairs and Chapter leaders. Unlike last year, the weather cooperated and everyone had a great time and of course a safe trip. We had excellent technical sessions on the Tropical Storm Irene Recovery Process and ITE/CNU walkable thoroughfare Manual.

Now, I’d like to touch upon some of my goals for the Section in 2012. Starting with my slogan for the Section, which has always been “members first”. To me the success of this organization is all about how well we serve our members. My goal is to better serve our members through better communications and program integration between the District level, New England Section and the respective local Chapters especially the Student Chapters. I will work to provide our members with the most benefits from this organization especially integrating more activities between students and professionals in the transportation industry. I will achieve this by encouraging the committees to have more joint meetings with other professional societies including Student Chapters to promote the New England Section ITE as a whole. Working with other local organizations such as WTS and local ASCE chapters or Young Professionals in Transportation Groups will broaden our resources to provide quality programs to our members as well as provide additional outreach to expand membership to other professionals in the transportation field and to recruit future leaders.

I strongly believe that committee activity at the chapter level and participation with the Board can often work hand-in-hand. The committee participation enriches the organization and provides an opportunity for the Board to better understand and resolve issues encountered by the respective committees. In addition, participation at these meetings also brings an understanding of how the Board operates. This can be invaluable for the Section.

I am pleased to report that 2011 has been a year for increased activity among our student members within the organization. We had over 30 students attended the December 5th Annual meeting in Warwick, Rhode Island. We have 5 active Student Chapters (Northeastern, UConn, UMass Amherst, UMass Lowell, and URI) within our Section and I would encourage everyone to continue to reach out and get involved with at least one. In addition, if you know a student that may not be at one of these universities but has an interest in transportation please encourage him/her to get involved.

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Along the same lines, our young members are also a high-priority area. In fact, they are the future of our organization. The Emerging Professionals Group, chaired by Jason DeGray, has increased activity significantly within the past 2 years. The Board has increased the committee budget for the Emerging Professionals Group to support and fund more events to be held throughout the New England states. Another good example is Alan Cloutier has created a Facebook page for the Section - a strategy that will surely appeal to our younger members. If you have an idea or suggestion, please contact me.

We need to encourage young members (students and professionals) to participate and stay active in the organization at the local or District level. To help achieve this, I have asked Steve Tupper, past President of UMass Amherst student chapter to be the new Student Chapter Liaison Chair. Steve is a seasoned ITE young leader who has provided excellent leadership while at UMass Amherst. I am grateful to have Steve chairing this committee.

The students and young professionals are the future leaders of our organization and by investing in them now; they will be better equipped to serve in the future. I look forward to working with everyone!

-Kien
The NEITE Chronicle is interested in short articles on innovative projects and cutting-edge solutions. Please send articles, listings, graphics and photographs to our editor, Steven Findlen, at steve.findlen@mcmtrans.com. The NEITE Chronicle staff thanks you and we hope enjoy this issue.
Before joining the Cape Cod Commission, the regional planning agency for Cape Cod, in December 2011, I had the opportunity to take a six-month assignment as a National Park Foundation Transportation Scholar at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. There I worked on developing park shuttle service to provide a visitor and environmentally-friendly link between park sites. From the project I learned the importance of thinking about the end user through the design process and drawing on the diverse skills afforded by the many partners in the project.

**Park Scholar Program Background** – The National Park Service promotes preservation of and access to the nation’s greatest natural and cultural resources. Balancing the goals of access and preservation often leads parks to seek unique and innovative transportation solutions. The National Park Foundation Transportation Scholar program places transportation professionals at parks throughout the country to assist park staff in developing and implementing these solutions.

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**Project Goals**

**Visitor Experience**
Improve visitor experience by making it easier for all visitors to access the key sites that help with interpretation of park themes

**Awareness**
Raise awareness about the existence of the park and its partners

**Partnerships**
Successfully collaborate with the City of New Bedford, the Southeast Regional Transit Authority, and other park partners

**Parking Trends**
Shift visitors’ parking preference from street parking to garage parking

**Sustainability**
Provide financially and environmentally sustainable access to park resources

**Park Background** – New Bedford, Massachusetts, was the mid-19th century’s preeminent whaling port, known for its production of whale oil as “The City that Lit the World.” Congress established the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in 1996 to commemorate the American whaling industry and its contribution to our nation’s history. The park represents a new model in the National Park Service: Preservation and education are achieved through partnerships and not solely through federal ownership. Together with its partners, the park preserves New Bedford’s historic landscapes, structures, and collections and promotes research and educational programming associated with the history of whaling.

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Route Selection – The results of a stakeholder route planning workshop, recommendations from the Volpe Center, discussions with staff, and a field investigation influenced the recommendations for shuttle routed. The major roadway through the study area, Route 18, is currently undergoing a major infrastructure improvement project, making the selection of a route even more difficult. The new design for Route 18 will be a major improvement with a much more pedestrian-friendly and aesthetically pleasing boulevard design. The challenge for the project was designing a system on roads that do not exist.

Our major philosophy in designing the routes was to allow the visitor to see all of the park’s partner sites and the major attractions in the city without driving from place to place. Visitors will be able to park in the Elm Street Garage, a conveniently located municipal garage, and have access through the proposed shuttle service to anywhere they may want to go. The National Park Visitor Center, located a few hundred feet from the garage, will be the hub of the system. In addition to viewing the informational video and talking to one of the park rangers, visitors will be able to board one of three shuttles depending on what they want to do for the day.

The Downtown route will link the national park to the waterfront, the downtown, and to parking. On this 2.2-mile route the visitor can visit all of the park’s partner sites and experience all attractions of the downtown area. Highlights of the route include the Whaling Museum, the working waterfront, the Rotch-Jones-Duff House (a mansion preserved from the age of whaling), and sites linked to the Underground Railroad and 54th Civil War Regiment. Within the downtown area the route will provide access to the many local shops, galleries, cafés, and restaurants that the city has to offer.

If the visitor wants to venture beyond the downtown, the Fort Taber route and the Buttonwood Park route provide two unique options. The Fort Taber route will provide a connection between the national park, and the Civil War-era Fort Taber area which features a military museum, park, and multi-use trail. Along the way visitors can debark at one of the area beaches, parks, or antique shops. Visitors will also be able to look onto Buzzards Bay as ships leave port and be able to marvel at the massive hurricane barrier that protects New Bedford’s inner harbor. The Buttonwood Park route will connect the national park and the downtown area to the city-owned Buttonwood Park Zoo, one of the finest small zoos in New England. Visitors will also be able to enjoy the 97-acre Buttonwood Park.

Overall Service Plan – All three recommended routes will operate simultaneously for a cohesive visitor experience. The routes were designed to connect with existing transit, regional bus, and ferry services. Routes will begin and end at the National Park Visitor Center and will connect to the Elm Street Garage for convenient parking. Service will be provided every 20 minutes to downtown locations and hourly to destinations beyond the downtown area.

For the pilot service, daily operation is tentatively planned for June through August and weekend-only operation is planned for the months of May and September. The shuttle will initially operate from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the same hours as those of the National Park Visitor Center and many other attractions in the vicinity. A minimal fare is likely to be charged to maintain appropriate use and quality of service of the shuttle.
Vehicle Selection – A number of factors were taken into consideration to identify the best vehicle for the proposed shuttle system. Staff at the park identified the following characteristics desired in a shuttle: safety, maneuverability, ease of access, economy of operation, serviceability, environmental impact, and comfort. In addition to these factors, the vehicle must fit the budget allotted for vehicle purchases and must meet all pertinent requirements.

Marketing – Marketing is one of the most important components of the shuttle project. Marketing elements that evoke imagery of the whaling tradition in New Bedford will be employed to market the shuttle and the park to visitors. The most noticeable will be the shuttle itself. The illustration below depicts a possible shuttle wrap (note the vehicle type has changed since this design was drafted). Other planned marketing components include stop signage, brochures, tickets, and a website. Students from a design class at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (four studying graphic design and two studying marketing) are currently working to make the visuals supporting the launch of the shuttle a success.

Evaluation – Evaluation of the shuttle will be essential in making adjustments to the service throughout the pilot period and in determining the utility of continuing shuttle service beyond the pilot. The goals, objectives, and performance measures defined for the project set the groundwork for how the shuttle will be evaluated. The degree of success or failure of the project will be judged by how well the shuttle project meets all seven of the stated goals. A consultant will be hired to help with evaluation, design, and analysis of the results.

Next Steps – The project is scheduled to begin service this upcoming summer. I encourage anyone looking for a fun, family-friendly summer destination to check out the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and all that the City of New Bedford has to offer. Any comments or suggestions you may have after your visit would be welcome.

Draft Shuttle Design

Acknowledgments – The National Park Foundation Transportation Scholar Program is made possible by the National Park Foundation, National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, The Motorola Solutions Foundation, the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks and Technical Assistance Center, and the Eno Center for Transportation. The shuttle project is made possible by a partnership between the National Park Service, the City of New Bedford, the Southeast Regional Transit Authority and the tireless dedication of the park staff and Manasse Kumlachew replaced me as a Scholar at the park.
MEITE Chapter Update
By: Randall Dunton

The Maine chapter had their Fall meeting in October at the MaineDOT Region 2 conference room. The focus of the meeting was parking design and techniques. We had a nice discussion on unique parking designs that had either been tried or considered trying. The discussions was followed by an ITE webinar “New Tools for parking Design and Analysis”. The next meeting is scheduled for February 29th at DiMillo’s floating restaurant in Portland.

The focus of that meeting will be signals and associated devices. Speakers are anticipated to include: Rhythm Engineering speaking on InSync adaptive traffic control, Highway Tech on controller operations, MaineDOT on standard signal plans, and PACTS on the regionalizing of signal systems. Mixed between the speakers are a social time and what should be a very nice dinner.

NHITE Chapter Update
By: Randall Dunton

New Hampshire leadership in 2012 features the same faces as 2011. David J. DeBaie PE, PTOE of Stantec is president of the chapter and can be reached at ddebaie@stantec.com, Rebecca L. Brown PE, of TEC, Inc is vice president and can be reached at RBrown@tecmass.com. David Saladino, PE of Resource Systems Group, Inc is Secretary-Treasurer and his email address is David.Saladino@rsfginc.com. Nicholas B. Sanders, PE of VHB is the program chair and he can be reached at NSanders@VHB.com. We plan on four meetings in 2012. The spring meeting is planned for March 15th at NHDOT. Tom Cooper of Rhythm Engineering will present their InSync Software for Adaptive Traffic Control. Following the meeting, the skiers in the group will travel a short way to Pats Peak in Henniker NH for some afternoon/evening runs. In June, the Chapter will host the joint New Hampshire / Maine Chapters/New England Section meeting at the familiar York Harbor Inn in York, Maine. This meeting will include multiple technical sessions. NHITE’s fall meeting traditionally is a lunch time event during the second week in September. The New Hampshire Chapter’s annual business meeting will be during the second week of December when we typically have a dinner speaker.

VTITE Chapter Update
By: Jenny Austin

The VTITE chapter had its’ annual joint meeting with NEITE on January 24, 2012. The two speakers included Lucy Gibson, Smart Mobility, and Richard Tetrault, Director of the VTrans Program Development Division. Ms. Gibson discussed the ITE/CNU Walkable Thoroughfare Manual. This manual focuses on urban thoroughfares in walkable areas. Mr. Tetrault discussed Tropical Storm Irene and the recovery process the State initiated to reconstruct the roads and bridges impacted throughout the State. 146 State road segments and 34 State bridges were closed for a total of 531 miles following this storm.

VTITE now has a group page on LinkedIn. We currently have 42 “members”.

RIITE Chapter Update
By: Nate Urso

RIITE held their annual joint meeting with the New England Section on November 3, 2011 at the Marriott Hotel in Providence. The keynote speaker was Amy Pettine of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) who spoke about bus and streetcar projects in Providence. The technical session featured a presentation by Jennifer DiStefano of Bryant Associates on “post construction” experiences at a local RI roundabout. The results of the chapter officer elections for 2012 were also announced as follows: Nate Urso – President, Francisco Lovera – Vice President, Derek Hug – Secretary, Pete Pavao – Treasurer

On February 28, 2012 RIITE will present a lunchtime webinar “Improving Highway Safety: Overview of 9 Proven Crash Countermeasures,” at the RIDOT Maintenance Headquarters in Warwick, RI. Lunch will be served at 11:15 AM with

MAITE Chapter Update
By: Steven C. Findlen

As our current Board begins our second year, the MA Chapter (MAITE) is looking forward to another great year in 2012. Some of the 2011 past highlights include: MAITE held our annual meeting with NEITE on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at the Hilton Gardens Inn in Waltham. Training included an overview of the Highway Safety Manual and a dinner program on Fast14, led by Neil Boudreau, MassDOT State Traffic Engineer.

The annual Summer Social was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in Boston, MA. Several members and non-members of MAITE attended the event that was a success and the first annual Winter Social held at the Beantown Pub in Boston on Tremont Street on Thursday, January 26, 2012. MAITE continues to recruit new members and promoting attendance at our monthly board meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 Park Plaza in Boston, MA. We continue to add new members to the MAITE chapter that currently stands at approximately 175 members. MAITE now has a Facebook page with a link to the MAITE page on the NEITE website. MAITE will continue to work with the editors of the NEITE Chronicle, McMahon Associates, to repeat the goal of getting out four issues in 2012. In an effort to get ready for the upcoming baseball season, the first annual Spring Social will be held on March 29, 2012 at the Bleacher Bar on Landsdowne Street in Boston, MA. MAITE is in the process of updating the MAITE logo. The board is currently looking into the competition requirements and hoping to have a new logo in place by Summer 2012. MAITE has also begun the process of setting up a Scholarship, with the hopes of finalizing this year, and announcing our first winner at our Annual Meeting in September 2012. The award will be given a professional in transportation engineering with 0-5 years of experience while pursuing an advanced degree in related field on a full-time or part-time basis.
ATTENTION: Chronicle Advertisers,

It is that time when you are being asked to purchase an ad in the Professional Services Directory of the New England Section Chronicle.

The cost for a business card size ad is $100.00.

Please make your check payable to the New England Section ITE and forward by April 1, 2012, to my attention at Ocean State Signal Co., 27 Thurber Blvd., Smithfield, RI 02917

All business card ads are to be emailed, preferably in pdf. format directly to cynthia.phoenix@mcmtrans.com.

We are now capable of printing 4 color logos. Please, do not mail any cards with the checks.

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Bill McNamara
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27 Thurber Blvd.
Smithfield, RI 02917
Executive Board Corner
By: Jeffrey S. Dirk, P.E., PTOE, FITE

On January 24, 2012, the newly constituted Executive Board of the New England Section held its organizational meeting in conjunction with the Vermont Chapter in Montpelier, Vermont. The weather was more cooperative for travel this year’s Board meeting, with last year’s pre-meeting snowstorm now a distant memory. The Board meeting was followed by a presentation by Mr. Richard Tetreault, Director of Program Development for VTrans, on Vermont’s recovery from the extensive damage caused by the flooding from tropical storm Irene, followed by a discussion on the ITE/Congress on New Urbanism’s Walkable Thoroughfare Manual lead by Lucy Gibson of Smart Mobility.

NEITE President Kien Ho welcomed new Board members Alan Cloutier and Jeff Gomes, and introduced the NEITE Officers and Committee Chairs for 2012. Kien outlined his objectives for the Section for 2012 which will entail: publication of four editions of the Chronicle; continued advancement of the elements of the NEITE Strategic Plan; implementation of the recommendations of the Financial Drawdown Committee; establishment of a Speakers Bureau; and preparing an updated membership directory for the Section. Kien also provided an update on refinements to the Section banner and logo which were unveiled at the NEITE Annual Meeting in December.

NEITE Vice President Joe Segale provided a tentative calendar of meetings and events for 2012, and will be working with Kien to update the Section membership directory. In addition, Joe will be following-up on his work last year as NEITE Secretary to advance the necessary changes to the Section by-laws to reflect use of electronic balloting. These changes will be subject to voting by the membership later in the year and are currently under review by the Executive Board and Kim Hazarvartian, NEITE’s Charter/By-Law’s Committee Chair.

NEITE Treasurer Peter Vasiliou reported on the Section’s finances and distributed the 2012 NEITE budget. The Section ended 2011 with a balance approximately $37,650. After accounting for income and expenses from the Annual Meeting, the Section began 2012 with a balance of approximately $37,350, reflecting income and expenses from the Annual Meeting that essentially offset one another. Following the goal to reduce the Section’s surplus, the 2012 NEITE budget reflects a deficit budget, and incorporates additional spending related to support of student chapter activities, the Emerging Professionals Group, Technical Committee activities, and both the 2013 ITE Annual Meeting and the 2013 Northeastern District Meeting, both of which will be held within the Section.

NEITE Secretary Michelle Danila presented the Executive Board with revamped letterhead and stationary which incorporate the new Section logo.

Joe Balskus, NEITE Immediate Past President and Co-Chair of the 2013 Northeastern District Annual Meeting, provided an update on planning for the 2013 Northeastern District Annual Meeting which will be held in Northampton, Massachusetts. Joe and Co-Chair Mike Knodler made a presentation to the Northeastern District Board in January outlining the planning activities that have been completed and providing an update on the meeting arrangements. Joe and Mike have tentatively selected a local arrangements committee and committee chairs to coordinate the various tasks necessary to support the meeting. Planning for the meeting will be ongoing throughout the year. A reminder that this year’s Northeastern District Annual Meeting will be held in Lake Placid, New York, on May 23rd through 25th.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2012 at the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs, Connecticut. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Connecticut Chapter and the 2012 Transportation Student Symposium. A reminder that Board meetings are open to all members, so please plan to attend and participate in Section governance and activities.
I thought I knew a lot about Bill, but he had some surprises for me. Let’s start with his background. Bill started at Wentworth Institute for his Associates Degree, and then continued his education at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Transportation Planning. He began his professional career in 1968 with Wilbur Smith Associates in the New Haven, CT office.

Bill’s career was interrupted when he was then drafted into the army, where he served as a cook for two years. He was trained at Fort Lewis in Washington, where the cook trainees all had something in common — they were all color blind. Fate then intervened when he broke his hand on leave. When he recovered he only had ten months left to serve, which was less than the minimum twelve months required to be sent to Vietnam. Instead, he went to Germany where he stayed until his discharge so he could travel across Europe.

Bill then returned to Wilbur Smith for three years. His 41 year career involved working at several private consulting firms and public agencies including:

- Bristol, CT Engineering Department;
- Curran Associates in Northampton;
- Pioneer Valley Planning Commission;
- Director of the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (PACTS);
- McDonough-Scully Associates;
- Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS);
- Mass Highway (now MassDOT) where he spent the last two years as the State Traffic Engineer;
- McMahon Associates; and,
- closed out his transportation career at HNTB.

While “retired”, Bill is still involved in transportation, and lives up to the quote under the photograph of Bill. He currently volunteers his time working on the Beverly, MA Parking and Traffic Commission, providing input to the Rail Trail Crossing along Route 1 in Topsfield, MA and working with the Mayor of Newburyport, MA providing advice on parking issues.

Among the greatest challenges Bill encountered was trying to educate the public on transportation issues such as the intricacies of traffic and destination signing, and the meaning of “flashing don’t walk”. The latter issue is a concern I shared with Bill; for years I have quizzed friends and relatives of all ages and have never received the correct response.

Highlights of Bill’s career include the successful closing of I-93 during the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston; his work at the Berkshire County Regional Transportation Study; and his work organizing crash data and developing statewide and district level crash rates while at MassHighway. Bill does take pride in his contributions to highway safety while at MassHighway.

Bill’s ITE activity includes: work on the NEITE Technical Committee; Advance Committee for the 2007 Northeast District Meeting in Providence, RI; and several years as Secretary/Treasurer for the Massachusetts Chapter of ITE. In 2004, he was the recipient of the Transportation Engineer of the Year Award. Something that should be added to the discussion of his highlights is the initial Student Symposium, which has become an annual event. While this was Bill’s brainchild, he wanted to make it clear that Mazza Mekuria was responsible for taking the lead in the implementation of the program.

Bill keeps in touch with several friends from the transportation industry, including Neal Boudreau, Chuck Hale, Bonnie Polin, Doug Prentiss, Rich Benevento, Bill Bray, John Duncan, Debbie Fossum and Paul Godfrey.

Today Bill is living in Beverly, MA with his wife Carol, with whom he has been married for 20 years. Carol is a co-owner of “A Shore Thing”, which is a specialty shop in Newburyport, MA. Bill spends much of his time working at the store and as the bookkeeper. Bill and Carol also travel, spending time in Hawaii, New Mexico, Florida, Chicago and Seattle. Next year they plan to travel to Europe. They also have a house on a pond in Bridgton, ME. Between them, Bill and Carol have five children and six grandchildren and one more grandchild on the way. We all know Bill as someone who always tried to be helpful, which is why he is near the top of everyone’s “favorite” list. When I called Bill to discuss this article, he referred to his career as “ordinary”. I think not.
2011 NEITE AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

NEITE president Joe Balskus and Committee members made award presentations at the 2011 Annual Meeting on December 5th in Warwick, RI.

The awards consisted of the Transportation Leadership Award, the Transportation Engineer of the Year Award, the William P. McNamara Distinguished Service Award and the Emerging Professional Group Award. In early 2011, the Section voted to change the guidelines for the Emerging Professional Group Award to better reflect the description of a young transportation professional in the industry.

NEITE 2011 Award Selections

George Campbell (formerly NHDOT): Transportation Leadership Award

Former Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for his leadership in implementing New England’s 1st high-speed electronic toll, and guiding aggressive bridge rehabilitation and replacement projects throughout the State.

David B. Freeman with the 2011 Transportation Engineer of the Year Award.

Leadership and role as design Project Manager for the I-Way project in Providence, Rhode Island, which has fostered the completion of critical RIDOT safety and mobility improvements at the regional connection of two key interstate highways.

A. Ruth Fitzgerald, AICP: William P. McNamara Distinguished Service Award

For years of outstanding service to the transportation engineering and planning profession and continued contribution to the New England Section and the Connecticut State Chapter of ITE.

Jason M. DeGray, P.E., PTOE: Emerging Professional Group Award

For contributions to the New England Section of ITE as liaison to the Emerging Professional Group and the Section Board and prior involvement with the University of Massachusetts Student Chapter, as Chapter Treasurer and having demonstrated professionalism as an emerging transportation engineer.

The 2011 Awards Committee was Comprised of Frank O’Callaghan (NH); Kevin Hooper (ME); Roger Dickinson (VT); Douglas Prentiss (MA); Russ Holt (RI); and John Thompson (CT); The Committee is Chaired by Douglas Prentiss. The Committee guidelines identify that upon selection by the President, the chairman appoints a committee including member from each state who will serve a 3-year term.
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NEW ENGLAND SECTION ITE
ANNUAL MEETING /
INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT NIGHT
December 10, 1981
Valle’s Steak House, U.S. Route 1 (Post Road),
Warwick, Rhode Island.

Directions:
From I-95, take Airport Exit. Continue on roadway,
through the Airport Parking Area, and turn right at the
second traffic light onto Post Road (heading north), Valle’s
is 1,000 feet on right side.

Program:
11:00 A.M.—2:30 P.M.  Board of Director’s Meeting
2:30 P.M.—3:45 P.M.  Who’s Doing What?
   *Presentations by the Equipment Suppliers and Con-
sultants about the latest in equipment, their orga-
nizations, and their latest projects.
4:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.  ITE Forum
   *Bill McGrath — A past International President, speaks
about ITE’s past, its structure, and its organization.
   *John Cavallero, Jr. — District I International Director,
speaks about current policies and efforts of ITE.
   *Allan Davis — Nominee for Section President, speaks
about current and future Section goals. (Please note
that any questions or comments you may have about
ITE will be welcomed at the conclusion of presenta-
tions.)
5:00 P.M.—6:30 P.M.  Cocktail Hour in the Industrial
Support Display Area
6:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M.  Dinner, Annual Business Meeting
7:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M.  After dinner speaker to be
announced.
8:00 P.M.  Announcement of Election Results

Menu:
Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Sirloin Steak, Oven Roasted
Potatoes, String Beans Almondine, Sherbert, Coffee, Tea, etc

Dinner Cost: $18.00 At Door  $15.00 Advance Reservation
Send Advance Registration to: Traffic Engineering and
Sales by November 27, 1981 using the enclosed form.
Questions, Comments, and Suggestions should be directed
to Bill McNamara (401) 781-8424.

SECTION OFFICERS
The Nominating Committee has selected the follow-
ring members to run for Section Office in this year’s election:

President ........................ Allan Davis
Vice-President ...................... C. Edwin Brewer
Secretary-Treasurer ............... Paul Schmidt or
................................ Paul Gallinas
Directors (elect 2) .................. Walter Freeman,
Alfred Howard, Roy LaMotte
Douglas McCobb

Ballots were mailed to all Section members on Oc-
tober 27th and must be received by the tellers before the
annual meeting on December 10, 1981. Questions regard-
ing the election procedure can be handled by Ed Brewer
(203) 787-8008.

Several of the candidates have taken the time to
develop statements regarding their backgrounds and goals
for our Section. These are included in this Chronicle issue.

Thanks to Joe Balskus for Providing this Oldie but Goodie
The 2009 Complete Streets Law requires under Sec. 13a-153f(b)

“(b) Accommodations for all users shall be a routine part of the planning, design, construction and operating activities of all highways, as defined in section 14-1, in this state.”

The Law also requires under Sec. 13b-13a(h) the submission of an annual report “to the Governor, the Commissioner of Transportation and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation on

(1) the progress made by state agencies in improving the environment for bicycling and walking in this state,

(2) recommendations for improvements to state policies and procedures related to bicycling and walking, and

(3) specific actions taken by the Department of Transportation in the preceding year that affect the bicycle and pedestrian environment.”

The 2011 report is now available at the following location:


Neil S. Pade
Connecticut Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board
Dear Fellow ITE Consultant:

The Northeastern District Annual Meeting will be held on May 23rd through May 25th, 2012 at The Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, New York. We will have the opportunity to take a spectacular drive through the Adirondacks to the world-renowned Village of Lake Placid, home of the 1980 Winter Olympics. Take part in a great conference and enjoy endless outdoor activities, wonderful shopping, dining, and site seeing. Lake Placid provides the perfect backdrop for our annual meeting where you will enjoy a spectacular program, including technical sessions, networking events, meetings, and a golf outing.

It is with great appreciation the Local Arrangements Committee acknowledges the Consultants of our District who sponsor the Annual Meeting each year. Your financial support defrays some of the conference expenses, which keeps registration costs down so that more members are encouraged to attend. We hope we can count on your firm to sponsor the Annual Meeting this year.

We are asking each Consultant interested in sponsoring the conference to show your generosity with a contribution based on the attached levels. At this time, we are asking only for your commitment to sponsor the event. Please complete the attached form and return it to me ASAP. Your payment and artwork can follow at a later date (see form for details).

Please join me in supporting this exciting professional event. Thank you for your generosity and I look forward to seeing you in Lake Placid.

Sincerely,

Shelly A. Johnston, P.E.

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Meeting Highlights:

- **Welcome Reception at the Veranda Restaurant** – Hill-top gathering place with lake and mountain views. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres
- **Bike/Technical Tour** – Learn while peddling through the Adirondacks
- Technical Training - ITE or FHWA Technical Session
- Nine Technical Sessions with professional development hours
- **9-Hole Golf Tournament** – Lake Placid Club Mountain Course
- Vendor Booths displaying the latest technologies
- Awards Banquet
Save The Date

Mark Your Calendars!
May 23-25, 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Lake Placid, New York

REMINDER
NEITE Student Research Symposium and Annual Joint ITE CT,
NEITE Section Meeting to be held April 10th, 2012 at the
University of Connecticut

For a list of upcoming NEITE meetings & events,
visit:
http://neite.org/calendar.html

Joke of the Day
“Top Engineering Terms and Expressions”

The Engineer and Lawyer

An engineer and a lawyer were recently fishing in the Caribbean. The fishing was outstanding and they got to talking about their vacations.

The lawyer said, "I'm here because my house burned down, and everything I owned was destroyed by the blazing fire. The insurance company paid for everything."

That's quite a coincidence," said the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a raging flood, and my insurance company also paid for everything."

The puzzled lawyer asked, "How DO you start a flood?"

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Job Posting
Nitsch Engineering
Senior Traffic Engineer

Nitsch Engineering provides civil engineering, land surveying, transportation engineering, sustainable site consulting, planning, and GIS services. We are one of New England’s leading civil engineering and land surveying firms. Our firm is located in the heart of the City of Boston, near the MBTA South Station, and accessible by regional and local public transportation systems.

We are seeking an experienced and dynamic Sr. Traffic Engineer to join our team at the Boston Office. The successful candidate for this position will perform traffic engineering tasks including traffic impact analysis, traffic signal design, and report preparation. To be considered for this position, the candidate must have prior experience in private development permitting, preparing City of Boston Transportation Access Plans (TAPA Plans), knowledge of the Public Improvement Commission (PIC) process, Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) permitting process, and must be knowledgeable of the MEPA and City of Boston BRA Article 80 and Boston Transportation Department levels of traffic analysis and studies. The ideal candidate must possess good writing and communication skills, be able to make public presentations, and be capable of multitasking. The candidate must also have prior experience in business development, writing proposals, and attending project interviews. Knowledge of traffic engineering software (e.g., SYNCHRO, HCS) is required.

Qualifications: B.S. Civil Engineering with at least 10 years of related project experience. Active Massachusetts PE is required. A Master’s Degree in Transportation Engineering and a PTOE certification will be considered a plus. The ideal candidate must be familiar with the use of AutoCAD and Microsoft Software.

E-mail: jobs@nitscheng.com
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Human Resources Manager
186 Lincoln Street, Suite 200

The City of Waltham is currently accepting resumes for the Traffic Engineer position. The purpose of this position is to manage the City’s surface transportation network and parking systems, perform, supervise and oversee all traffic and transportation engineering and parking activities to ensure the safety and efficiency of roadways and parking locations within the City. Candidates must possess the following qualifications: Registered Professional Engineer status in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Bachelor's degree in civil engineering (traffic/transportation) or related field; Master's degree preferred; seven to ten years of traffic engineering experience, preferably with municipal/state government experience; three years of management experience. A good driving record and valid motor vehicle operator’s license is required. Must successfully pass a (CORI), background check, and a pre-employment physical and drug test and the signing of Disclosure and Condition Form/City Council Rule 35.

The salary for the position is $87,399, which includes excellent benefits. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Qualified candidates must submit a letter of intent, resume and three professional letters of reference, and a copy of driving history to the City of Waltham, Personnel Department, 119 School Street, Waltham, MA 02451, mgullotti@city.waltham.ma.us or (Fax) 781-314-3358, Req. # 2012-60. For a complete job description please contact the Personnel Department.

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