

2011 Annual Report



Greater Dallas Section
District 9 (TexITE)
Institute of Transportation Engineers

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1.0 Leadership

Elected Leadership

President: Joel Fitts, City of Frisco

Vice-President: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

Secretary-Treasurer: Robyn Root, City of McKinney

Section Representative: Brian Moen, City of Frisco

Past President: David Halloin, Hayden Consultants

Appointed Positions

Younger Members Committee Chair: Tom Hartmann, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee Chair: Jason Horn, Dannenbaum Engineering

Scholarship Award Selection Committee Chair: John Black, City of Richardson

Professional Development Committee Chair: Sean Merrell, City of Frisco

Webmaster: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

2.0 Finances

Federal Tax ID Number: 74-2848619

2011 Annual Section Dues: \$8.00

2011 General Operating Budget:

General Operating Account balance as of 12/31/2011: \$ 2683.22

2011 Income

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| Individual Section Member & Affiliate Dues | \$430.00 |
| Agency Section Member Dues | \$230.40 |
| Monthly Luncheon Fees | \$9,189.00 |
| Mini-Conference (Joint Meeting) Registration Fees | \$2,642.00 |
| Professional Development Event Registration Fees | \$545.00 |
| Golf Course Deposit Reimbursement | \$225.00 |
| Total Income | \$13,261.40 |

2011 Expenses

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| Monthly Luncheon Catering | \$9,514.09 |
| Mini Conference (Joint Meeting) | \$3,025.00 |

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| Pay Pal Credit Card Processing | \$105.33 |
| Constant Contact Event Management | \$205.68 |
| Professional Development Webinars | \$450.00 |
| Professional Development Other Events | \$1,154.21 |
| Annual Meeting Door Prizes | \$200.00 |
| Officers' Meeting | \$55.58 |
| Supplies | \$134.68 |
| Golf Course Deposit | \$225.00 |
| Scholarship Donation | \$500.00 |
| Bank Fees | <u>\$22.95</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$15,592.52 |

2011 General Operating Loss **-\$2331.12**

2011 Section Scholarship Budget:

Section Scholarship Account balance as of 12/31/2011: \$ 2339.85

Note: This account was opened in 2011 to hold the Section Scholarship related funds and to be used as an operating account for section Scholarship Activities.

2011 Income

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| Golf Tournament Revenue | \$ 10,372.00 |
| Section Contribution to Scholarship | <u>\$500.00</u> |
| Total Revenue | \$10,872.00 |

2011 Expenses

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Golf Tournament Expenses | \$6,307.15 |
| Reimburse Section for Course Deposit | \$225.00 |
| Scholarship Awarded | <u>\$2000.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$8,562.15 |

2011 Scholarship Operations Net Income **\$2339.85**

3.0 Membership

| Membership Grade | Year 2011 | Year 2010 | Percent Change |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Section Member ¹ | 111 | 114 | -2.6 % |
| Life Member | 6 | 6 | 0 % |
| Agency Member ² | 36 | 35 | + 2.9% |
| Student | 0 | 0 | 0 % |
| Total | 153 | 155 | -1.3 % |

¹Section Member Count includes full voting section members as well as non-voting section affiliates

²Agency Memberships through ITE, Section dues are paid by ITE at 80% of the standard dues rate

4.0 Activity

4.1 General Technical

The Greater Dallas Section holds a regular monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month. The Section typically does not hold a meeting during the same month as a District 9 meeting. The section typically holds a joint meeting with the Fort Worth Section one month of the year, resulting in a total of 9 regular monthly meetings. During each Section meeting, general Section business is discussed and a technical presentation is given.

In 2011 for the first time, the section organized and hosted a one day mini-conference for our membership. This meeting was held as the annual joint meeting with the Fort Worth Section.

The dates, topics, speakers, and attendance of each meeting or technical event are shown below:

Table 1: Meetings and Other Technical Events

| Date | Topic | Speaker | Attendance |
|------------|--|--|------------|
| 01/14/2011 | Cable median barrier research update and safety gains in Texas | Scott Cooner Texas Transportation Institute | 57 |
| 02/14/2011 | A-Train Project Update | Tom LeBeau Denton County Transit Authority | 67 |
| 04/08/2011 | Successful Media Relations | Tony Hartzel TxDOT | 57 |
| 05/06/2011 | Mobility 2035 MTP Update | Chad Edwards NCTCOG | 64 |
| 05/25/2011 | DART Northwest Rail Operations Facility Technical Tour | Dallas Area Rapid Transit | 25 |
| 06/10/2011 | Safe Routes to School Training (4 Hour Half Day Course) | Mike Cynecki, Kim Brawner Lee Engineering | 24 |

| Date | Topic | Speaker | Attendance |
|------------|--|---|------------|
| 06/10/2011 | Mini Conference / Joint Meeting | | 83 |
| | Communications Style Flexing: Communicating For Results | Jon Stigliano Strategic Solutions Group | |
| | 2011 Texas MUTCD Update | Michael Chacon TxDOT | |
| | Transportation Funding and the 82 nd Legislature | Vic Suhm Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition | |
| | Overview of the Texas 2030 Committee Report Findings | Roger Nober BNSF / 2030 Committee | |
| | Engineering Ethics Seminar | Charles Pennington Texas Board of Professional Engineers | |
| 07/08/2011 | ADA and Public Rights of Way | Kristi Avalos Accessology | 73 |
| 07/12/2011 | Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Workshop | Paul Carlson Texas Transportation Institute | 63 |
| 08/12/2011 | Traffic Signal Operations – Experiences, Ideas, and Dreams | Curtis Jarecki City of Dallas | 80 |
| 10/14/2011 | IH-35E Corridor Project Aesthetics | Ryan Bricker, HNTB Patrick Owens, HNTB Matt MacGregor, TxDOT | 64 |
| 11/11/2011 | Evaluating Recurring and Non- Recurring Congestion | Jody Short, Lee Engineering Minh Le, Texas Transportation Institute | 61 |
| 12/9/2011 | ITE Traffic Engineering Council Activites Update | Susan Langdon Savant Group | 51 |
| 12/13/2011 | FHWA Modern Roundabout Training Course (8 hour) (hosted at TxDOT Ft Worth) | Hilary Isebrands Federal Highway Administration | 37 |

| Date | Topic | Speaker | Attendance |
|--|--|--|------------|
| 12/14/2011 | FHWA Modern Roundabout Training Course (8 hour) (hosted at TxDOT Dallas) | Hilary Isebrands Federal Highway Administration | 55 |
| TOTAL MEETING AND TECHNICAL EVENT ATTENDEES | | | 861 |

4.2 Regional One Day Mini Conference

The Greater Dallas Section organized a mini-conference in place of our June monthly meeting. This mini-conference consisted of a half day training element along with a lunch and half day of technical sessions. The meeting was advertised as our annual joint meeting with the Greater Fort Worth Section.

The mini-conference consisted of a half-day Safe Routes to School Training course during the morning. Two nationally certified Safe Routes Instructors taught the four hour course.

A key note speaker presented during lunch, and then the afternoon took shape with multiple technical presentations as well as engineering ethics. The full day event was capped by a happy hour social event at a nearby restaurant.

The meeting was held at the Ruthe Jackson Center in Grand Prairie.

4.3 Committees

The **Younger Members Committee** was chaired by Tom Hartmann (Kimley-Horn and Associates). The Younger Members Committee was responsible for publicizing the inaugural Greater Dallas Section Scholarship.

The **Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee** was chaired by Jason Horn (Dannenbaum Engineering). The Committee planned a successful scholarship golf tournament held on May 13, 2011 to raise money for transportation engineering scholarships.

The **Scholarship Selection Committee** reviewed applications and made a recommendation as to the students most worthy of receiving a Greater Dallas Section Scholarship. This Committee was chaired by John Black with the Section President and Younger Members Committee Chair served as the other members.

The **Professional Development Committee** organized numerous ITE webinars for members to attend. Our professional development activities are highlighted in more detail later. This committee was made up of Sean Merrell, Chair; Rhett Dollins, and Wes McClure.

The Nominating Committee nominated candidates to run in the 2011 election for Section Secretary-Treasurer and for the position of Vice-President. The nominating committee was chaired this year by Dave Carter with Paul Luedtke and Nanditha Togar serving as members. (Nanditha Togar stepped down from the committee after helping select the candidate for Secretary-Treasurer.)

The **Tellers Committee** confirmed the online vote tabulation and declared a winner of the election. This committee was made up of Mark Titus and David Halloin.

4.4 Professional Development Activity

The Greater Dallas Section Professional Development Committee has a goal of providing at least one training session per quarter. The Committee works to find local firms and agencies to sponsor and host an event. They are also expanding the scope of their efforts to include identifying professional development opportunities available in the Region (outside of ITE) and sharing these with our membership. This includes opportunities that may be available through such organizations such as NCTCOG, ASCE, ITS Texas, ITS America, TxDOT, CEC, TSPE, and others.

Including our regular monthly meeting, the Greater Dallas Section provided over 2,050 professional development hours to our event attendees this year.

The section offered the following Webinars during Calendar Year 2011.

Table 2: Webinars Offered

| Date | Topic | Attendance |
|------------|---|------------|
| 02/23/2011 | 2009 MUTCD: Traffic Signs and Pavement Markings (Hosted by Kimley Horn and Associates) | 20 |
| 4/12/11 | Highway Capacity Manual 2010 Overview: Now in Four Volumes (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 27 |
| 4/14/11 | Applications of the New Active Traffic Management Chapter (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 13 |
| 4/26/11 | Changes to Unsignalized Intersection Methodologies (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 22 |
| 4/28/11 | New Multi-Modal Urban Streets Methodology – Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Methods (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 17 |

| Date | Topic | Attendance |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|
| 5/17/11 | New Signalized Intersection Methodology (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 23 |
| 5/19/11 | Multi-Modal Urban Streets Methodology – Auto Mode (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 14 |
| 6/21/11 | New Material on the Use of Alternative Tools: Micro Simulation Models (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 8 |
| 6/23/11 | New Freeway Weaving Methodology (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 17 |
| 7/19/11 | Enhancements to the Freeway Facilities Method (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 17 |
| 8/12/11 | Enhanced Planning Methods and Applications of Generalized Service Volume Tables (Hosted by Halff Associates) | 17 |
| 09/27/2011 | 2009 MUTCD: Traffic Signs and Pavement Markings (Hosted by Savant Group and the City of Frisco) | 17 |
| TOTAL WEBINAR ATTENDEES | | 212 |

Other Professional Development activities hosted by the section this year included a tour of the DART Northwest Rail Operations Facility in May. This facility provides maintenance and service facilities to serve the DART Green Line.

In July the section hosted a half-day retroreflectivity workshop to educate attendees in items affecting sign retroreflectivity and the upcoming MUTCD standards.

In December, the Section organized two modern roundabout training courses. The FHWA provided an instructor for both days of the course at no charge to the section. In order to maximize regional exposure to the free 8-hour training course, one class was held December 13, 2011 at TxDOT's Fort Worth office while the second course was offered December 14, 2011 at TxDOT's Dallas office.

Attendance data for these three events appear in Table 1.

4.5 Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Greater Dallas Section hosted our inaugural Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 13, 2011. The golf tournament is intended to serve as the Dallas Section's primary fund raiser for the traffic and transportation engineering scholarships.

The Dallas Section Younger Members Committee was tasked with raising funds for the section scholarship. The golf tournament planning committee consisted of the following members:



Left to Right Back Row: John Denholm, Golf Chair Jason Horn, Tom Hartmann
Front Row: Cameron Williams, Nadeem Moulvi, Curtis Jarecki, Adam Cross, and Jessica Shutt.

The younger members involved in the planning of the golf tournament dedicated well over 200 person-hours and exchanged over 350 emails related to the event.

All this hard work was rewarded with the clear skies and 65 degree temperatures that greeted us the morning of May 13th at Riverchase Golf Club in Coppell.

For our first event, we were extremely pleased with the 66 golfers who participated. Twenty two (22) companies sponsored at one of the various levels at our event. We are grateful for their participation which resulted in our successful fundraising.

**The Inaugural Dallas
Section Scholarship Golf
Tournament earned over
\$4,200 for scholarships**

4.6 Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award

Our initial scholarship was awarded to Mr. Billy Wair, a student from Prairie View A&M University. Mr. Wair was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship based on his application and demonstration of significant financial hardship while pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 Officer Elections

Jeremy Wyndham (Jacobs) and Boro Dedeitch (Parsons) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Nanditha Togar (Urban Engineers) and Susan Langdon (Savant) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Section Representative position. Online voting was available between mid-October and late-November. The results were presented at the December 9, 2011 Section Annual Business Meeting and the new officers were sworn in for their 2012 terms. Boro Dedeitch was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, Robyn Root was elected to serve as Vice-President/President-Elect, and Nanditha Togar was elected to serve as the Section Representative.

5.2 Changes to Section Bylaws

No changes were made to the Section Bylaws in 2011.



GREATER DALLAS AND FORT WORTH SECTION

ANNUAL JOINT MEETING

JUNE 10, 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

Keep for your records.

Mark sessions attended.

| TOPIC | PRESENTER | PDH | |
|---|---|--------------|--|
| Safe Routes to School Training | Mike Cynecki Lee Engineering | 4.0 | |
| | Kim Brawner Lee Engineering | | |
| Communications Style Flexing: Communicating for Results | Jon Stigliano Strategic Solutions Group | 1.0 | |
| 2011 Texas MUTCD Update | Michael Chacon Texas Department of Transportation | 0.75 | |
| Transportation Funding and the 82nd Legislature | Vic Suhm Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition | 0.75 | |
| Overview of Texas 2030 Committee Report Findings | Roger Nober BNSF / 2030 | 0.75 | |
| Engineering Ethics Seminar | Charles Pennington Texas Board of Professional Engineers | 1.0 (ethics) | |

*Joint Meeting of the Greater Dallas and Fort Worth Sections
 of the
 Institute of Transportation Engineers*



June 10, 2011



**ATTACHMENT #1
TEXITE GREATER DALLAS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

MEETING AGENDA

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAINING

8:00 AM—12:00 PM Safe Routes to School Training
Instructors: Mike Cynecki & Kim Brawner, Lee Engineering

JOINT MEETING

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Check In / Networking
12:00 PM - Meeting Begins
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM - Section Business

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM - Lunch Speaker:
Jon Stigliano, Strategic Solutions Group
Communication Style-Flexing: Communicating for Results

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM BREAK

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM
Michael Chacon, TxDOT Traffic Operations
2011 Texas MUTCD Update

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM
Vic Suhm – Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition
Transportation Funding and the 82nd Legislature

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Roger Nober - BNSF / 2030 Committee Member
Overview of Texas 2030 Committee Report Findings

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM BREAK

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Charles Pennington, Texas Board of Professional Engineers
Engineering Ethics Seminar

5:30 - HAPPY HOUR

PLEASE JOIN THE YOUNGER MEMBERS FOR HAPPY HOUR @ HUMPERDINK'S
700 SIX FLAGS DRIVE, ARLINGTON, TX - (NEAR NCTCOG)

SPEAKER BIOS

Jon M. Stigliano is President and Founder of Strategic Solutions Group, an Organizational Development firm based out of Waco, Texas with affiliate offices in Ft. Worth and Austin, Texas. Clients range in scope from small privately held organizations to publically traded corporations from all areas of the United States. Strategic Solutions Group has developed a strong reputation by helping their clients achieve "a culture of success" by showing them how to "hire, train and manage their organization by design." In addition he is a collegiate basketball referee at the Division I level. He currently works in several major athletic conferences around the nation.

Michael Chacon is the Policy & Standards Engineer with the Traffic Operations Division of the Texas Department of Transportation. Michael has been with TxDOT for almost 17 years. He manages the Policy & Standards Branch which is responsible for the development and revision of statewide policies and standards for signs, pavement markings and work zone traffic control as well as the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Michael has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from The University of Texas of Austin and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

Vic Suhm is a public policy and government affairs consultant and serves as Executive Director of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition. He is also Vice Chairman of Transportation Advocates of Texas, Inc. Vic's experience includes 18 years in city management, 5 years in real estate development, and 20 years in consulting.

Roger Nober was appointed executive vice president, Law and Secretary for BNSF Railway and is responsible for overseeing BNSF's legal and regulatory matters, claims, corporate communications and State Government Affairs as well as serving on the Board of Burlington Northern Santa Fe LLC. Prior to joining BNSF, Nober was a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where he focused his practice primarily on transportation law and legislative matters. He also served as chairman of the United States Surface Transportation Board, having been confirmed by the Senate to the Commission and appointed by President George W. Bush as the Chairman. In 2001 and 2002, he served as Counselor to the Deputy Secretary of Transportation, where he advised the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary on significant issues before the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Charles Pennington is an Engineering Specialist for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. In this role, he provides engineering expertise to the Board investigators as well as participates in outreach programs to educate the public and licensed engineers on engineering matters pertaining to the Engineering Practice Act. Mr. Pennington is also engaged in the research and development of policy advisories for the Board.



ATTACHMENT #2
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Safe Routes to School Min-Course

Dallas TexITE Meeting

June 10, 2011

Course Instructors: Michael J. Cynecki, PE, and Kim Brawner, PE, Lee Engineering, LLC,

Course Objectives: To understand the basic elements of the Safe Routes to School Program (consisting of the five E's: Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, and Evaluation) and how they work together. This course will provide information on the Engineering and Enforcement strategies as well as look into some strategies that may be helpful for pick-up and drop-off activities. A "Virtual Walkabout" will be included as a part of this course so the participants can understand the need to observe conditions around schools and observe driver, pedestrian, and bicyclist behaviors and interactions during school arrival and dismissal times to help in the development of solutions.

Agenda:

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| Welcome and Introductions | 8:00 – 8:15 AM |
| Why Safe Routes To School Matters | 8:15 – 8:45 AM |
| Engineering Strategies | 8:45 – 9:45 AM |
| BREAK | 9:45 – 10:00 am |
| Non-Infrastructure Strategies | 10:00 – 11:00 AM |
| Pick-up and Drop-off Strategies | 11:00 – 11:15 AM |
| Virtual Walkabout (Metz Elem & Reed Academy) | 11:15 – 11:40 AM |
| Texas SRTS Program | 11:40 – 11:55 AM |
| Adjourn | 11:55 AM |

Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Workshop



July 12, 2011



Modern Roundabouts: Safer and More Efficient Intersections

Instructor:

Hillary Isebrands
Highway Safety Engineer
FHWA Resource Center Safety and Design TST
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Presented by:



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