Development of the Bellevue Real Time Arterial Traffic Flow Map

The use of real time traffic flow maps is widespread for freeway application, but is rare for city streets. While many cities are able to provide camera snapshots of the traffic conditions via the internet, very few agencies in the US or internationally, offer a real time arterial traffic flow map to alleviate traffic congestion. Washington State Transportation Center (TRAC) conducted a survey in 2001 on the type of arterial traffic information motorists desire. Over 95% of respondents wanted to know the location of an incident. Almost 90% would like to see a flow map that showed current level of congestion on the city streets and over 95% would access the information via the internet.

If motorists can find out the traffic conditions on both freeways and arterials, they can make better informed decisions on trip planning and route selection, leading to reduced travel time, vehicle operating costs, fuel consumption, pollution, and stress levels.

Background and Obstacles

Bellevue is the hub of the Seattle area’s Eastside and is Washington’s fifth largest city with a resident population of 117,000 and a daily workforce of about 121,000. Bellevue staff has been developing a real time flow map since 2002. The goal is to provide up-to-the-minute traffic information to the public.

The City of Bellevue operates 177 signalized intersections, and 90% are connected to a central signal system developed by Computran Systems Corporation (MTCS.PC). In the past decade about 350 system detectors have been installed to collect volume and occupancy data at key locations. They are either 300 feet back from the stop bar or at the far side of the intersection. In order to provide a meaningful flow map for the entire city, Bellevue would need to find the resources to install an additional 700 detectors at a cost of about $350,000, not including trenching, junction boxes installation and restoration.

Before an upgrade in 2005, the signal system software could only use one set of global parameters to calibrate system detectors for congestion level. Two

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detectors with different placements (i.e., one is at the far side and one is at the upstream of an approach) but with identical values could represent different congestion level. The proprietary signal system also makes the interface and data transfer to the other servers very difficult. Furthermore, the signal system's graphical interface and map display is outdated and tedious to work with. As a result, most of our efforts before 2005 had been fruitless.

Solution

In the spring of 2005, we decided to take on a different approach in developing a flow map. We used the existing advance detectors for data collection, and upgraded the signal software for better data processing and calibration. We also created a GIS map to display congestion levels. City staff completed most of the development and spent about $30,000 for software upgrades. In the spring of 2006, the flow map was up and running for public access.

Data Collection

We decided to use the advance detectors located about 100-140 feet from the stop bar as system detectors to measure the volume and occupancy data of an approach. Occupancy is the percent of time that a vehicle is present over the detector during a time interval. If the approach roadway has more than one lane, we would measure the combined traffic flow of that approach. At some locations with heavy turning volumes or uneven lane distribution, we would have a separate measurement for each movement. A remote communication unit in the signal cabinet transmits the raw data back to the central signal computer in the Traffic Management Center (TMC).

The conventional wisdom for not using the advance detectors as system detectors is that they are too close to the intersection and cannot provide meaningful data. However, when comparing the occupancy data collected from the advance detectors at 130’ back, to the system detectors at 300’ back, it revealed a comparable trend and pattern.

After more investigations at numerous locations, we concluded that we could use the occupancy value of advance detectors to estimate the congestion level on any roadway segment approaching the signalized intersection. Since most of our signalized intersections already have advance detectors installed, without any additional capital investment and in six months, we connected more than 840 advance detectors to the system and were able to define 465 roadway segments.

Data Processing

The signal system processes the raw data measured from the system detectors and uses a user-defined “system link” to derive a set of measures of effectiveness (MOEs) including occupancy. A system link consists of one or more system detectors and represents the traffic flow conditions along a particular approach of an intersection. This gives us a very flexible way to handle raw detector data. For instance, considering two intersections with a very short spacing between them, due to timing offset, the downstream approach could have enough traffic to fill up the spacing every cycle, but the traffic flow of the upstream approach could remain low. The high occupancy value of the downstream link does not necessarily indicate the approach traffic has reached heavy or severe congestion level. To provide better estimation of congestion level, we can define the downstream system link to include detector data from the upstream approach and then use the average value to determine the congestion level.

Our signal system uses the intersection cycle length as a time interval to process raw occupancy data. Once every cycle, always at the end of the main street green, the system gathers and reports the accumulated values. If the data was processed differently each time at random moment of a cycle, say just before or just after the green light for a particular movement, the result could be erratic. It would be difficult to determine the “real” congestion level of that movement each time. Using the cycle length as a time interval guarantees that the update only happens after every movement has been served once. It takes into account the progression offset as well as the green split of each movement when measuring the congestion level. To reduce the impact of short-term fluctuation further, we also apply a user selected smoothing constant (SM) at each update. The effect of the SM is to apply only a fraction of the difference between the value calculated from current-cycle data and the previous-cycle smoothed values. Because of the above process, we are able to utilize advance detectors to generate reliable and consistent data.

Data Calibration

Data calibration is a crucial step to ensure the occupancy values of each system link can reflect the congestion level on the street accurately and consistently. We defined four congestion levels, categorized each in terms of expected backups and the chances of making it through a signal cycle.

1. Light Traffic

   Once the traffic signal turns green, you’ll quickly make it through the intersection.

2. Moderate Traffic

   Expect some backups approaching the intersection. Once the traffic signal turns green, you’ll usually make it through the intersection.

3. Heavy Traffic

   Expect significant backups approaching the intersection. Once the traffic signal turns green, you’ll often have to wait for the next green light before making it through the intersection.

4. Severe Traffic

   Expect long backups approaching the intersection. You’ll have to wait for two or more green lights before making it through the intersection.

Based on the system link data, we determine the congestion level by assigning a threshold value to each level. From the field, or using the City camera system from the TMC, we matched the changing traffic conditions with the corresponding system link values and then set up a threshold table to define the four congestion levels. Factors like the number of approach lanes, lane distribution, spacing between intersections, speed, detector distance, timing and progression offset would influence the threshold values.

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The following table shows some typical threshold values under certain situations:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Congestion Level</th>
<th>Two Lanes, Detectors 125’ Back</th>
<th>One Lane, Detector 125’ Back</th>
<th>Two Lanes, Detectors 300’ Back</th>
<th>Two Lanes, Detectors 50’ Back</th>
<th>Two Lanes, One Detector</th>
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<tr>
<td>Light</td>
<td>&lt; 50%</td>
<td>&lt; 45%</td>
<td>&lt; 47%</td>
<td>&lt; 34%</td>
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<td>Moderate</td>
<td>&gt;= 50%</td>
<td>&gt;= 45%</td>
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<td>Heavy</td>
<td>&gt;= 80%</td>
<td>&gt;= 68%</td>
<td>&gt;= 90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>&gt;= 90%</td>
<td>&gt;= 78%</td>
<td>&gt;= 95%</td>
<td>&gt;= 64%</td>
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Data calibration for every roadway segment is an on-going effort. Over time, higher precision can be achieved through more field observations, user feedback and continual fine-tuning.

**Data Display**

Each congestion level has a designated color code associated with the threshold table. We designed a GIS map to translate the color code of each roadway segment (link) and then display the color accordingly. We selected the similar color schemes of the freeway flow map adopted by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Below is a snapshot of the display at [http://trafficmap.cityofbellevue.net](http://trafficmap.cityofbellevue.net)

![Traffic Flow Map](image)

Each minute, the signal computer server compiles the color codes of all the active system links and generates a csv file (comma delimited format). Ten seconds later, the GIS application server uploads the most current csv file. The flow map will then translate the codes and display the colors when the map is first loaded or is being refreshed by a user. Every time a user will “zoom in”, “zoom out”, “zoom all” or “move” the flow map, the map refreshes with the most current imported data. If the map has already been loaded and kept running, it will refresh automatically every 60 seconds.

Because the system link data is updated once per cycle, the effective update interval of each link would be about one minute or the length of a signal cycle, whichever is greater. The typical signal cycle in Bellevue under coordination is 70-180 seconds. Essentially, we are providing users with “up to the cycle” traffic information. If the signal is running fully actuated and the cycle length happens to be less than a minute, then we are getting “up to the minute” traffic information from the flow map.

**Conclusion**

Bellevue was able to find a cost effective solution to develop an internet based real time arterial traffic flow map in less than a year. Not only does the flow map provide current traffic condition to traveling public, it also gives city staff an invaluable tool. The flow map allows us to more readily monitor overall traffic conditions. We can identify problems and congestion due to heavy traffic, incidents, constructions, equipment malfunctions, communication line failures, or other special events. This in turn will let staff make even better use of the city’s signal system that allows real-time signal adjustments. Staff can also use the city’s camera system to verify and assess congestion identified on the map.

The flow map opens up other possibilities in managing traffic. We are considering adding more features to the map in coming years that include:

- Accessing traffic camera snapshots from the map
- Incorporating the freeway flow map on the map
- Estimating congestion levels for freeway on-ramp traffic
- Displaying construction work zone and/or traffic alert information
- Allowing PDA access
- Providing traffic data such as cycle length and operation status
- Developing algorithm for congestion trends

The full text of this article can be found in the Technical Compendium from the 2006 Annual District 6 Meeting in Hawaii. It was modified to fit in this format.

Congratulations to Fred for winning the Best Paper Award at the 2006 Meeting.
A Call to Action (Technically Speaking)

ITE membership is a pretty good deal. If you’re like most members, you attend a local lunch meeting or two every now and then, read (okay, skim) the ITE journal and this newsletter when you get a spare minute, and if you’re lucky, wrangle a trip to some exotic fascinating place (like Portland, Oregon, the Rose City, for example) for the District 6 annual meeting, and pretty much call it good. There’s some good networking and a decent presentation, paper, or article to read every now and then that makes you think about something in a new way.

We as ITE members probably don’t think about it this way very often, but ITE membership is a two-way street, and your contribution to the profession should be more than just paying those dues every year. In fact, it’s written right in to the ITE Canon of Ethics (www.ite.org/aboutite/Ethics.pdf). Section 20 reads,

“The member will cooperate in advancing the profession by interchanging information with other professionals and students, and by contributing to public communication media, and to the effects of professional and scientific societies and schools.”

I continue to be amazed at (and inspired by) the outstanding quality of transportation students and professionals that ITE attracts at every level. What’s also amazing, but less inspiring, is how reluctant even the best and brightest among us can be to take just a few extra hours a year to share from their tremendous body of experience and give back to the profession in a technically meaningful way. It’s pretty easy to think of what you do as pretty ordinary, but remember this: it probably only seems ordinary to you because you’re the one who knows your own experiences best. I’d bet that just about everyone reading this has worked on a transportation project or program in the last year that other ITE members would find interesting, and could learn from.

If you take a minute to think of the entire body of technical and project knowledge in the collective memory of ITE’s membership, it’s staggering to thing about how much better the profession could be if only a small fraction of that knowledge could be released and shared through ITE publications and other professional media.

Some of the benefits of contributing technical articles include enhanced professional visibility for you, positive image/advertising for your employer, potential new work contracts or assignments, recognition as an expert in your subject, and a strong sense of satisfaction at giving something back to the rest of the profession.

So take a minute today to think about the last five projects you worked on, what went well, and what didn’t, and then about the benefits outlined above of sharing your experiences with your ITE colleagues. Get together with a client, consultant, or colleague over a cup of coffee and talk about collaborating on a technical article about a project or subject you enjoyed working on, or would like to work on. That sharing is what makes our profession stronger, and makes us better transportation professionals in the process.

For more information about how you can make a positive contribution, feel free to contact me directly at 303.299.7835 or nate_larson@urscorp.com, or visit your ITE section, district or international website.

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Official Old Pharts (O.P.)gathering at Marty Bouman’s house. Jenny Grote was invited to become a member, despite being far too young.
Congratulations to the University of Hawaii and Portland State University for being awarded $1000 each for their Data Collection Fund Proposals. Portland State University will be collecting data on saturation flows at signalized intersections with high pedestrian volume. The University of Hawaii will be collecting data on saturation flow rates for signalized intersections in Hawaii. The selected proposals are published on this page.

Last year’s selected Student Chapters, Portland State University and California State University Sacramento, have completed their data collection fund activities on parking generation at multiplex theaters. The reports/data are posted on www.westernite.org.

The Data Collection Fund was established in 2004, to encourage Student Chapter involvement. The program is aimed at creating interest in transportation through practical activities and mentoring.

For more information regarding the Data Collection Fund please contact Karen Aspelin at 505-350-6972 or aspelin@pbworld.com.

Data Collection Fund Proposals Awarded

University of Hawaii Abstract

The University of Hawaii ITE Student Chapter collected detailed field data in order to derive local base saturation flow rates and start-up lost time (SULT) for both through (TH) and exclusive left-turn (LT) movements. The data collection project investigated “touristy” vs. “non-touristy” areas on Oahu. The type of an approach was classified into Downtown, Waikiki, or Other. Both Downtown and Other are areas where the majority of drivers are local, i.e. non-tourist. Waikiki was classified as “touristy” because it is where the majority of visitors reside during their stay on Oahu.

All the data were averaged and classified by area type and movement. The main results may be summarized as follows:

- LT movements for the non-touristy area had a headway of 2.40 seconds, a saturation flow of 1594 pcphgpl, and a SULT of 2.52s.
- LT movement for the touristy area had a headway of 2.39 seconds, a saturation flow of 1591pcphgpl and a SULT of 2.37s.
- TH movement for the non-touristy area had a headway of 2.39s, a saturation flow of 1605pcphgpl and a SULT of 3.58s.

Based on the limited data collected, it is not possible to support that there is a difference in the “touristy” versus “non-touristy” areas. The data does show that in the touristy areas investigated, there were longer headways for left turn movements, but a shorter SULT for the same movements. For the through movements, it was expected for the non-touristy area to have a longer (i.e, more leisurely) headway, but instead the Downtown area measurements resulted in longer headways. Compared to the Downtown area, Waikiki had a longer SULT for the through movements.

Portland State University Abstract

The ITE Student Chapter at Portland State University collected saturation flow rates at signalized intersections with high pedestrian traffic in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area to determine the influence of pedestrians on saturation flow rates. The Highway Capacity Manual 2000 defines the saturation flow rate to be the hourly rate per lane at which vehicles can pass through a signalized intersection per hour of green indication. The HCM currently recommends an ideal saturation flow rate of 1,900 passenger cars per lane (pcpl). Many conditions have been identified that influence this ideal rate including pedestrian activity, lane width, transit activity, and traffic composition.

Analysis of the data reveals that pedestrians reduced the through capacity of a shared right turn lane by approximately 300 pcpl per hour of green indication. This value was measured by starting a stopwatch when the front axle of the 4th vehicle in the queue crossed the stop-bar and stopping a stopwatch when the front axle of the last vehicle in the queue crossed the stop-bar. Saturation flow rate measurements were only taken when one of the observed vehicles was required to yield to a crossing pedestrian. Additionally, it was found that pedestrians generally only affected the first three vehicles in the queue. The average flow rate for the first three vehicles beginning at the start of green was measured to be 953 pcpl per hour of green indication.

The results of this data collection did not capture the findings that were anticipated. Due to lack of measurements, the influence of pedestrian activity on saturation flow rates was not estimated. It is concluded that additional research and data collection should take place to estimate the true impacts of pedestrians on saturation flow rates and in particular, intersection capacity. Finally, it was found pedestrian influence on start up times should also have been measured.
Call for Abstracts

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**Combined District 6 and Quad Conference**

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the 2007 ITE District 6 Annual Meeting is pleased to make this preliminary announcement for accepting abstracts for presentations and proposals for special sessions for consideration in the Technical Program.

Abstracts will be welcome on any of the following transportation topic areas:

- Traffic Engineering • Transportation Planning
- Traffic Operations & Management • Commercial Transport Issues
- Traffic Safety • ITS Applications/Research
- Advanced Vehicles/Emissions • Travel Models and Micro-Simulation Reductions Strategies
- Pedestrian or Bicycle Planning/Design • Transit Planning, Design or Operations
- Livability/Community Issues • Leadership and Education

Authors should not feel constrained by this list of topics. The LAC for the 2007 Annual Meeting wants the best, most interesting and compelling presentations, and we will work to include any quality presentation in the Technical Program. If you have a presentation that falls outside the topics on the attached list, submit the abstract with your own topic suggestions. The final technical program will be determined when all abstracts have been reviewed by the Technical Committee. Abstract submittal will be electronic and is limited to 250 words.

Abstracts will be due December 15, 2006

More information to follow on www.westernite.org and www.oregonite.org
Legislative News

As this is written Congress will soon recess until after the November elections, but there has been recent activity in both the House and Senate on FY07 Appropriations bills. The Senate Committee bill (HR5576) funds transportation programs slightly above FY06 levels, and an earlier House version does the same, although there is some doubt about funding levels for future Small Starts transit programs. Given the upcoming recess, a Continuing Resolution appears likely until sometime in November at a minimum. The House and Senate also acted in Committee to increase transportation security funding over a period of up to three years.

In California the run-up to the November elections is starting with transportation interests focused on Proposition 1-B, which would provide significant bond funding to many projects, although the actual project lists would be decided locally, with the voters seeing generalized categories of project types on the ballot. Another unusual issue being handled via SB 1726 are objections by the California Highway Patrol to some transit vehicle headsigns and colors, which is being addressed by a working group of law enforcement and transit interests. SB 372 concerning the limits of use by agencies of design-build contracts is also under current debate.

International Director’s Report

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meaning a significant amount of discussion ensued to ensure that adequate notice of the amendment ballot would be given to the membership, as the election would be conducted almost entirely by email notification and online voting. Several IBOD members, including your District 6 International Directors, also wanted to be sure that full disclosure would be available to show members how the amendments would affect their dues. This required the IBOD approve two sets of dues tables: the first assuming no changes to the membership categories; and, the second assuming all of the amendments would be adopted. In both cases, the changes to the dues rates were primarily centered on adjustments between the various membership classes, rather than adding across the board inflationary increase. Further, should the Associate Member class be eliminated through passage of the respective Constitutional Amendment, it was recognized that there should be a period of transition into the higher dues rates the existing Associate Members, so that they aren’t faced with a significant cost increase all at once. Likewise, for Student Members that would now be transferring directly into the Member class, a multi-year step increase in dues is provided.

By press time, the outcome of the Constitutional Amendment election will be known. Your District 6 International Directors certainly hope you took the opportunity to cast your ballots (both for the International Officer election in July, and the Constitutional Amendments in August), and were able to do so as an informed voter. This year’s on-line International Officer election had a record number of ballots received (over 4,000 ballots), meaning almost 35% of the eligible voting members responded. This is great news, meaning that the on-line voting process continues to be a success in increasing voter turn-out. And based on member’s voiced concerns, next year’s officer election will include more efforts for improving the security of voter credentials and passwords. We would continue to welcome any feedback or comments that you may have on how to improve the process for future elections!

The first exams for the new Traffic Operations Practitioner Specialist (TOPS) and Traffic Signal Operations Specialist (TSOS) certification programs were held in Milwaukee. Go to http://www.ite.org/certification/examschedule.asp for upcoming exam sites and dates for these and PTOE certification opportunities. The IBOD approved a grant to the ITE Educational Foundation to develop a training program for a Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) certification, with the inaugural examination expected sometime late in 2007.

A mid-year recap of the Institute’s finances shows very strong revenue gains in the Continuing Education programs, as well as in ITE Journal Advertising, but lower than expected revenue in publication sales. Nevertheless, the overall budgeted net loss for the year of roughly $200,000 has now turned into a projected gain of over $300,000. This projected gain aside, the IBOD approved up to a 5% inflationary increase in the registration fees for the 2007 Annual Meeting and Spring Technical Conferences (with Rock, Rory, and Julia being the sole dissenters). The Annual Meeting will be held August 5-8 in Pittsburgh, while the Spring Conference will be held March 25-28 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

The IBOD voted to approve the proposed District 6 Charter revisions, which were approved by our own District membership vote in June, so now the changes become official.

Other highlights and actions of the IBOD included approving an increase in the allowable expense reimbursements of the International Vice President candidates to help defray the increasing costs associated with campaigning for this important position, and to add the subject area of maintenance of traffic control devices as an issue topic for the IBOD. This further includes that ITE be an advocate for continuing human factors research towards visibility requirements of traffic control devices. Also, based on concerns expressed by District 6 members, the IBOD directed that the issues associated with aging LED traffic signal indications (such as partial burnouts or diminishing light output) be identified by relevant Council committees.

The upcoming fall IBOD meeting will be held the last weekend of October in Washington, D.C. The agenda includes discussion of the international aspects of the Institute, which will help set the course for future levels of investment of ITE into services towards our international members. This will be the last IBOD meeting for Tim Harpst, as the outgoing Past International President, and for Rock Miller as a District 6 International Director; we’ll miss their wisdom, guidance, patience, and thoughtful insight next year.

Remember that your International Directors are here to represent you. So please let any of us (Rock, Rory, and Julia) know of any specific issues or items you feel require the IBOD’s attention. We’re also available to travel to your local Section and Chapter meeting to meet firsthand with our members.

Walt Stringer, Legislative Chair
Section and Chapter Activities

New Mexico Section

April 6, 2006
Location: El Pinto Restaurant, Albuquerque, NM
Attendance: 30

Announcements: Parker Bell recommended that the NM Section proceed to have our designated change in the NM traffic code related to unsignalized T intersections traffic control reviewed by the Governor’s legal task force to see if they would sponsor it for recommended introductions and passage as a bill in the 2007 NM Legislature. The chair of the ad-hoc committee working on this is Nevin Harwick. He will be asked to respond to this recommendation.

Program: the City of Albuquerque Mid-Block Enhanced Bicycle - Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvement Project.

The goal of the project was to develop a prototype or standard for an enhanced crossing on a bikeway trail where it crosses an arterial. However, the findings during the project development process were that the site specific criteria generally controls the type of design.

Questions: Operationally will the City of Albuquerque operate flashers only on the pedestrian/bike intersection or will it conflict with other locations where there is continuous flashing? For actuated flashing options, how long would it last before shutting off? Bicyclists, pedestrians, and handicapped pedestrians all have different safety needs for street crossing speeds.

No crosswalk markings were recommended during the design process.

The revise project cost to construct it is $425,000

May 4, 2006
Location: El Pinto Restaurant, Albuquerque, NM
Attendance: 29

Announcements: 2006 Annual Transportation Engineering Conference – Steve Eagan announced highlights from this NMDOT sponsored conference held April 26-28, 2006 at the Hilton Hotel in Las Cruces, NM.

ITE HQ Web Based Ethics Class – Afshin Jian announced the successful participation by many NM Section members by remote site that was held on April 18, 2006 for 1.5 hours. ITE-HQ was told to expand future versions of the class to 2.0 hours, as that is the new minimum biennial requirement in New Mexico and other states for professional development for registered profession engineers to maintain their PE licensure.

Program: UNM Civil Engineering Student Paper Winners: Kristen Weber (First Place, $100)

Paper Title – “Alternate treatment for Montano Bridge, Albuquerque”. The paper makes the following suggestion as an Alternate treatment for Montano Bridge, Albuquerque, to improve capacity. Maintain four lanes but narrow them to ten feet, three inches in width and then eliminate one of the two bike lanes and narrow the second bike lane to generate enough width to establish a fifth travel lane to be used as a reversible lane, depending on peak flow direction.

Jose Silva – (Second Place, $50).

Paper Title – “Alternative Improvement Treatments for area of Coors Boulevard SW, form Barcelona Road SW to Rio Bravo Boulevard SW”. Different proposed channelized intersection improvements were presented to improve capacity and safety of traffic operations at the various intersections along this segment of Coors Boulevard SW in Albuquerque plus access and egress driveways at the proposed Rio Bravo Square Shopping Center at Coors and Rio Bravo.

June 1, 2006
Location: El Pinto Restaurant, Albuquerque, NM
Attendance: 28

Announcements: Next ITE NM Section Meeting: President Tom Blaine said that it was undecided about a date, place or topic for our next meeting in July. If nothing is determined, we may not have a meeting in July. Traditionally in July the ITE NM Section tries to make the meeting part of a field trip.

Program: Steve Krest, City of Farmington, “Small City Traffic Engineering”. This presentation is a preview of a more elaborate one scheduled for presentation at the 2006 ITE District Six Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The City of Farmington, NM is responsible for street lighting as well as street pavements, bikeways, and all roadside signals.

They use line of sight radio communication system for the traffic signal network. The City of Farmington also provides technical support for the smaller cities in its metropolitan area, Aztec and Bloomfield.

Farmington uses passive detector with a microwave field for pedestrian detection at selected marked crosswalks.

August 3, 2006
Location: Alvarado Transportation Center, Albuquerque, NM
Attendance: 31

Program: Annual Field Trip Meeting – “RailRunner Rail Transit Ride”

This meeting was designated as the annual field trip meeting for the New Mexico Section. The trip this year was for the Section attendees to gather at the intermodal transit center in Downtown Albuquerque, located at First Street SW, beginning at 11AM, pick up a box lunch, and then join the general public on a free ride on the newly started Railrunner regional rail transit line from Albuquerque north 18 miles to the US 550 Sandoval County Station in North Bernalillo. Then after a fifteen minute layover, they would ride the train back south to Downtown Albuquerque, arriving at 12:30 PM.

This trip occurred as planned. After returning from the two-way train ride, a member of the Railrunner Train staff from the Mid-Region Council of Governments briefed some of the Section members on the operational details of the Railrunner rail transit system. The system is scheduled to begin charging fares beginning in mid October 2006 and make five runs each weekday between Albuquerque and Bernalillo. Some time in 2007 it will expand southward from Albuquerque for an additional 35 miles to reach the town of Belen. Various bus transit or other feeder transit systems to connect with the Railrunner system are either undetermined or still in the planning stages.

Steve Eagan,
Secretary-Treasurer
Attention Section Scribes and Secretaries!

Did you notice that the Section and Chapter Activities was suffering from a lack of diversity? You can submit your section and activities reports to westernite@cox.net at any time and they’ll be printed in the next newsletter. Everyone wants to know what is going on in your part of District 6. This is another way of drawing our membership closer.

District 6 Nominations

District 6 is seeking nominations from those individuals who would like to further serve ITE as the District’s next Secretary - Treasurer or as our future International Director. Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer for 2007-2008 will be accepted from individuals living outside of California, while our next International Director will be selected from an individual from California. Anyone interested in learning more about the nomination process or have a name to submit should contact District 6 Past President Ken Ackeret at (702) 862 - 3601 or e-mail at ken.ackeret@kimley-horn.com.

All Aboard the Ski Train!

The Colorado-Wyoming Section invites you and your family to join us on Saturday, January 27th, 2007 for our 5th annual winter party train ride from historic Denver Union Station in the heart of Lower Downtown to magnificent Winter Park Ski Resort and its wilder sister resort, Mary Jane. Ride in luxurious Club Car splendor (big comfy seats, and each car has its own bar) with your ITE pals, without the hassle, headaches, delays, and peril of I-70 driving. The train leaves Denver at 7:15 a.m. and returns from Winter Park at around 6:30 p.m. Heavily discounted tickets for the train ride are only available through the Section’s Activities Coordinator, Eric Boivin, at 303.216.2439 or ericboivin@alltrafficdata.net. For more information about the Ski Train, visit www.skitrain.com or call 303.296.4754. Learn more about Winter Park (not just for skiers) at www.skiwinterpark.com. Space is limited, so call today, and we’ll see you on the Ski Train!
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