



# CAPITAL AREA SECTION



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## MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

The June meeting was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the City of Austin's offices on Barton Springs Road. A presentation was given by Mr. Jim Dale, PE of PTV America. Mr. Dale currently manages the PTV offices in Austin where his primary focus is multimodal operations. He has worked in several North America cities planning for the integrated operation of rail transit and traffic within in urban and suburban street settings - Portland, OR; Seattle, WA; San Jose, CA; Dallas, TX; and Vancouver, BC. Overall, PTV has worked on more than 30 LRT and Streetcar projects throughout North America. Mr. Dale has applied VISSIM on hundreds of diverse projects and he spoke on the topic of integrated rail transit and traffic operations within city streets. Several real world modeling experiences were shared with the audience.

## Current Officers

Please contact any of the following officers, if you have questions about the Capital Area Section, TexITE, or ITE.

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The Section Secretary-Treasurer can provide you with a National membership application and the local section application is printed at the end of every newsletter.

## NEXT MEETING:

**Friday, September 25, 2009, 12:00 noon**

Location

City of Austin  
Toomey Road Office  
1501 Toomey Road  
Austin, Texas 78704



## ITE Website Addresses

If you are interested in the latest developments at ITE, check out the following websites:

- ITE – [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)
- TexITE – [www.texite.org](http://www.texite.org)

You can find section meeting information at this website: <http://www.texite.org/austin/mainaustin.htm>.

Thanks to Isam Bandak for his continued work to maintain the ITE Capital Area Section website!

## Next Meeting


**Note special date!**

Topic	Date
TxDOT Austin	September 25
District Overview	2009

Our speaker will be Carlos Lopez, P.E., District Engineer TxDOT


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## About Our September Meeting Speaker

**Carlos A. Lopez, P.E.**, serves as district engineer for the [Austin District](#) of TxDOT. He is responsible for state transportation planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance in the 11 county Austin District. He was previously director of TxDOT's [Traffic Operations Division](#) until he joined the Austin District on July 1, 2009.

A 27-year TxDOT veteran, Carlos served as the Director of the Traffic Operations Division beginning in 1999. He joined the division in 1988 as a special projects engineer, managed statewide traffic light synchronization programs and served as a section head and deputy division director prior to his appointment as division director.

Carlos received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1982 and master's degree in civil engineering in 1989 from the University of Texas at Austin.

## Future Meetings

Tentative 2009 future meeting dates for your calendar is:

December 4, 2009

If anyone has a suggestion for a meeting topic or would like to present a topic at a future meeting, please let one of the officers know.

## ITE News

☞ **TexITE 2009 Summer Meeting & ITE 2009 Annual Meeting and Exhibit** The summer meeting was held in San Antonio on August 9-12, 2009 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The Compendium Papers can be found at [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org).

☞ **TexITE 2010 Winter Meeting** The winter meeting will be held on January 28-30, 2010. Details of the meeting can be found at [www.texite.org](http://www.texite.org)

☞ **TexITE 2010 Summer Meeting** The 2010 summer meeting will be held in Sugar Land Texas on June 17-19, 2010.

## Professional Development Hours (PDH)

As a reminder to all professional engineers, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, Continuing Education Program rule requires 15 Professional Development Hours (PDH) per year for license renewal. At least 1 PDH must be in the area of professional ethics.

Attendance at each Capitol Area Section Meeting counts as one hour towards your 15 PDH requirement.

## Section News

### Training Opportunities



ITS-Texas wants to let you know of a training opportunity available. They are offering a one-day seminar on [ACS Lite](#) on November 11 in Galveston.

If you have news items, technical information, or up-coming events you would like to place in future newsletters, please send them to Alan Hughes at [alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us)

## UT Student Chapter

If you would like to speak at one of the Student Chapter meetings, please contact their officers at [utexasite@gmail.com](mailto:utexasite@gmail.com).

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## Membership Information

Please print the following information about yourself:

General Information
Name (full name plus professional designation; i.e. PE, AICP, EIT, M.S., etc.):
Job Title and Employer: _____
Business Mailing Address: _____
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Daytime Fax:
E-mail Address:

ITE Membership Information
Please mark all that apply:
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of ITE
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of TexITE, the Texas Section of ITE
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like information on ITE membership

Send completed form to **Capital Area Section, c/o Alan Hughes, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 800, Austin, TX 78704** with \$5.00 annual dues payment, or bring it to the next section meeting.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

If you have a job posting that you would like to have included in the news letter please contact Alan Hughes at [alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us).