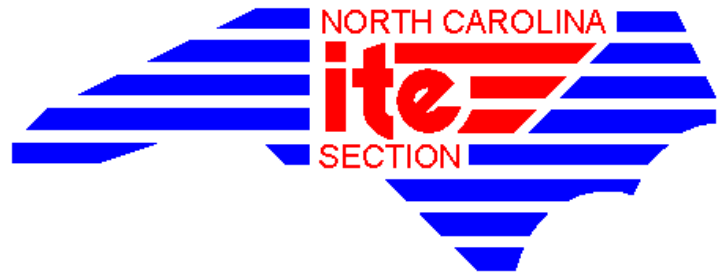
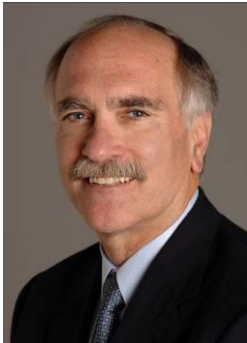


NCSITE INVOLVER



October 2006

President's Message



As I mentioned in the September Involver, your Board of Directors met on September 15. The significant actions taken and discussion items were as follows:

- ⇒ The member survey results were discussed. You will be receiving a separate recap of the results. We were very pleased that over 50% of the membership responded. The information will be used in strategic planning for the 2007 Board. A second survey touching on other subjects will be distributed to members soon and used for similar purposes.
- ⇒ We voted to increase dues by \$5 to \$35. This is a very modest increase and dues have not risen in many years while our services have expanded greatly.
- ⇒ Paid Staff. The member survey indicated most understood the need for a paid staff person and supported this concept. I agreed to put together a personnel committee to help finalize the job description, solicit interest in the position and recommend an individual or firm. Before a person is actually hired, I committed to develop a financial plan for funding.
- ⇒ Member Solicitation brochure. Fred Burchett has done a wonderful job of developing a new brochure that we can pass out or email to prospective new members. Thanks Fred!
- ⇒ All Councils gave reports on recently completed or upcoming events....these continue to be where the action is for members.
- ⇒ We decided to delay a decision on whether to increase scholarship

amounts. We wanted more discussion on whether the money truly affected attracting more to the profession.

- ⇒ I reported that Len Sanderson of the NCDOT had invited NCSITE to participate in a Transportation Leadership Group he has formed. I will sit on the group for NCSITE at least initially. It will be an advisory/advocacy group.
- ⇒ We decided to continue involvement in the NC Future Cities Competition. Planning Council will take the lead. They assist 8th graders in learning about Transportation Planning. NCSITE's financial contribution is \$500, half of which goes to awards.
- ⇒ We will make calls to see if any of the neighboring sections of ITE would like to participate in a joint meeting in 2007, probably to take the place of our mid-year meeting. We'll see what interest exists and under what conditions before making a decision on whether to actually conduct a joint meeting.
- ⇒ Bobby Croom, Engineering Council Chair, reported preparations for the annual meeting are going nicely. You should be receiving separate information on this subject. It will be held on November 9 in Raleigh. I hope all are planning on attending.
- ⇒ We received a report on nominations for the 2007 Board of Directors. You should have received the slate of officers via email by now.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have questions or comments, feel free to email me at jhumphrey@ci.charlotte.nc.us.

Jim Humphrey
NCSITE, President

Welcome New Members

Reza Jafari, E.I., NCDOT
Zachary Little P.E., NCDOT
Luana Deans P.E., Martin-Alexiou-Bryson, PLLC
Beverly Williams, E.I.,
Innovative Emergency Management



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Please mark your calendars and register for the 2006 Annual Meeting to be held on November 9, 2006 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, NC. Attached is the draft agenda with the list of topics and the registration form.

The draft agenda with the list of topics is available at:
<http://www.ncsite.org/documents/06AnnualMtgAgenda.pdf>

The registration form is available at:
<http://www.ncsite.org/documents/06AnnualMeetingRegistration.pdf>

The agenda will be continually updated and posted on our web site as speakers are confirmed. The deadline to register is November 1,

New Hires and Promotions

Luana Deans, PE has joined Martin/Alexiou/Bryson as a Senior Associate. Luana comes to Martin/Alexiou/Bryson from the City of Boca Raton Florida Traffic Division and has more than 10 years of traffic engineering and transportation planning experience.

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson (M/A/B) is pleased to announce the promotion of **Joseph (Jody) L. Lewis, PE** to a Principal of the firm. Jody has been with M/A/B for more than five years, and in that time has contributed greatly to the company's growth and success in their traffic engineering and transportation planning fields.

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.

NCDOT Announces Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative 2007 Call for Proposals

As of October 2, 2006 the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (DBPT) is accepting applications for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative. This program encourages municipalities to develop comprehensive municipal bicycle plans and pedestrian plans.

Together with the Transportation Planning Branch, the DBPT has secured \$400,000 to fund the 2007 grant program. All North Carolina municipalities are eligible and are encouraged to apply. The deadline is December 1, 2006. Over the past three years, at total of \$1,175,718 has been distributed to 48 municipalities across the state. These municipalities are currently developing plans. To learn more, go to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative web site at:
<http://www.itre.ncsu.edu/ptg/bikeped/ncdot/index.html>

Hold These Dates

October 11th

Transportation Planning Council Meeting

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

October 19th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting

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



October 19th

NCSITE Fall Meeting

South Corridor Light Rail, Charlotte, NC
 4:30-6:00 PM—Maintenance Facility Tour
 5:30-7:00 PM—Social Hour (Location TBA)
 7:00-8:30 PM—South Corridor Light Rail Project and Station Area Planning

October 31st

North Carolina Transportation Hall of Fame 2006 Induction and Awards Ceremony

North Carolina Transportation Museum
 Spencer, NC
 11:15 AM-2:00 PM (lunch included)
<http://www.ncthf.org/program2006.htm>

November 9th

NCSITE Annual Meeting

McKimmon 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.

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.

For more information on any of these positions, please visit: <http://www.ncsite.org/employment.html>

Lunch 'n Learn Recap

The NCSITE Transportation Planning Council hosted a Lunch 'n Learn session on September 14th at the Charlotte Museum of History. Mrs. Vivian Coleman and Mr. Keith Hines of Charlotte Department of Transportation gave a overview of Charlotte Pedestrian Initiatives “**Feet First: Creating A More Walkable Charlotte**”. This presentation covered the Charlotte Growth Strategies, Sidewalk Program and Maintenance, Pedestrian related Guidelines and Programs and Pedestrian & Bicycle LOS Methodology. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available at <http://www.ncsite.org/MeetingArchives.html>. Approximately 80 professionals and students around the state attended this hour long presentation.

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

www.ncsite.org

Earlier this year, the NCSITE Operations Committee promised several additions to the NCSITE webpage. Throughout the year, the website team has worked tirelessly to add new items and improve some of the existing items on offered on the web site. Items listed below exemplify the efforts made by the team so far this year. Thanks to Radha Swayampakala, Katie Trapp, and Lisa Gullette for all of their efforts.

New Layout of the NCSITE Homepage (President’s Message and Latest News) <http://www.ncsite.org/index.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 the NCSITE sponsored meetings <http://www.ncsite.org/MeetingArchives.html>

NCSITE Membership Update Form http://www.ncsite.org/update_form.html

The web site team plans to continue improving and expanding the services offered to NCSITE's members. Please pass along any feedback or suggestions.

Jeff Dale, Operations Committee Chair.
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Listserv Information

Information regarding the two Listserv's (official and optional) is available on the NCSITE website at: <http://www.ncsite.org/memberlistserv.html>

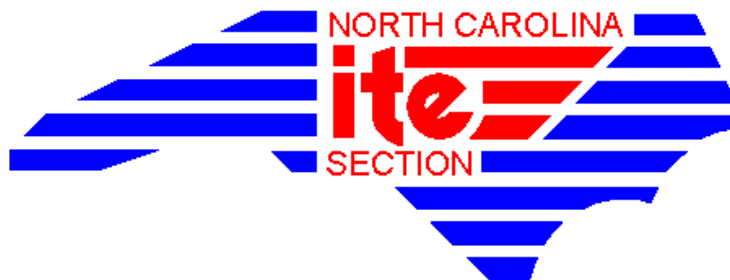
Involver Newsletter

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 in 2006, 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.



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.

We're on the Web!
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