



Section Report

Central California Section

July 19, 2006 Meeting

Our Central California Section quarterly meeting was held July 19, 2006 at the Visalia Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia. The meeting was sponsored by Citilabs.

With 60 members and guests in attendance this was one our our largest turnouts ever.

Business Meeting

A new slate of officers was elected for the 2006-2007 year. New section officers are president: Gary Mills, vice president: Lisa Wallis and secretary/treasurer: Dennis Mills

Raffle

Kirstine Cai was the winner of an Ipod Nano provided by Citilabs and Lisa Wallace took home an Applebees' gift card provided by Omni Means.

Technical Sessions

Our first speaker was **Matthew Martimo**, Director of Traffic Engineering for Citilabs. Matthew spoke on Operational Analysis of Travel Demand Model Results. Matthew discussed how travel demand models are widely used to forecast future traffic levels for almost all major roadway design projects. He indicated that their macroscopic nature means that they are generally very regional in nature and provide forecasts on primarily freeways and arterials. In addition, he indicated that the models are calibrated using macroscopic parameters and daily link traffic counts. His presentation focused on options for taking the macroscopic model results and disaggregating the information such that it can be used to forecast operational level parameters like turning movements and level of service.

Theodore Wright, City Program Manager for the City of Bakersfield spoke on the Bakersfield Systems Study and the Thomas Roads Improvement Program. Ted discussed the recent tremendous growth in Bakersfield and informed us about the Bakersfield Systems Study (a study that quantified Bakersfield's circulation issues and proposed solutions). Ted then presented information on the Thomas Roads Improvement Program (TRIP) and the projects they are doing with the recent earmarks in the SAFETEA-LU highway bill.

For additional information you can check their website at www.bakersfieldfreeways.us

Future Meetings

October 18, 2006 – Fresno
Sponsored by Prsim Engineering
Roundabouts

January 17, 2006 - Visalia

Nazir Lalani

Tort Liability: The Public Agency Perspective, and
Tort Liability: The Civil Engineer's Role as a Witness.

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