



# Institute of Transportation Engineers Arizona Section Newsletter

September quarterly 2008

*I'd like to welcome everyone back from our summer break! We've got an exciting year ahead of us.*

Micah Henry, President AZITE



**ITE Monthly Luncheon Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** at 12 Noon

**Location:** Monti's La Casa Vieja in Tempe, 100 S. Mill Avenue.

**Speaker:** Julie Townsend, District 6 International Director

**Topic:** District Activities and Events

**RSVP** to Ray Yparraguirre at [ray.yparraguirre@kimley-horn.com](mailto:ray.yparraguirre@kimley-horn.com) no later than noon on Mon. September 15th.

We will be installing the new ITE Arizona Section Board and welcoming Karen King, the new treasurer. We'll be presenting Life Member certificates to David French, Fred Orcutt, Jr., and Tom Buick. These members have been a part of ITE for over 25 years! Also, we'll be recognizing Richard Nassi for his District 6 Individual Achievement Award (even though his retirement party is being thrown at the exact same time).



**There will be a special prize drawing for members that carpool to the ITE monthly luncheon!**



the best!

## Retirements

We've got three members that are retiring: Bob Hunt, Vince Catalano, and Richard Nassi. We wish them all

## SAITE Luncheon Sept. 19th

**Topic:**

Statewide Framework Study

**Date:** Friday September 19, 2008

**Time:** 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**Speaker:** Laurel Parker. Ms. Parker has 25 years of transportation planning experience. Recently Ms. Parker joined DMJM Harris after a 20-year career serving as a Project Manager for Pima County and ADOT. As a project manager, she has taken numerous projects from request for proposal preparation through the bidding process. She has worked extensively with all of the regional governmental organizations, including Tohono O'dham Nation and the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

**Location:** PCDOT Safety Conference Room, 1313 S. Mission Road.

**Cost:** \$10 for members and non-members and \$5 for students

**RSVP** to Khang Nguyen [knguyen@Kittelson.com](mailto:knguyen@Kittelson.com) by Wed. September 17, 2008.

Response but no show will be charged for the meal.

## Active Member Group Meeting

The next AMG meeting will be held **Monday, September 22**, at 5:30 PM at Rosie McCaffrey's, near 9<sup>th</sup> and Camelback –next to Toys R Us. If you are interested in volunteering for community activities or want the opportunity to network, this is an excellent opportunity. Please contact Randy Dunsey at [Randy.Dunsey@dmjmharris.com](mailto:Randy.Dunsey@dmjmharris.com) if you are interested.

## AZITE Quarterly Newsletter



Sylvia Mousseux, our section's excellent and dedicated webmaster, has volunteered to produce

the ITE Quarterly Newsletter. If you have any items of interest, including announcements, retirements, ads, birthdays, etc., please send them to [webmaster@azite.org](mailto:webmaster@azite.org).

## ITS Arizona 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

This year's conference is being held at the Mesa Convention Center on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Check out [www.itsaz.org](http://www.itsaz.org) for more details and registration information. Early registration ends this week.

## Deadline for Upcoming PTOE, PTP, TOPS, and TSOS Exams

Between October 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, these 4 examinations for certification will be conducted in Arizona. If you are interested please check out [www.tpcb.org](http://www.tpcb.org) for locations and applications. The next round of exams will be offered in March 2009.



## Flashing Yellow Turn Signals Debut in Scottsdale

*New devices give drivers more options and added Safety*

City of Scottsdale Transportation Department is installing new type of traffic signals called a "Flashing Yellow Left Turn Arrow" to improve safety at two intersections: 68<sup>th</sup> St & McDowell and Raintree & Northside Blvd. Only the north and southbound traffic at these locations will have the new displays.

*"We specifically chose these two intersections because they are locations where we have very heavy left turns on only one of the legs of the intersection" said Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering and Operations Director for the City of Scottsdale's Transportation Department. "These new signals will improve safety at the intersections and give drivers a better indication that when they turn left, they must yield to the opposing through traffic and pedestrians."*

## Here's how the new signals work:



### Solid Red Arrow

STOP – No left turns allowed



### Solid Yellow Arrow

Prepare to stop, Signal is turning red



### Flashing Yellow Arrow

Left turns allowed, but drivers **must yield** to oncoming traffic and pedestrians



### Solid Green Arrow

Left turns allowed



## Light Rail in the news

The Light Rail got a lot

of press lately, and there are challenges with introducing the new LRT signal indications to the general public.

Here are some of the published information and articles:

<http://www.azcentral.com/flash/metro/safety/safety.html>

Here is a link to the parent article:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/2008/09/15/20080915rail-railsafety0915.html>

Here's the official safety brochure: [http://www.valleymetro.org/image/uploads/light\\_rail\\_publications/METRO\\_safety\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.valleymetro.org/image/uploads/light_rail_publications/METRO_safety_brochure.pdf)

And the link to the parent page: [http://www.valleymetro.org/metro\\_light\\_rail/light\\_rail\\_safety/](http://www.valleymetro.org/metro_light_rail/light_rail_safety/)



## Save the dates!...

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Joint AZ Section meeting with **U of A Student Chapter**



October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 joint AZ Section meeting with **ASU**



**Student Chapter**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Design the Future Golf Classic

It is that time of year where we begin the process in planning for the largest fundraiser for the Future City Competition – the

Design The Future Golf Classic. On Saturday, 17 January 2009, the Phoenix Region Future City Competition will kick off the year with its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Tournament at the Whirlwind Golf Club. The Future City Group is composed of practicing engineers and architects involved in getting 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade kids interested in the future of engineering, science, and architecture. Our golf tournament is a major fundraiser for our yearly statewide competition held in Phoenix.

Last year, over 130 players joined us at the Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club for a day of golf and prizes in which over \$12,000 was raised. The success of our tournament is attributed to the many sponsorships and donations provided by companies throughout Arizona and the southwest.

Check out the flier for details on the [www.azite.org](http://www.azite.org) website.

## **CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT RAMPS UP TO RAISE \$10,000 FOR FALLEN AND INJURED POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS**



Players can expect another year of emerald green fairways and crystal blue skies for the “CK 2008 Client Appreciation Charity Golf Tournament” scheduled for November 13th, 2008. Once again, the Tournament will be held at the Bougainvillea Golf Club in nearby Laveen, AZ. Last year, nearly 80 golfers joined the CK Group and a host of top engineering and construction industry sponsors to raise over \$4,500 in support of the 100 Club of Arizona. The mission of the 100 Club is to provide financial assistance to families of public safety officers and firefighters who are seriously injured or killed in the line-of-duty.

Check for additional information on the [www.azite.org](http://www.azite.org) website.