



# NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear AZITE Members,

Since our last newsletter, we've had numerous transportation activities.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, we had an ITE Arizona Section Public Agency Traffic Calming Committee meeting (numerous agencies were represented at this meeting including City of Glendale,

City of Goodyear, City of Mesa, City of Peoria, City of Phoenix, City of Scottsdale, City of Surprise, and Pima County). This meeting allowed various agencies to share information regarding traffic calming projects. I would like to thank Kelly LaRosa and Margaret Boone-Pixley of the City of Peoria for coordinating and hosting this meeting!

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we had our monthly luncheon meeting at Monti's La Casa Vieja in Tempe. We had an excellent turnout with about 100 people in attendance. Arizona State Representative Andy Biggs (House Transportation Committee Chairperson) gave a presentation regarding legislative issues related to transportation; during the question and answer period, our members asked some challenging questions to Representative Biggs. In addition, ITE International Director candidates provided our members with information regarding themselves.

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) had its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The meeting had never been in Arizona, however, from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>, the ITS America Annual Meeting was held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. Over 2,700 people attend this event. The attendance in Phoenix was higher than the attendance at the two previous annual meetings in Minneapolis and San Antonio, respectively. I was the General Chairperson of the ITS America Annual Meeting. I would like to thank the numerous ITE members that volunteered (e.g., gave tours, helped with registration, gave information to out of town guests, served as room monitors during technical sessions, helped in the ITS America Press Office, etc.); this meeting would not have been

successful without your assistance! I would especially like to thank Tim Wolfe (Arizona Department of Transportation), Lisa Burgess (Kimley-Horn and Associates), and Sarah Simpson (United Civil Group) that served on my national ITS America 2005 Annual Meeting Planning Committee during the last 12 months!

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, we held a joint meeting with the Intelligent Transportation Society of Arizona (ITS Arizona) at the City of Phoenix South Mountain Environmental Educational Center at South Mountain Park. I would like to thank the following for coordinating this meeting: Sarah Joshua (publicity), Mark Poppe (food), Sarah Simpson (presenters), and Tom Godbee (facilities). The Board of Directors were introduced from ITE and ITS Arizona. Then, Charles Sullivan (P.B. Faradyne) and Ron Dubeck (City of Phoenix) gave an excellent presentation regarding the METRO Light Rail System (Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa) and their tour of the light rail system in Houston. We concluded the meeting by thanking Dennis Stringer (City of Phoenix) for his numerous years of contribution to the ITE Arizona Section and the transportation professional; in addition, we provided our best wishes to Dennis in his well deserved retirement!

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the ITE Arizona Section sponsored a technical tour of the new Sky Harbor International Airport Rent-A-Car facility. Christine Warren (City of Tempe) coordinated this tour. Bob Steele (City of Phoenix) took a few photographs during the tour and they are posted on our Web Site. Thank you Christine and Bob!

The ITE Arizona Section ballots were counted at the end of May and the following people will serve on the ITE Arizona Section Board of Directors from September 2005 to September 2006:

President - Mark Poppe, P.E.  
Vice President - Kim Carroll, P.E.  
Secretary - Micah Henry, P.E.  
Treasurer - Paul Porell, P.E.  
Past President - Scott Nodes, P.E.

I would like to congratulate the new ITE Arizona Section Board of Directors! I especially, would like to welcome Paul Porell (City of Scottsdale) as the new Treasurer for our Board; I look forward to working with him in 2005 and 2006. In addition, I would like to thank Chris Lemka, P.E., who finished second in the voting for Treasurer. I talked with Chris immediately after the ballots were counted and thanked him for serving as a candidate for Treasurer. Chris will remain an active member of the ITE Arizona Section and he will continue to serve as our Career Guidance (Education) Chairperson.

Upcoming ITE activities during the summer include the following:

- ITE/WTS/SWE/COMTO Annual Luncheon Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>;
- National and District 6 Ballots have been sent to members and are due back during the summer;
- ITE District 6 Annual Meeting in Kallispell, Montana from July 10<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>; and
- ITE Annual International Meeting in Melbourne, Australia from August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **ACTIVE MEMBERS GROUP**

The AMG meets once per month, separately from the Arizona ITE monthly meeting/luncheon, to plan events and to network with each other. The group has now grown to over 20 members. The next meeting of the Active Members Group will be on July 12th at Rosie McCaffrey's at 5:30 PM. Rosie McCaffrey's is located at 906 East Camelback Road, Phoenix. For additional information, contact Chris Williams at [CWilliams@taskeng.net](mailto:CWilliams@taskeng.net). All ITE members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Don't forget to invite a friend or colleague too.



### **This Space Available!**

*(The Vendor's Corner highlights a different vendor in our industry in each issue.)*

Sorry, no Vendor's Corner this issue. Contact the newsletter editor, Amara Ibeji @ [aibeji@ckengr.com](mailto:aibeji@ckengr.com) to use this space

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### **ARIZONA PROJECT RECEIVES 2004 "BEST PROJECT" AWARD FROM ITE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL**

The ADOT Needs Based Implementation Plan for context-sensitive design of State Route 179 (Village of Oak Creek to Sedona) has been named the best transportation planning project of 2004 by the ITE Transportation Planning Council (TPC). This award is given annually to a project that applied innovative techniques to a planning study, completed by a member of the TPC or the member's employer.

DMJM Harris, the lead planning and engineering consultant for this project, submitted it for consideration earlier this year. The project will receive special recognition at the ITE Annual Meeting this August in Melbourne, Australia, and a summary will appear in the TPC newsletter.

For more information on the SR 179 project or the award submittal, please contact Ethan Rauch at DMJM Harris (602-337-2645; [ethan.rauch@dmjmharris.com](mailto:ethan.rauch@dmjmharris.com)).

