



Texas District Fall 2011 Board Meeting  
 Hyatt Place – Garland  
 Rowlett Room  
 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
 Wednesday, September 14, 2011

**TexITE Board of Directors (Voting Members)**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>WrRpt</u>	<u>Attend</u>
President	Brian Shamburger	Kimley-Horn and Assoc.	N	Y
Vice-President	Dave Carter	City of Richardson	N	Y
Secretary-Treasurer	Melisa Finley	TTI	N	Y
International Director	Gary Thomas	TTI	N	Y
Past President	Gilmer Gaston	Pape-Dawson	N	Y
At-Large Representative	Jere Hart	X8Environmental	Y	Y
Brazos Valley Section Rep	Kevin Balke	TTI	Y	
Capital Area Section Rep	James Kratz	Jacobs	Y	Y
Greater Dallas Section Rep	Brian Moen	City of Frisco	Y	Y
Greater Ft. Worth Section Rep	Jennifer Butcher (for Natalie Bettger)	NCTCOG	Y	Y
Greater Houston Section Rep	Manu Isaac	Kimley-Horn and Assoc.	Y	Y
South Texas Section Rep	Kerri Collins	Pape-Dawson	Y	

**Committee Chairpersons and Leadership**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>WrRpt</u>	<u>Attend</u>
Awards Committee	Melisa Finley	TTI	Y	Y
Consultants Council	Paul Luedtke	HDR	Y	Y
Legislative Committee	Walter Ragsdale	Ragsdale Consulting	Y	Y
Future Engineers Committee	Matt Johnson	Freese and Nichols	N	Y
Membership Committee	Nanditha Togar	Urban Engineers Group	Y	Y
Newsletter Committee	Praveen Pasumarthy	Wilbur Smith Associates	N	
Past Presidents Committee	Wayne Kurfees	Kimley-Horn and Assoc.	N	
Program Committee	Dave Carter	City of Richardson	Y	Y
Technical Committee	Paul Luedtke	HDR	N	Y
Transit Committee	Tom Ryden	Parsons	Y	
Younger Members Committee	Matt Sneed	Kimley-Horn and Assoc.	Y	Y
District Administrator	Jim Williams	University Texas Arlington	Y	Y
District Database	Susan Langdon	Savant Group	N	Y
Historian	Jason Crawford	TTI	N	
Student Chapter Liaison	Robert Saylor	City of Richardson	Y	Y
Website	Gary Thomas	TTI	Y	Y
LAC – Garland 2011	Allison Franz	City of Garland	Y	Y
LAC – San Marcos 2012	Alex Reyna	Bury+Partners	Y	Y
LAC – Fort Worth 2012	Natalie Bettger	NCTCOG	Y	
	Jennifer Butcher	Savant Group		Y

**Additional Attendees**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>WrRpt</u>	<u>Attend</u>
Secretary-Treasurer Elect	Kirk Houser	City of Longview	NA	Y

1. Call to Order at 2:06 pm Shamburger
2. Approval of March 2011 Board Meeting Minutes Shamburger
  - Dave Carter motion, James Kratz second, unanimously approved.
3. International Report Wunderlich
  - No report.
4. International Director Report Thomas
  - Met in St. Louis. Not well attended – about 400. Lost money.
  - Membership is down.
  - \$100,000 deficit projected for 2011. Have had to tap into reserves for several years.
  - Upcoming meeting changes discussed.
5. District Administrator Report (*report attached*) Williams
  - Mailed out District Affiliate dues and getting some back.
  - Should be getting 2<sup>nd</sup> check from ITE soon.
6. Treasurer's Report (*report attached*) Finley
  - Reported on existing balances.
  - Still need to review Forth Worth meeting receipts vs. expenses to try and assess discrepancies between Fort Worth final report and meetings account transactions.
7. Vice-President's Report Carter
  - Same as Program Committee Report (*attached*).
8. President's Report Shamburger
  - Need to replace Newsletter Editor. Praveen moving to Florida.
    - Matt Johnson accepted position.
    - Want to produce at least 3 newsletters per year.
  - May kick start new programs dealing with plenary session topics.
9. Local Arrangement Committee Reports
  - Fall 2011, Garland Franz
    - When online registration closed: 264 included 24 exhibitor badge only and 43 students.
    - 9 student poster sessions.
    - 290 meals for kick-off lunch, 250 for social, 225 for business lunch.
    - All vendor locations sold out: 37 plus TexITE.
    - 169 room nights; minimum was 155.
    - Estimating \$8000 profit.
  - Spring 2012, San Marcos Reyna
    - Alex Reyna new co-chair.
    - LAC is set and includes Austin and San Antonio members to help.
    - March 28-30, 2012.

- 155 rooms at \$149/night.
- Social at San Marcus Recreational Center near River with Canoe race.
- Technical tours: F1 track, Wonder World Drive context sensitive design of bridge and roadway, Aquarium Springs.
- Going to have flyers for ideas for Spouse Tours.
- Golf or racket ball tournament – Jim Dale.
- CVB paying for all transportation to and from hotel and a stipend.
- In the process of finalizing draft budget.
- Fall 2012, Fort Worth Section Butcher
  - Discussion on visits to possible venues. Leaning toward a downtown venue.
- Spring 2013, Invitees Finley
  - Allen, Bryan/College Station (BVITE), Plano, Richardson & Waco.
  - All will make presentations at the Business Lunch on Friday.
  - Tables are also available for each site Saturday morning to promote their site.
  - Discussion of current meeting region rotation.

10. Action on Policy, By-Laws, and District Functions Shamburger

- Brian is in the process of updating Policy and Procedures Manual and By-Laws
  - Wants to have Board meeting before end of year to review suggested changes.
  - James Kratz and Matt Johnson will assist.
- Meetings Manual Review
  - Allison Williams, Brian Moen, Alex Reyna and Sabbas Avila volunteered to work on this effort.
  - After their review we will discuss at special board meeting.

11. Section Reports / Issues or Action

- Brazos Valley Section (*report attached*) Balke
- Capital Area Section (*report attached*) Kratz
  - Need to make some changes to our by-laws realized when started having ITE collect their dues (starting in December 2011 for 2012 dues).
- Greater Dallas (*report attached*) Moen
- Greater Fort Worth (*report attached*) Bettger
- Greater Houston (*report attached*) Isaac
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> is shrimp boil
- South Texas (*report attached*) Collins
- At-Large (*report attached*) Hart

12. Committee Reports / Issues or Action

- Younger Members Committee (*report attached*) Sneed
  - Planning traffic bowl for next spring.
  - Looking into building/purchasing our own District equipment for the traffic bowl.
    1. Matt will submit an estimate/budget to Board.
  - Gary Thomas noted there may be some changes coming down from ITE regarding the equipment.
  - Social tomorrow night at Buffalo Wild Wings: game night with prizes.

- Future Engineers Johnson
  - Trying to get together 3 presentations (elementary, tween, and high school) – canned ones for others to use to make presentations to K-12.
    1. Matt Sneed and Melisa Finley to send presentations.
    2. Email TexITE leadership to request help/volunteers.
  - Working with Future Cities as well.
- Highway Products Group Carter
  - CCTexITE and HPG poster at lunch tables.
  - Dave is going to discuss with group if there is a need for a new champion from within the group to be the session chair.
- Consultants Council (*report attached*) Luedtke
  - 19 firms, down from 24 firms.
  - Meeting Friday morning at 7 am.
  - Poker tournament tonight.
- Program Committee (*report attached*) Carter
  - No oral report.
- Awards Committee (*report attached*) Finley
  - Discussion on the amount of the monetary awards associated with various TexITE awards. Will continue discussion at Committee meeting tomorrow and develop recommendations for the Board to consider.
- Membership Committee (*report attached*) Togar
  - Discussion on participation at the Section level by professionals that are not full ITE members and how it impacts Section leadership.
  - Discussion of coordination between Sections and Student Chapters.
  - Nanditha discussing with Gary how to stream line membership applications online.
  - Brian would like the Committee to develop a presentation that highlights the benefits of being a TexITE and ITE member.
- Student Chapter Liaison (*reports attached*) Saylor
  - Harder to coordinate with students and get poster sessions with new District meeting schedule.
  - Developed new schedule for awards and student chapter due dates.
  - Summarized all ITE and TexITE students opportunities.
  - Trying to summarize activities Sections are doing with Student Chapters; going to be contacting each Section Representative.
  - All awards (including student ones) will go through Melisa. Melisa will notify ITE.
  - Robert will now be a member of the Awards Committee.
- District Database Langdon
  - No oral report.
- Technical Committee Luedtke
  - No report.
- Transit Committee (*report attached*) Ryden
  - No oral report.

- Newsletter Johnson
    - Desire more input from District Board.
    - Will include TENC/ITE info.
  - Website (*report attached*) Thomas
    - Plans to look at changing up/revamping in 2012.
  - Legislative Committee (*report attached*) Ragsdale
    - Reduction in funds at the state level is for 2 years and the big cuts will really hit next year.
  - Past Presidents Kurfees
    - No report.
13. Historian Crawford
- No report.
14. Other Business
- Susan Langdon on TENC Executive Council and is in charge of District Liaisons.
  - James Kratz is our TENC District Liaison.
  - TENC wants us to do one presentation at each District meeting sponsored by TENC.
15. Adjourn at 4:35 pm
- Gary Thomas motion, James Kratz second.



Texas District Spring 2011 Board Meeting  
 Hilton – Downtown Fort Worth  
 Continental Room  
 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
 March 24, 2011

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Website	Gary Thomas	TTI	Y	Y
LAC – FW 2011	Mark Mathis	City of Fort Worth	N	Y
LAC – Garland 2011	Allison Franz	City of Garland	Y	Y
LAC – San Marcos 2012	Sabas Avila	City of San Marcos	Y	Y

**Additional Attendees**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>WrRpt</u>	<u>Attend</u>
International VP Candidate	Ray Davis	RED3 Consulting	NA	Y
International VP Candidate	Zaki Mustafa	LADOT	NA	Y
International President	Robert Wunderlich	City of Garland	NA	Y

1. Call to Order at 2:04 pm Shamburger
2. Approval of October 2010 Board Meeting Minutes Shamburger
  - Gary Thomas motion, Kevin Balke second, unanimously approved
3. Approval of Summer 2010 Board Meeting Minutes Shamburger
  - Jere Hart motion, Gary Thomas second, unanimously approved
4. International Report Wunderlich
  - Board has made progress on defining strategic plan. Recommended that the District review it and consider doing a strategic plan for the District.
  - Looking to identify resources needed from ITE for the District and working professionals.
5. International Vice President Candidate Introductions Davis/Mustafa
6. International Director Report Thomas
  - Moved into new Headquarters in August 2010.
  - Welcome week during TRB: student night and member night.
  - Publication “Pioneers in Transportation” on individuals throughout the history of transportation. Can purchase through ITE.
  - ITE Community is a new section of website. It is going to similar to LinkedIn. Can include bios, has forms and blogs, and upload files. Security is an issue. Has built in communities (e.g., Texas District). Need to provide one to two names to administer the Texas community. Dave Carter nominated Gary Thomas to lead this effort. Kevin Balke second. Robert Saylor interested in helping out. Can also have communities for Sections, so may want to include representatives from each Section involved.
  - Can select your own ITE password now. After login select “security” button in upper right corner. Member number is still your ID.
  - Officer elections coming up.
  - Last year on the Board.
7. District Administrator Report (*report attached*) Finley
  - Activity since last report regarding 2010 budget: receipt of 2<sup>nd</sup> dues check from ITE for 2010, payment of dues for webmaster and administrator; student chapter direct support (3 chapters), outstanding student awards (3 chapters), future engineers sponsorship, insurance, website support, and PO box dues
  - Activity since last report regarding meetings account: closed out Sugarland meeting, net revenue from Sugarland \$2750.90, we had first expenses for Fort Worth and Garland meetings
  - Overall, in 2010 we basically doubled the cash on hand (~\$55,000 to ~\$95,000).

8. Treasurer's Report

Finley

- Adoption of 2011 Budget
  - a. Discussion on meeting income. Dave Carter stated that meeting profit was set at \$2000 historically so LACs would make a small profit instead of losing money. Kevin Balke stated that \$10,000 is too high & may burden LAC. Robert Saylor commented that it is better to estimate low and make money. Board verbally agreed to reduce income for 2011 meetings from \$10,000 each to \$5000 each.
  - b. Newsletter advertisement can be left at \$3500. First notice has been sent out.
  - c. Dave Carter motion. Jere Hart second. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Note: Later in the meeting the budget was amended to increase Student Paper Award to \$2000 and District 9 Fellowships to \$2000.

9. Vice-President's Report

Carter

- Will be chairing program committee for Garland and San Marcos meetings.
- Having monthly program committee conference calls.
- Helms-Brisco(HB) is the group that assists TexITE and ITE with contracts. Also, solicit bids from hotels if we have more than one to choose from. There is a benefit to having a company do that. Discussion on advantages and disadvantages of using HB and TTI to do this. Mark Mathis stated that HB was helpful with the Fort Worth meeting. HB offered to help with a contract at an additional hotel once Fort Worth Hilton room block was full. Also, some discussion on number of room nights in contracts. Brian Shamburger stated that there is no major reason to change and it is consistent with ITE. TTI conference services is working out well too.

10. President's Report

Shamburger

- Interested in applying some tools from ITE to TexITE: ITE Community and scholarships. Encourage Sections to do the same.
- Need to encourage Section affiliates to join ITE. Need to emphasize added value above and beyond attending meetings. Wants to visit each Section this year. Need date/time slot on each Section's agenda to talk about ITE and its value. Robert Wunderlich to provide resources.
- Plan to assemble an Audit Committee before the next meeting.
- Nominating Committee formed and working to find candidates. Plan to have a list of candidates by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

11. Local Arrangement Committee Reports

- Spring 2011, Fort Worth Mathis
  - a. Early registrants = 267. Expenses = \$58,105. Income = \$69,534. Estimated net = \$11,428.
- Fall 2011, Garland Franz
  - a. All venues have been secured. Contracts signed. Hyatt Place = govt per diem (\$107 when signed contract, but subject to change). Garland Special Event Center for kick off luncheon. Pavilion at golf course for social. John Black leading organization of Golf Tournament. September 14-16, 2011.

- Spring 2012, San Marcos Avila
  - a. Negotiating contract with Embassy Suites. Higher than normal room rate (\$149) because hotel connected to convention center and only hotel of its class. Also, know they have to pay HB and have included fees for that even though not shown. No meeting room or setup fees. City has included benefits. Instead of providing benefits, they will pay ITE cash for the equivalent for the number of visitors and hotel rooms, etc. Will use trolleys for transportation. Looking at different venues for social, spouse events, and golf tournament. Looking at doing team canoe races. March 28-30, 2012.
- Fall 2012, Invitees Finley
  - a. Greater Forth Worth Section. Natalie Bettger and Jennifer Butcher will be making a presentation at the Business Luncheon. City to be determined.

12. Action on Policy, By-Laws, and District Functions

Shamburger

- Kevin Balke – Need to revise roles and responsibilities for meeting, especially if local sections are to be involved. Would require change in Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Brian Shamburger – Dates in bylaws need to be revised to reflect new meeting schedule. May need to go to “x” number of days before meetings, instead of exact dates. Example is new officers. Brian Shamburger will review and bring back findings and suggestions to Board.
- Melisa Finley – Also need to update District Calendar of Duties in District Policy and Procedures Manual (Appendix F) to reflect new meetings schedule.

13. Section Reports / Issues or Action

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| • Brazos Valley Section ( <i>report attached</i> ) | Balke   |
| • Capital Area Section ( <i>report attached</i> )  | Kratz   |
| • Greater Dallas ( <i>report attached</i> )        | Moen    |
| • Greater Fort Worth ( <i>report attached</i> )    | Bettger |
| • Greater Houston ( <i>report attached</i> )       | Isaac   |
| • South Texas ( <i>report attached</i> )           | Collins |

14. Committee Reports / Issues or Action

- Highway Products Group Carter
  - Changed system. Now registering through website like everyone else. Also, select booth, etc. through website.
  - Now VPs responsibility.
  - 35 vendors and 36 booths at this meeting.
  - \$400 (smaller) or \$600 (larger) for booth. Includes one full registration to the meeting. Can buy additional registrations at member price.
  - Have one vendor session lead by Mike Fiske.
  - Made HPG Vendor / CCTexITE poker poster to be placed on tables at kick-off luncheon.
- Program Committee Shamburger/Carter
  - See comments in VP report.

- Special Committee on Technical Meetings Carter
  - No report.
- Special Committee on Traffic Improvement/Legislative Poe
  - No report.
- Awards Committee (*report attached*) Finley
  - Discussed the need for Sections to submit their annual reports for the previous calendar year in January.
  - Recommended that District Awards Coordinator obtain last year's Section Activity Award winning report from ITE.
  - Brian Shamburger – Need to revisit monetary amounts associated with all awards. Melisa Finley will address in committee meeting tomorrow morning and report back to Board at next meeting.
- Membership Committee (*report attached*) Togar
- District Database (*report attached*) Langdon
- Consultants Council Luedtke
- Technical Committee Luedtke
- Transit Committee (*report attached*) Ryden
  - Have about a dozen members. Tom is open to ideas to increase participation.
  - Have one session at the Fort Worth meeting.
- Newsletter (*report attached*) Pasumarthy
  - Sent out call for advertisements. Will be sending out call for articles soon.
  - Brian Shamburger – Need to coordinate with Dave Carter for vendor list.
- Website (*report attached*) Thomas
  - Vendor and CCTexITE now have name and link to website. Trying to add a description to vendors. Could also add logos. Dave Carter will send Gary Thomas logos from Fort Worth HPG attendees.
  - Policy Manual and Meetings Manual now in both pdf and html format.
  - Created a file repository and upload/download capability.
- Student Chapter Liaison Saylor
  - Have 42 students registered for meeting, including a high school student. Only represent 5 of our 9 student chapters. Other 4 student chapters (UTSA, TSU, TAMUK, and UT) have not responded to any attempts to contact.
  - Robert Wunderlich – Western District has a professional TexITE member to be a liaison between TexITE and Student Chapters.
  - Zaki Mustafa – His district gives faculty advisor \$150 to attend meetings.
  - Student poster format – Good turnout and very positive, but not getting student papers for District or ITE Dan Fambro Paper Award. Will work offline with Awards Committee to look at monetary award, format, timeline, and advertisement. Brian Shamburger would like Robert Saylor and Melisa Finley to make recommendations regarding Student awards at next Board meeting.
  - Discussion regarding monetary District student paper award
    1. Motion to amend 2011 proposed budget to increase Student Paper Award to \$2000 & District 9 Fellowships to \$2000.
    2. Jere Hart motion. Kevin Balke second. Unanimously approved.

- Discussion on having students create and run their own student competitions.
- Legislative Committee (*report attached*) Ragsdale
  - Over 6000 bills filed. Report has 40 pages of those that affect transportation. Typically one-third of the bills filed get passed.
  - Discussion on Anti-QBS legislation. Same bill that has been filed now for multiple sessions and been defeated. ITE cannot take a political position. They can only education, not advocate.
  - Discussion of bill to abolish PE Board and combine with all other certifications. All boards don't receive any state or federal money, but they do give money to the state.
  - Need to encourage members to get involved and contact legislators.
  - May need to look at in the future creating a more active committee of volunteers.
- Younger Members Committee (*report attached*) Sneed
  - Traffic Bowl tomorrow night. Two teams: Texas A&M and UT Arlington. Robert Saylor will talk with other Chapters that are here to see if we can get more teams.
  - Friday Night Social is after other social at Stockyards Saloon. It is on the bus route.
  - PE Handbook – created and is similar to Wikipedia. Anyone can add knowledge and advice. Link on Committee webpage.
- Committee for Future Engineers (*report attached*) Matt Johnson
  - National Future Cities – Winners from Houston got special award in Transportation Planning

15. Historian

Crawford

16. Other Business

17. Adjourn at 4:51 pm.



### Adopted TexITE BUDGET - 2011

1 September 2011	2011 Adopted	2011 Actual	Difference
<b>INCOME:</b>			<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>Dues</b>			
International Members	22,000.00	19,889.17	\$ (2,110.83)
District Affiliate/Subscribers	1,000.00	430.00	\$ (570.00)
<b>Meeting Profit (Loss)</b>			
Winter/Spring Meeting (Fort Worth)	5,000.00	8,860.98	\$ 3,860.98
Summer/Fall Meeting (Garland)	5,000.00		\$ (5,000.00)
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Newsletter Advert & Listings	3,500.00	2,400.00	\$ (1,100.00)
CCTexITE: Student Travel	2,000.00		\$ (2,000.00)
Other	0.00		\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	38,500.00	31,580.15	-6,919.85
Transfer from Reserve Fund	0.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	38,500.00	31,580.15	-6,919.85
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			<b>Remaining</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>			
Publishing	0.00		\$ -
Printing	0.00		\$ -
Postage	0.00		\$ -
<b>Administrative Expense:</b>			
ITE dues for Webm & Admin	510.00		\$ 510.00
Conference Calls	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Postage & Supplies (Ballots)	50.00		\$ 50.00
Printing	50.00		\$ 50.00
Supplies	50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>Student Chapters:</b>			
Direct Support 2011	2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00
Travel Support to Fort Worth Mtg 2011	4,500.00	900.00	\$ 3,600.00
Travel Support to Garland Mtg 2011	4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00
Travel Support to ITE	1,000.00	3,081.74	\$ (2,081.74)
Outstanding Student Awards	900.00		\$ 900.00
Outstanding Student Chap. Award	150.00		\$ 150.00
Student Paper Awards	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Awards:</b>			
Transp Engr of Year	100.00		\$ 100.00
Young Member Award	100.00		\$ 100.00
Technical Paper Award	100.00		\$ 100.00
Section Activities Award	450.00		\$ 450.00
Future Engrs Cash Awards	600.00	200.00	\$ 400.00
Plaques	300.00	169.46	\$ 130.54
District 9 Fellowships (2 - \$1000 each)	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Contributions</b>			
ITE (General)	200.00		\$ 200.00
ITE (Fellowship)	300.00		\$ 300.00
ITE Prof Develop Fund	500.00		\$ 500.00
<b>Travel</b>			
TexITE President	2,000.00	857.40	\$ 1,142.60
TexITE Vice-President	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
International Director	2,000.00	362.90	\$ 1,637.10
ITE Council Chairs	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
VP Int'l Campaign Exp	0.00		\$ -
<b>Traffic Bowl</b>			
Travel Support to ITE Traffic Bowl	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
D9 Student Chapter Award Plaque	50.00		\$ 50.00
Equipment	100.00	168.50	\$ (68.50)
<b>Other</b>			
Insurance	1,300.00		\$ 1,300.00
Web Site Support	410.00	359.88	\$ 50.12
Bank Charges	0.00		\$ -
Accounting Fees	525.00	525.00	\$ -
PO Box (Yearly)	96.00		\$ 96.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	33,541.00	6,624.88	26,916.12
Outstanding Expenses	0.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	33,541.00	6,624.88	
<b>NET REVENUE:</b>	4,959.00	24,955.27	

## Tex ITE Meetings Account - 2011

1 September 2011

	Fort Worth March 2011		Garland September 2011				Other		Balance	Description
	Deposits	Withdrawals	Deposits	Withdrawals	Deposits	Withdrawals	Deposits	Withdrawals		
2010		500.00		800.00					51,724.75	
January									51,724.75	
February		440.00							51,284.75	
March		27,612.16							23,672.59	
April	805.00	2,808.61							21,668.98	
May		3,215.75							18,453.23	
June	57,159.00	14,640.63		200.00					60,771.60	1st TTI check
July									60,771.60	
August	114.13			4,783.60					56,102.13	
September									56,102.13	
October									56,102.13	
November									56,102.13	
December									56,102.13	
January 2012									56,102.13	

### Meeting Totals

	58,078.13	49,217.15	0.00	5,783.60
<b>Net Revenue</b>	8,860.98		-5,783.60	

### Account Balances

	Checking	Meeting	Total
1 Jan 2011	42,774.40	51,724.75	94,499.15
Revenues	22,719.17	58,078.13	80,797.30
Expenses	-6,624.88	-53,700.75	-60,325.63
31 Dec 2011	58,868.69	56,102.13	114,970.82

### Fort Worth Meeting

Cred.Cd. Fee	1,513.60
TTI fee	10,341.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,854.60</b>

### Garland Meeting

Cred. Cd. Fee	
TTI fee	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>



### Local Arrangements Committee Report District 9 Board Meeting

The TexITE budget approved by the board at the Spring 1011 Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas proposed an estimated \$5,000 profit for the Fall 2011 meeting in Garland. As of the close of online registration, we are estimating a profit of \$5,000.

At the close of online registration, we had a total of 175 members/affiliates/speakers, 12 non-members, 43 students, 9 retirees, 1 full vendor registration and 24 vendor badges. The vendor fair completely sold out with all 9 booths and 28 tables being sold! That gives the total registration at the close of online registration to be 301.

We have a total of 38 people registered for the HCM Workshop, 123 registered for ethics, 89 registered for the technical tour, and 20 people registered for the golf tournament.

International ITE President, Robert Wunderlich, has invited ITE members, family and friends to his ranch in Peerless, TX on Saturday afternoon, after the conclusion of the meeting.

Allison Franz  
Local Arrangements Chair

# Fall Section Report

## 2012 TexITE Spring Meeting San Marcos, Texas

September 2011

### 1.0 Local Arrangement Committee

Chair: Sabas Avila, City of San Marcos  
Co Chair: Alex Reyna, Bury+Partners  
Eric Bollich, City of Austin  
Brian Van DeWalle, Kimley-Horn  
Rebecca Ybarra-Ramirez, San Marcos Convention and Visitor Bureau  
Kerri Collins, Pape Dawson  
Anna Martin, HDR  
Jim Dale, TTI  
Valerie Kaiser, Bury+Partners

### 2.0 Overview

#### 2.1 San Marcos Spring Meeting Overview

##### a. Meeting overview

- March 28-30,2012
- Wednesday – Friday (Garland is the first meeting with the Wednesday-Friday format)
- Hotel contract finalized

##### b. Hotel Contract update

- 155 room nights contracted
- \$149 / night
- Audio/video prices outlined in contract

#### 2.2 Identify Activities and Assign Sub-Committee Chairs

The following tasks were reviewed and the following sub-committee chairs were identified:

##### a. Thursday Night Social – Alex and Sabas

- Planned at San Marcos Rec Center (on the San Marcos River)
- Catering required

##### b. Technical Tour – Eric Bollich and Kerri Collins

- Possible events discussed included F1 track, Wodner World Drive (context-sensitive design), TxState Cadaver Farm, TxState Aquarena Springs Center
  - c. Spouses Tour – Activities flyers will be passed as part of registration
  - d. Kickoff Luncheon – TBD
  - e. Business Lunch – TBD
  - f. Texas Hold ‘em – consultant council
  - g. Golf or Racquetball Tournament – Jim Dale
  - h. Canoe Race – Brian Van De Walle
    - Canoe race can be held in conjunction with Thursday Night Social
- 2.3 Currently drafting the 2012 Spring TexITE meeting

### **3.0 Other**

- 3.1 Convention and Visitor Bureau will pay for all transportation costs for Thursday Night Social
- 3.2 Convention and Visitor Bureau can provide any transportation costs for any other events or tours

## Fall 2012 LAC report

We are narrowing down hotels. The great Wolf Lodge dates were released since we didn't feel enough families would attend to make it worth the effort. We are trying to finalize a contract with the Marriott Worthington in downtown Fort Worth. Tentative dates are 8/28-31/2012. For the Thursday night social in Fort Worth, we are looking into renting the Rahr and Sons Brewery. It is approximately 5 minutes from downtown Fort Worth and the cost is \$15 per person for a 3 hour rental of all you can drink and everyone gets a souvenir glass to take home. Depending on the budget we will look into getting a band or playing music from our iPod over their sound system.

# 2011 Brazos Valley Section Report

## Texas District Institute of Transportation Engineers

Report Date: September 12, 2011

This report is a summary of activities of the Brazos Valley Section of the Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. This report covers the activities performed by the section during from January through September 2011. This section report was prepared by Kevin Balke, the Section Representative to the Texas District Board of Directors with the assistance of the current 2011 leadership of the section.

### 1. Leadership

Below is a listing of the current 2011 elected officers and appointed leadership for the section.

#### 2011 Officers

President	Vichika Iragavarapu	845-5686
Vice-president	Troy Rother	764-3838
Secretary/Treasurer	Nikki Norton	209-5130
Past President	Dale Picha	209-5131
Section Representative	Kevin Balke	845-9899

#### Committee Chairs

Membership	David Besly	268-1125
E-mail List	Marcus Brewer	845-2640
Webmaster	Gary Thomas	458-3263

### 2. Finances

As of 09/12/2011, the balance of the Brazos Valley Section account is \$2,673.28.

### 3. Membership

The table below shows the current composition of the membership of the Brazos Valley Section.

Membership Grade	2010	2011
Member	47	49
Local Section Affiliate	13	TBD
Student	52	- <sup>a</sup>
Total	112	TBD

<sup>a</sup>TAMU classes began in late August. Student membership level to be determined later in the semester after the first meeting.

## 4. Activities

2011 has a busy year for the Brazos Valley Section. Below summarizes the meetings and social activities performed by the Section.

### 4.1. Activities

The Brazos Valley Section host regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Except for the Annual Business Meeting, the leadership hosted speakers on topics of interest to the members of the Section. A list of those speakers and topics are shown below. Note that it is the standard practice of the BVITE Section is to suspend meeting during the summer months (June, July, and August).

#### 2011 Schedule of Meeting and Speakers

Meeting Date	Topic and Speaker	Attendance
Jan. 27, 2011	Joe Zietsman, Texas Transportation Institute. <i>Transportation and the Environment – Why Should we Care and What Can We Do?</i>	11
Feb 24, 2011	Sue Chrysler, Texas Transportation Institute. Successful Infrastructure Countermeasures to Mitigate Motorcyclist Fatalities	29
March	TexITE Winter/Spring Meeting	-
Apr 28, 2011	Walter Ragsdale, Ragsdale Consulting. Update on Legislative Activities Related to Transportation Issues	24
May 26, 2011	Joe Zietsman, Texas Transportation Institute. Transportation and the Environment – Why Should we Care and What Can We Do?	19
June – Aug, 2011	No meetings (BVITE historically does not hold meeting during the summer months)	-
September 29, 2011	Marcus Brewer, Texas Transportation Institute, speaking on "A Strategic Approach for Safety: Putting Knowledge into Practice – Safety of the World's Road System	TBD

### 4.2. Social

The Brazos valley section organized a Brazos Valley Bombers social, which was cancelled due to low turnout. The extreme heat this summer and membership travel schedule was found to be the reason for low turnout. The board has decided to organize another social at the year-end.

### 4.3. Fiscal

1. The board decided to contribute \$250 to the ITE 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund.
2. The BVITE accounts were audited by one of the members. The recommendations include keeping the check book register up to date. Copy of the audit is attached.

## **5. Other**

### **5.1. Goals**

For 2012, the Brazos Valley section aims at achieving the following goals –

1. Continue having great speakers at our monthly meetings on current topics that are of interest to the membership.
2. Continue supporting the TAMU student chapter. The board is planning an annual contribution, the details of which are not yet decided.
3. Organize a family-friendly social event for the membership.
4. Get involved in a community activity.

### **5.2. Upcoming Events**

1. Meeting with Representative Flores
2. Ethics webinar

### **5.3. Awards Honors Received/Bestowed**

- Kay Fitzpatrick, Texas Transportation Institute, received the Coordinating Council Best Project Award for her project: *Pavement Marking Patterns Used at Uncontrolled Intersections*.
- Gary Thomas, Texas Transportation Institute, was recognized for representing the Texas District on the ITE Board of Direction for the past three years..
- The student chapter for TAMU won the TexITE Student Traffic Bowl and represented TexITE as the 2011 ITE Annual Meeting

### **5.4. Changes to Section Bylaws**

None

# Fall Section Report

## Capital Area Section of Texas District Institute of Transportation Engineers

September 2011

### 1.0 Leadership

President: Alan Hughes, City of Austin  
Vice President: Anna Martin, HDR  
Secretary-Treasurer: Eric Bollich, City of Austin  
Past President: Alex Reyna, Bury+Partners  
Section Representative: James Kratz, Jacobs  
Webmaster: Alex Reyna, Bury+Partners  
Student Chapter Liaison: Anna Martin, HDR

### 2.0 Finances

Account balance as of 8/31/11: \$4,083.46  
See the attached balanced year-end budget.

### 3.0 Membership

Membership Grade	Number	Previous Year	Percent Increase
Member	46	35	31%
Local Section Affiliate	2	2	0%
Total	48	37	30%

### 4.0 Activity

#### 4.1 General Technical

The Capital Area Section holds its regular monthly meetings on the first Friday of each even-numbered month. Four monthly meetings have been held so far in 2011. The dates, topics, speakers, and attendance are shown below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
February	Engineering Ethics	George P. Hartmann, Licensing Project Manager at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers	29
April	Overview of Austin Toll Facilities	Steve Pustelnyk, Director of Communications for the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority	27
May	Overview of Regional Toll Facilities	Leroy Alloway, Director of Community Development for the Alamo RMA; and Steve Pustelnyk, Director of Communications for the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority.	47 (15)*
August	Upcoming Transportation-Related Legislation	Caroline Love, TxDOT Government and Public Affairs Division; and John Hrcir, City of Austin Governmental Relations Department	36
October	ITS Devices on IH-35	Jim Dale, Texas Transportation Institute	N/A
December	Annual holiday luncheon and announcement of new officers	None	N/A

\* Joint meeting with South Texas Section. Out of the 47 total in attendance, 15 were from the Capital Area.

#### 4.2 General Social

The May Capital Area Section meeting was held jointly with the South Texas Section at the City of San Marcos on May 26, 2011.

The annual Capital Area Section holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 2011 in conjunction with the regularly scheduled section meeting. Newly elected officers for 2012 will be announced.

#### 4.3 Committees

The Capital Area Section has formed a scholarship committee to develop guidelines for awarding University of Texas at Austin students. The first scholarship is planned for 2012.

Members of the Capital Area Section are assisting the San Marcos Local Arrangements Committee to plan the upcoming TexITE Spring 2012 Meeting.

## **5.0 Other**

### **5.1 Goals**

The Capital Area Section is focusing on improved outreach to the University of Texas at Austin Student Chapter to assist with their meetings and award outstanding students through scholarships.

### **5.2 Awards/Honors Received/Bestowed**

None so far in 2011.

### **5.3 Changes to Section Bylaws**

No changes have been made to the Section Bylaws.

	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$3,853.46</b>
<u>Income</u>			
	Section Member and Affiliate 2010 Dues	\$0.00	
	Section Member and Affiliate 2011 Dues	\$230.00	
	District Award	\$0.00	
	Meeting Income:		
	Lunches	\$0.00	
	Socials	\$0.00	
	Donations (Newsletter Ads)	<u>\$360.00</u>	
	Total Meeting Income	\$590.00	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$590.00</b>
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Bank Charges	\$0.00	
	Gifts/Awards	\$0.00	
	Meeting Expenses:		
	Attendee & Speaker Lunches	\$0.00	
	Webinar	\$360.00	
	Socials	\$0.00	
	Parking	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	Total Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	
	Miscellaneous:		
	Supplies	\$0.00	
	Photocopies	\$0.00	
	Postage	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	Total Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$360.00</b>
	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$4,083.46</b>

**Greater Dallas Section of TexITE District 9  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Section Report to District 9  
September 12, 2011**



**1.0 Leadership**

President:	Joel Fitts, P.E., PTOE, City of Frisco
Vice President:	John Denholm, P.E., PTOE, Lee Engineering
Secretary/Treasurer:	Robyn Root, P.E., City of McKinney
Past President:	David Halloin, P.E., PTOE, Hayden Consultants, Inc.
Section Representative	Brian Moen, P.E., City of Frisco
Webmaster:	John Denholm, P.E., PTOE, Lee Engineering
Younger Members Chair:	Tom Hartmann, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Professional Development Chair:	Sean Merrell, P.E., PTOE, City of Frisco
Professional Development Member:	Wes McClure, P.E., TxDOT
Professional Development Member:	Rhett Dollins, P.E., PTOE, Savant Group

## 2.0 Finances

General Account Balance as of 9/12/2011:	\$3,727.19
Scholarship Fund Balance as of 9/12/2011:	\$2,339.85

## 3.0 Membership

The Greater Dallas Section currently has 126 paid members.

## 4.0 Activity

The current officers and committee members have been very active this year. In addition to our typical monthly meetings, they have introduced several new things that provide benefit to our members. These have included a workshop, technical tour, numerous training opportunities, and a new scholarship fund. We have also introduced electronic meeting payment and registration.

### 4.1 General Technical

The Section holds monthly meetings on the second Friday of each month. During each Section meeting, a presentation is made and general Section business is discussed. Since our last section report in March, we have had five monthly meetings that are summarized in the table below.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Attendance
4/8/11	Tony Hartzel (TxDOT)	Successful Media Relations	57
5/6/11	Chad Edwards (NCTCOG)	Mobility 2035 MTP Update	64
6/10/11	Joint Meeting with Fort Worth Section	Various Speakers	83
7/8/11	Kristi Avalos (Accessology)	ADA / Public ROW Issues	73
8/12/11	Curtis Jarecki (City of Dallas)	Traffic Signal Operations Experiences, Ideas, and Dreams	80

We have always held one joint business luncheon meeting with the Greater Fort Worth Section each year, but this year we turned it into a day-long DFW “regional meeting” with a training session in the morning, a business lunch with a keynote speaker, and three technical sessions in the afternoon followed by an ethics presentation. The meeting was very well attended and we look forward to making it an annual tradition, sharing or trading meeting planning responsibilities with the Fort Worth Section each year.

## **4.2 Other Meetings**

In May, the section hosted a Technical Tour of Dallas Area Rapid Transit's Northwest Rail Operating Facility. This tour was attended by 25 members.

On July 12, the section sponsored a retroreflectivity workshop in Garland. There were 64 attendees from public agencies across the DFW Metroplex and included two attendees from the City of Waco. Paul Carlson from TTI in College Station was the instructor.

## **4.3 Younger Members Committee**

The first annual Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament, organized by the Younger Members Committee, was a great success. The tournament was held May 13, 2011, at Riverchase Golf Club in Coppell. There was fierce competition among the 66 golfers who participated, with "The Four Amigos" (Rod Kelly, Klint Kelly, Eddie Haas, and Rudy Haas) taking home the inaugural trophy. Thanks in large part to the sponsors listed below, the tournament raised over \$4,200 for the TexITE Dallas Section Scholarship.

The first TexITE Dallas Section Scholarship was awarded to Billy Wair, a Civil Engineering major at Prairie View A&M University. Mr. Wair accepted the \$2,000 scholarship at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Greater Dallas Section meeting. Congratulations to Mr. Wair, and thanks to all those who made the golf tournament such a success.

Golf Tournament Sponsors:

- Gram Traffic NTX, Inc.
- Paradigm Traffic Systems
- Twincrest Technologies
- Lee Engineering
- Savant Group
- Urban Engineers Group Inc.
- Roadway Solutions
- Walter P Moore
- Home Buyers Complete, LLC
- Durable Specialties, Inc.
- Dannenbaum
- ASI Business Solutions
- Spirit Grille
- Hayden Consultants, Inc.
- Texas Highway Products, LTD
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- C J Hensch & Associates, Inc.
- Gram Traffic Counting, Inc.
- Naztec, Inc.

#### 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 have expanded 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 include opportunities that may be available through such organizations such as NCTCOG, ASCE, ITS Texas, ITS America, TxDOT, CEC, TSPE, and others.

Halff Associates has hosted the following ITE Webinars about the new Highway Capacity Manual.

Date	Topic	Attendance
4/12/11	Highway Capacity Manual 2010 Overview: Now in Four Volumes)	27
4/14/11	Applications of the New Active Traffic Management Chapter	13
4/26/11	Changes to Unsignalized Intersection Methodologies	22
4/28/11	New Multi-Modal Urban Streets Methodology – Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Methods	17
5/17/11	New Signalized Intersection Methodology	23
5/19/11	Multi-Modal Urban Streets Methodology – Auto Mode	14
6/21/11	New Material on the Use of Alternative Tools: Micro Simulation Models	8
6/23/11	New Freeway Weaving Methodology	17
7/19/11	Enhancements to the Freeway Facilities Method	17
8/12/11	Enhanced Planning Methods and Applications of Generalized Service Volume Tables	17

#### 4.5 Other Business

The Section begin using the Constant Contact Service allow electronic payment/registration for monthly meetings.



**GREATER FORT WORTH (GFW) SECTION  
REPORT TO THE TEXITE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**

**1.0 LEADERSHIP**

President:	Mitzi Ward, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Vice-President:	David Jodray, City of Fort Worth
Secretary / Treasurer:	Jennifer Butcher, Savant Group
Section Representative:	Natalie Bettger, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Past President:	Don Szczesny, Dunaway Associates

**2.0 FINANCIAL STATUS**

Section bank account balance as of September 2011 was approximately \$1,029.98. We made a donation to the ITE 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund in February 2011.

**3.0 MEMBERSHIP**

The Greater Fort Worth Section currently has approximately 38 dues paying members and the potential to add at least another 60 people. The Section collects the annual membership fee of \$8 ourselves (as opposed to via ITE Int'l).

**4.0 MONTHLY MEETINGS**

The GFW Section holds regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month, with exceptions made for the 2 months each year during which the TexITE statewide meetings are held. Section meetings are usually held at Joe T Garcia's restaurant located at 2201 N. Commerce St. north of downtown Fort Worth. The dates, speakers, topics, and attendance for each meeting held in 2011 are shown in Table 1. In addition, the dates, speakers and topics are provided for the remainder of the meetings for 2011 in Table 2.

**Table 1. Summary of 2011 Section Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Presentation Topic</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Jan 20	Wilma Smith, City of Fort Worth and Mark McCoy, Freese and Nichols, Inc.	Stone Road & Alsbury Blvd. Reconstruction Project	40
Feb 17	John R. Tillinghast, Project Mgr., TxDOT and Curtis Hanan, TxDOT	IH 35W Corridor Improvement Study	52
Mar 24-26	<b>TexITE 2011 District 9 Spring Meeting</b>		
Apr 21	Jeff Toner, Jacobs Aviation	Alliance Airport Expansion, FM 156 & BNSF Realignment	32
May 19	Patrick J. Buckley, P.E., City of Fort Worth	Roundabouts in Fort Worth	39
Jun 10	<b>Joint Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Meeting</b>		
Jul 21	Kristen Schropp, Public Information Coordinator, NorthGate Constructors	Status Update on the DFW Connector	34
Aug 18	<b>Tour of City of Fort Worth Traffic Management Center</b>		
Sep 14-16	<b>TexITE 2011 District 9 Spring Meeting</b>		

**Mitzi Ward, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Section President**  
**David Jodray, City of Fort Worth, Section Vice-President,**  
**Jennifer Butcher, Savant Group Inc, Section Secretary/Treasurer,**  
**Natalie Bettger, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Section Representative**  
**Don Szczesny, Dunaway Associates, Section Past President**



Table 2: Summary of Remaining 2011 Section Meetings

Date	Speaker(s)	Presentation Topic	Attendance
Oct 20	Chad Edwards & Madhusudhan Venugopal, NCTCOG	Mobility 2035 and Air Quality in Our Region	
Nov	To Be Determined		
Dec	Brian Barth, TxDOT	The New Modernization Efforts for TxDOT	

#### 5.0 COMMITTEES

The GFW Section Nominations Committee nominated the following candidates for the sections Secretary / Treasurer Position.

Erin Eurek (Kimley-Horn & Associates)  
Sergio Molina (Teague, Nall, and Perkins)

Below is the list of Committees that exist:

##### 2011 Committee Structure:

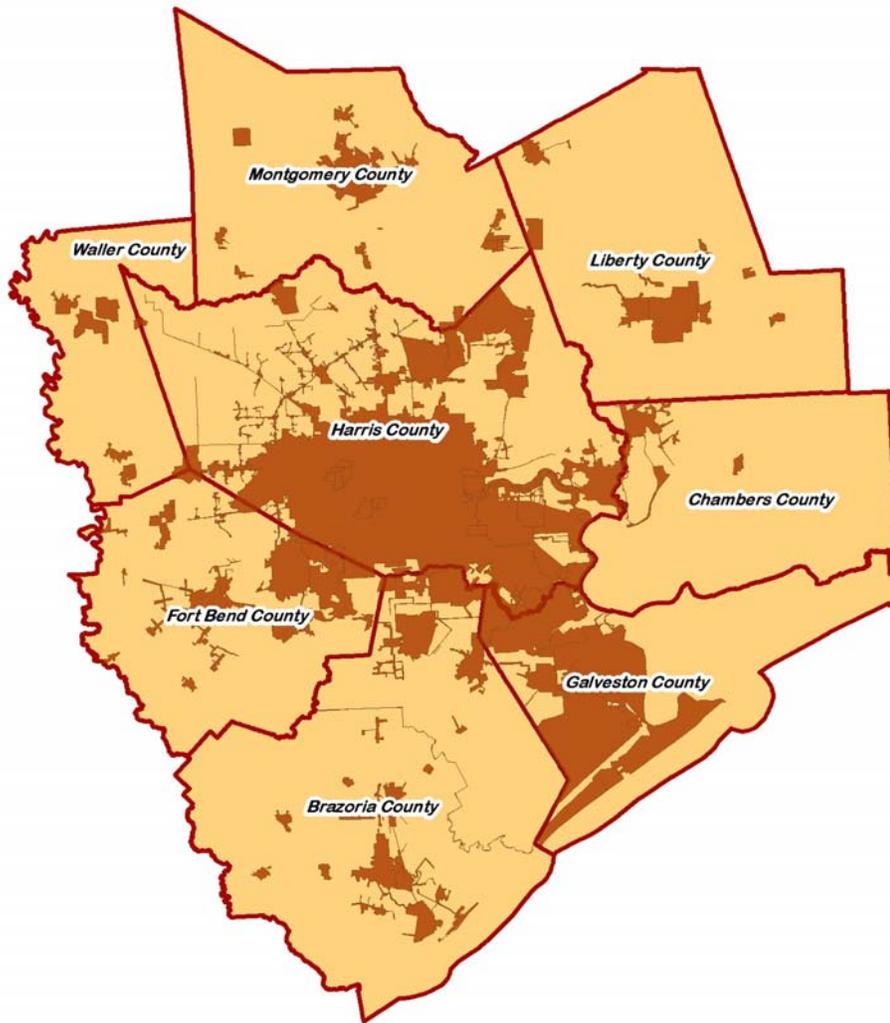
Engineer Outreach: Open  
Membership: Tim Wallace II, EIT (Wier & Associates)  
Community Services: Open  
Technical: Mark C. Schluter, P.E. (Halff Associates, Inc.)

#### 6.0 OTHER BUSINESS

One other topic that the GFW leadership should discuss is having the section dues collected by National ITE. Managing dues collection in this way would cover ITE members who live or work in the GFW Section boundaries but who choose not to pay their section dues.

The GFW Section is excited to be the host Section for the 2012 Fall TexITE Meeting in the Fort Worth area. Our officers and membership have already shown the Local Arrangements Committee CoChairs, Jennifer Butcher and Natalie Bettger interest in helping with the meeting. We are narrowing down hotels. The great Wolf Lodge dates were released since we didn't feel enough families would attend to make it worth the effort. We are trying to finalize a contract with the Marriott Worthington in downtown Fort Worth. For the Thursday night social in Fort Worth, we are looking into renting the Rahr and Sons Brewery. It is approximately 5 minutes from downtown Fort Worth and the cost is \$15 per person for a 3 hour rental of all you can drink and everyone gets a souvenir glass to take home. Depending on the budget we will look into getting a band or playing music from our iPod over their sound system.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Natalie Bettger, GFW Section Representative



**Greater Houston Area Section  
District 9  
Institute of Transportation Engineers**

*Year 2011 Fall Section Report  
September 2011*



**GREATER HOUSTON AREA SECTION  
DISTRICT 9  
INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

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**GREATER HOUSTON AREA  
ITE SECTION REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

**Leadership**

President ..... David Worley, PE, City of Sugar Land Public Works Department  
Vice-President ..... Dustin Qualls, PE, PTOE, Traffic Engineers, Inc.  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Jason Vaughn, PE, Fort Bend County Engineering Department  
Section Representative .... Manu Isaac, PE, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

**Financial status**

Account balance as of August 31, 2011:     \$29,555

**General**

The Section holds monthly luncheon meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society Club (HESS Club), located at 5430 Westheimer Road in Houston. The Section also has an active website and Facebook page to keep the members updated. The website can be found at <http://www.texitehouston.org>, along with the section blog, archived PDH information, and registration for upcoming events.

In addition, two Houston Section members have accepted leadership roles this year: Pablo Valle (for the local Membership Committee co-chair) and Lee Anne Dixon (for the section representative for the TexITE Membership Committee). Matt Johnson continues to serve as the section representative to the TexITE Future Engineers Committee.

**Shrimp Boil**

The Shrimp Boil is Houston Section’s main social event and is held every year in October. The 2011 annual Shrimp Boil will be held on October 1, 2011, at Tom Bass Park Section I in Precinct 1 of Harris County. Section members and their family can enjoy fun and fellowship on a Saturday afternoon at the park. All you can eat gulf shrimp, hot dogs, snacks, and beverages will be served, and fun events will include activities for kids like moonwalks, piñata, and games. Expenses for the Shrimp Boil are being covered through tickets sales and sponsorships.





## Committees

The Section has four current standing committees: Membership, Technical, Program, and Web Committee. The Membership committee is co-chaired by Dave Wright of Jacobs and Pablo Valle of Houston Metro, the Technical Committee is chaired by Rick Staigle of Traffic Engineers Inc., the Program Committee is chaired by Charles Stevens of Binkley & Barfield, and the Web Committee is chaired by Dustin Qualls of Traffic Engineers Inc. The Scholarship committee is currently chaired by the President.

## Membership

Based on current year 2011 membership information, the Section has 190 dues paying members, including 30 student members from local colleges and universities. The Section added 3 new members since February 2011. The Membership Committee is also developing a Welcome Brochure to distribute to new members starting this year.

## 2011 Year-to-Date MONTHLY MEETINGS

Date	Speakers	Topic	Attendance
01/12/2011	Jonathan Tydlacka, TTI	Evaluation of Lighted Pavement Stop Bars at LRT Intersections	51
02/09/2011	Narciso Lira, PE, City of Pearland	City of Pearland Traffic and Transportation	46
04/13/2011	George Greanias, Houston Metro	The New Metro	83
05/11/2011	Larry Blackburn, TxDOT Houston District	US 290 Corridor	75
06/08/2011	Pat Walsh, City of Sugar Land	City of Sugar Land Mobility Plan	51
07/13/2011	John Sedlak, Houston Metro	Metro Strategic Partnering	74
08/10/2011	Linc Wright, PE, City of League City	State of Traffic in League City	51

## Webinars

For 2011 year-to-date, the Section has funded and hosted 12 sessions of ITE webinars with average attendance between 10-20 section members. The webinars included the following series and topics: the Professional Traffic Operations Engineering refresher series, Introduction to the 2010 Highway Capacity Manual, and an Accessibility webinar on the new Right-Of-Way Guidelines.

## Awards and Scholarships

As part of Engineers Week, Charles Stevens, PE, PTOE, was named Young Engineer of the Year for 2011, and was honored at the January luncheon meeting.

The Section awarded Year 2010-2011 TexITE scholarships to two local transportation students enrolled in an undergraduate or post-graduate academic program. Min Zhang was awarded \$1,500 and Yang He was awarded \$500 in scholarships and certificates for their academic achievements. The Section decided to increase the amount for future TexITE scholarships to a maximum total of \$3,000 (with the single recipient maximum at \$2,000).



# South Texas Section

Institute of Transportation Engineers

## A Section of District 9 of the Institute of Transportation Engineers

Section Report - September 2011

### SECTION LEADERSHIP

#### 2011 Leadership

Office	Name	Affiliation
President	Oscar Michael Garza	Pate Engineers
Vice President	Amy Lewis	Kimley-Horn and Associates
Secretary/Treasurer	<i>Vacant as of 8/1/11; to be appointed by Board</i>	
Section Representative	Kerri Collins	Pape-Dawson Engineers

#### 2011 Committee Chairs

Committee	Name	Affiliation
Website Manager	Bo Zhou	Pape-Dawson Engineers
Student Chapter Liaison	Oscar Michael Garza	Pate Engineers
Membership Committee	Oscar Michael Garza	Pate Engineers
Nominations Committee	Miguel Sanchez	Arcadis
Newsletter Editor	Derek Mueller	Pape-Dawson Engineers
Section Representative	Kerri Collins	Pape-Dawson Engineers
Scholarship Committee	Oscar Michael Garza	Pate Engineers
Regional Conf. Committee	America Garza	TxDOT-Corpus Christi
Holiday Banquet Committee	Sascha Van der Aa	GKW Engineering

### FINANCES

Account balance as of 08/31/11: **\$ 7,421.57.**

### MEMBERSHIP

The South Texas Section had 88 local members who paid 2011 dues. As of August 31, 2011, there were 71 International ITE members within the Section boundaries, as listed by the ITE website ([www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)). Table 1 provides a breakdown of the membership grade of these international members.

**Table 1. Membership Grade of International Members in the South Texas Region**

Membership Grade	Number	Previous Report*	Percent Change
Student	12	9	33%
Institute Affiliate	1	1	0
Member	46	46	0
Fellow	13	13	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4%</b>

\* Based on March 2011 STITE Section Report to District 9 (TexITE)

**ACTIVITIES**

**General Technical**

The South Texas Section holds its regular monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each Month. The section held seven meetings from January 2011 through August 2011. The meeting dates, topics, speakers, and attendance are shown in Table 2 below:

**Table 2. FY 2011 Meeting Summary**

Date	Topic	Speaker	Attendance
Jan 26	2012 Bond Program	<b>Mike Frisbie, P.E.</b> Director of Capital Improvement Management Services City of San Antonio	67
Feb 23	Bexar County Infrastructure Services Capital Projects	<b>Renee Green, P.E.</b> Bexar County	40
<b>March - No meeting due to Spring TexITE Meeting in Fort Worth</b>			
April 26	<b>Meeting with UTSA Student Chapter</b>  Latest 2030 Committee Report	<b>Mauli Agrawal, Phd.,</b> Dean UTSA  <b>Jose Weissmann, Phd., P.E.,</b> Professor – Civil Engineering, UTSA	11:9 Prof:Student

**Table 2. FY 2011 Meeting Summary – Con’t**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b><i>STITE/Capital Area Joint Meeting</i></b>			
May 26	1. Building the Roads Ahead in San Antonio/Bexar County Area	<b>Leroy Alloway</b> , Alamo RMA	47 Total
	2. The Toll Reality in Central Texas	<b>Steve Pustelnyk</b> , Central Texas RMA	32 STITE 15 Capital Area
June 29	Update on the US 281 & Loop 1604 Interchange Design/Build Project	<b>Brett Altman, P.E.</b> , Jacobs Engineering	45
		<b>James Kratz, P.E.</b> , Jacobs Engineering	
		<b>Angel Gonzales, P.E.</b> , GWK	
July 27	What’s New at Trafficware (Synchro Version 8)	<b>Michael Trueblood, P.E., PTOE</b> , Trafficware	31
<b><i>Women’s Transportation Seminar Joint Event</i></b>			
Aug. 12	ADA Accessibility & Public Rights-of-Way Training Workshop	<b>Scott Lewendon</b> , FHWA Certified Instructor; Contributor to US Access 1999 Design Guide for Accessible Rights of Way	65
	8:30 AM to 4 PM	<b>Janet Barlow</b> , Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Representative US Access Board Public Rights-of-Way Advisory Committee, 1999-2007	
<b><i>September - No meeting due to Fall TextITE meeting in Garland</i></b>			

*The March and September Monthly meetings were not held due to District 9 meetings held during those months.*

**Upcoming Event**

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual STITE Regional Conference** will be held in Corpus Christi, TX from September 30 – October 1, 2011. The event features three technical presentations, an ethics presentation, a Kick-Off Lunch, a Vendor Exhibit, and a family dinner and family fishing tournament. See attached program for details.

**General Social**

The Annual Section Holiday Banquet will be held on December 2, 2011 at the Sonterra Club. Additional planning is underway by the Committee led by Sascha Van der Aa.

**Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee Chair is Mike Garza. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STITE-UTSA Scholarship (\$1,500) has been successfully advertised at UTSA and the committee is looking forward to determining the new award-recipient within the next few months.

**COMMUNICATIONS****Newsletter**

The Section has published two newsletters for the FY 2011. Derek Mueller is the current Newsletter Editor. The Section successfully sold advertising space for twelve business card size ads from consultants and vendors for the newsletter. The Quarterly Newsletters are attached with this report.

**Website**

The Section website is consistently updated with the latest meeting and conference information, previously published newsletters, and meeting presentations. Bo Zhou has recently taken over the duties of Website Manager. The Board wishes to thank Garry Ford for his valuable service as Website Manager for six years.

**SECTION STUDENT CHAPTERS**

The board voted in April to support the student chapters with up to \$250 per year as needed for supplies or refreshments associated with their meetings.

**University of Texas, San Antonio**

*Submitted by David Russell, II*

The University of Texas, San Antonio Student Chapter held two meetings for the FY 2011. The total number of student members has not changed and remains at twenty-six (26) for the 2011 fiscal year. The chapter seeks to increase the number of student members for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year. The chapter is also looking forward to raising funds for the organization through the sale of t-shirts and requesting membership dues for all new members. The current

UTSA Student Chapter Officers are listed below:

President:	<b>David J Russell II</b>
Vice President:	<b>Gerry Romero</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Miguelangel Saucedo / David J Russell II</b>
Secretary:	<b>Ahmed Zaidi</b>
Public Relations:	<b>Eduardo Villalon</b>
Webmaster:	<b>Miguelangel Saucedo</b>

The UTSA Chapter has been actively involved in organized Highway Cleanups and has “adopted” a 2-mile segment of Bandera Road north of Loop 1604. The Chapter regularly maintains this stretch of road with the help of professionals and student members.

The Chapter's website was founded in the fall of 2010, and we are now celebrating its first (1) year. Webmaster, Miguelangel Saucedo developed the student chapter webpage. Announcements of meetings and ITE events have been advertised on the website: <http://www.iteutsa.weebly.com/>. The Chapter also established Facebook and Twitter pages.



**Texas A & M University, Kingsville**

At the time of submission of this report, no information for the Fall 2011 was received from the Texas A&M University, Kingsville Student Chapter.

**OTHER**

**Goals**

- Increase membership in the section.
- Increase participation in Section leadership roles.
- Increase section revenues through Business Card Advertisement and social events.
- Continue to offer program meetings with informative topics and prominent speakers.
- Increase scholarships awarded within the section.
- Offer at least one valuable professional development program/workshop
- Improve the connection with and support for the Student Chapters.
- Establish more Community Outreach activities.

**Awards/Honors Received**

The STITE Section was selected as the 2nd Place winner of the TexITE Section Activities Award for 2011. The award will be presented to Amy Lewis, current Section Secretary/Treasurer, at the TexITE District Meeting in Garland, Texas in September 2011.

**Member News**

**Garry Ford** recently joined the firm AMEC as a Senior Traffic Engineer. **Rob Belarmino** recently joined HNTB as a Project Engineer in the Austin office. Rob is no longer serving as President of STITE since he no longer resides within, or is employed within, the South Texas ITE Section boundary. The Board wishes to thank Garry and Rob for their service to the Section.

- END REPORT -

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2011 Section Newsletters (Volumes 1 and 2)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual STITE Regional Conference Program

**From:** [Jere Hart](#)  
**To:** [Finley, Melisa](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming District Board Meeting - Written Reports  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2011 3:47:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Melisa,

This e-mail will serve as my report.

Taylor Withrow at City of Amarillo retired in January, but he has been asked to return part time until his replacement recovers. No new elsewhere.



**Jeryl (Jere) D. Hart, Jr., P.E. & RPLS**

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**From:** Finley, Melisa [mailto:M-Finley@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2011 11:37 AM  
**To:** Balke, Kevin; Iragavarapu, Vichika; 'bmoen@friscotexas.gov'; 'jfitts@friscotexas.gov'; 'nandithatogar@urbanengineersgroup.com'; 'paul.luedtke@hdrinc.com'; Dave.Carter@cor.gov; Jere Hart; Crawford, Jason  
**Subject:** Upcoming District Board Meeting - Written Reports

All,

This is just a friendly reminder that I need written reports for the TexITE District Board Meeting packet by **5 pm today**. If you are not going to submit a report, please let me know.

Written reports I am currently missing are listed below.

Brazos Valley Section

Dallas Section

At-Large Area – Jere Hart

Membership Committee – Nanditha Togar

Technical Committee – Paul Luedtke

Consultants Council – Paul Luedtke  
Program Committee – Dave Carter  
Historian – Jason Crawford

Thanks,  
Melisa

*Melisa D. Finley, P.E.*  
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# TexITE Younger Members Committee Report Fall 2011 – Fort Worth, TX

## **Summary of last year:**

The Younger Members Committee held a meeting in Fort Worth, as well as several other informal meetings to work on the Friday Night Social event.

During the spring 2011 meeting the Younger Members committee successfully facilitated the Student Traffic Bowl event. The committee will begin planning for the next Traffic Bowl this fall and again form a question pool subcommittee. The committee is also evaluating options for district members to build our own traffic bowl event equipment. The committee has received the plans and is talking to members and vendors.

Local committee members in Dallas and Fort Worth, worked together to organize the Younger Member social event for the Garland meeting. The event information will be posted to the website and emailed out on the Younger Member listserv. We will host a “Game Night” at the Buffalo Wild Wings after the Friday Night social. The restaurant/bar is located in the parking lot of the conference hotel.

## **Current Activities:**

- Put together committees for the 2012 Traffic Bowl event.
- Hold a committee meeting at the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 conferences.
  - We will reevaluate our goals and determine new activities to be undertaken by the Younger Members Committee.
- Plan the Friday Night Social for the Spring 2012 meeting.
  - We will identify a local younger member to help plan the event and the committee will help that member evaluate ideas.

**CCTexITE**  
**Consultant's Council of TexITE**  
**DISTRICT 9**  
**INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**  
**Summer Report – September 14, 2011**

**LEADERSHIP:**

In 2011 the CCTexITE Executive Board consists of the following:

Chairman, Paul Luedtke

Secretary-Treasurer, Dustin Qualls

Immediate Past Chairman, Brian Van De Walle

CCTexITE holds two meetings per year in conjunction with the District 9 Meetings. Our meetings are held on Saturday/Friday morning.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of CCTexITE shall be to foster communication among consultants engaged in transportation and traffic engineering, to address mutual concerns of CCTexITE member firms, to provide a forum within TexITE for consultants to provide assistance to each other and all members of TexITE, and to provide financial support for TexITE Student Members and Student Chapters to encourage their attendance and participation at TexITE meetings.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

CCTexITE has 19 member firms to date, representing 118 TexITE members. This is a reduction from 24 firms in 2010. Dues collection remains a priority. A roster of member firms is maintained on the TexITE website.

**FINANCIAL:**

CCTexITE currently has a bank balance of approximately \$13,833.68. An amount of \$2000 is projected to be provided to TexITE for student support for the fall meeting. The projected end of year balance after all expenditures is \$11,833.68.

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Garland Meeting Wednesday Night Event:** 14 of the CCTexITE member firms hosted a Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney at the Spring 2011 meeting in Fort Worth. Member firms contributed approximately \$2,000 for this event.

**San Marcos Meeting Thursday Night Event:** Dustin Qualls is spearheading the effort to host another tourney at the San Marcos meeting.

**2011 Election:** CCTexITE will be appointing a nomination committee for next year's officers this month.

## CCTexITE Financial Report - 09/13/11

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Beginning Balance as of 03/23/11			\$ 11,798.63
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Dues Paid (19 Current Member Firms)	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 13,298.63
Poker Night Sponsorships	\$ 2,200.00		\$ 15,498.63
			\$ 15,498.63
<b>Total Income / Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,700.00</b>		<b>\$ 15,498.63</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Poker Night Prizes		\$1,100.00	\$ 14,398.63
Poker Night Posters		\$64.95	\$ 14,333.68
Poker Night Refreshments		\$500.00	\$ 13,833.68
			\$ 13,833.68
<b>Total Expenses / Balance</b>		<b>\$ 1,664.95</b>	<b>\$ 13,833.68</b>
<b><u>Projected Income / Expenses</u></b>			
Student Support		\$ 2,000.00	
<b>Total Projected Income / Expenses / Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,833.68</b>
<b>BiAnnual Summary</b>	<b>\$ 3,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,664.95</b>	

\*\*Transfer of funds directly by Jim Williams

## **TexITE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Report 9/14/2011

The goal of the Program Committee will be to provide a high quality meeting program of activities consisting of: 1) General Sessions, 2) Technical Sessions, or 3) Special Sessions that will enhance the value of meeting attendance to the membership. The committee meets via a monthly conference call on first Tuesday of every month at 11:30am to facilitate coordination and action by the Committee. The committee is chaired by the TexITE Vice President and comprised of all officers, a representative of each Section, a member of several other committees and the Local Arrangements Chair for the upcoming meetings.

The committee has been working diligently with the Local Arrangements Chairs of the following meetings.

### Upcoming Meetings:

Garland – September 2011 – Allison Franz LAC

San Marcos – Spring 2012 – Sabbas Savila LAC

Fort Worth – Fall 2012 – Jennifer Butcher and Natalie Bettger LAC

By all accounts the Garland Meeting is looking like it will be a strong success with high member and vendor registrations. Attached is the technical program developed by the committee.

## Wednesday, September 14

HCM Workshop (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Technical Tour (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Professional Ethics Workshop (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

## Thursday, September 15

### Plenary Session 1 (10:00 – 11:30 am)

#### Transportation Safety

*Teen Driver Safety (The Transportation Engineering Perspective)*

Mark Lutjeharms, Schemmer

*Red Light Cameras - Garland and Richardson's Experience*

Allison Franz, City of Garland and Jessica Shutt, City of Richardson

*Safety Benefits of Replacing Traffic Signals with Modern Roundabouts*

Jere Hart, X8 Environmental

### Plenary Session 2 (1:30 – 3:00 pm)

#### Modern Roundabouts

Moderated by Gary Schatz, City of Austin

*Implementing Carmel's Roundabouts*

Mike McBride, Carmel (Indiana)

*CTR's Development of a Roundabout Guide for TxDOT*

Jennifer Duthie, University of Texas

*Using a Roundabout to Build a Narrower Roadway in Austin, Texas and save \$2.5-3.0M!*

Federico Mendoza, Brown and Gay and Clay Harris, City of Austin

*Does Your Roundabout Waltz?*

Patrick McGrady and Rachel Price, Reid Middleton

### Student Poster Session (3:00 – 3:30 pm)

*Modeling Travel Time for Signalized Arterial Roads with Left-Turn Phase*

David Zeng and Kai Yin, Texas A&M University

*AGVs Dispatch Problem for Tandem Lift Quay Cranes in Container Terminals*

Yao Xing, Texas A&M University

*Framework Analysis of Cross Border Mass Transit Operation*

David Salgado Manzano, University of Texas at El Paso

*Single and Multiple Vehicle Large Truck-involved Collisions on Highways: An Exploratory Analysis*

Mouyid Bin Islam, University of Texas at El Paso

*Safety of Dual Right-Turn Lanes*

Yubian Wang, University of Texas at El Paso

*Village of Vinton Multipurpose Center Parking Lot Design*

Edgar Saucedo and Lorenzo Cornejo, University of Texas at El Paso

*Measuring Transportation Sustainability in Texas Cities*

Bahareh Bakhtiari, University of Texas at Arlington

*A Toolkit for Anticipating and Evaluating Impacts of Roadway Improvements*

Dan Fagnant, University of Texas at Austin

*Evaluating the Impact of Placing Tolls on IH 93*

Rosaria Berliner, University of Texas at Austin

**Concurrent Sessions 3A and 3B (3:30 – 5:00 pm)**

**Transportation Technology (Exhibitors)**

Moderated by Dave Carter, City of Richardson

*Cost Effective Implementation of the new Real-Time System Management Information Program*

Pete Costello, INRIX

*Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS)*

Frank Gutierrez, High Sierra Electronics

*The Evolution of Vehicle Detection Technology*

Brian Shockley, Aldis

*Arterial Travel Time and Performance Measures*

Brett Sumpter, Sensys Networks Inc.

**Transportation Studies**

Moderated by Matt Johnson, Freese and Nichols

*How to Prepare a Traffic Study for a Municipality*

Kevin St. Jacques, Freese and Nichols

*How to Review a Traffic Study for a Municipality*

Dale Picha, City of Bryan

*How to Prepare a Traffic Study for a Private Development*

Aaron Nathan, Kimley-Horn and Associates

*How to Review a Traffic Study for a Private Development*

Linc Wright, City of League City

# Friday, September 16

## Student Poster Session (8:00 – 8:30 am)

See above for student presenters.

## Concurrent Sessions 4A and 4B (8:30 – 10:00 am)

### Sustainability

Moderated by James Kratz, Jacobs

*Sustainability in South Padre*

Scott Polikov, Gateway Planning and Tom Grant, Kimley-Horn and Associates

*University of Houston's Transportation Management Plan*

Randy Schulze, Walter P Moore

*Pedestrian and Bike Planning in North Dallas, Connecting the Suburbs without Highways*

Dave Carter, City of Richardson

*Garland's Transit Oriented Development and Other Initiatives in Sustainability*

Maxwell Fisher, City of Garland

### Transit

Moderated by Tom Ryden, Parsons Transportation Group

*CapMetro's FTA Funded BRT Lite Program*

Doug Allen, CapMetro

*VIA Primo BRT Project*

Arturo Herrera Jr., VIA

*FWTA Lancaster Ave BRT Project*

Curvie Hawkins, Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T)

*El Paso Sun Metro BRT Program*

Michael Feeney, Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam

## Student Poster Session (10:00 – 10:30 am)

See above for student presenters.

## Concurrent Sessions 5A and 5B (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)

### ITS/Operations

Moderated by Brian Moen, City of Frisco

*Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons*

Ronnie Bell, City of Austin

*Adaptive Signal Control –*

*Implementation Experience in Richardson, Texas*

John Black and Robert Saylor, City of Richardson

*The Creation of the Fort Worth Joint Emergency Management System*

Russ Wiles, City of Fort Worth

### Transportation Research

Moderated by Gary Thomas, Texas Transportation Institute

*Integration of ITS into Rural Work Zones*

Dan Middleton, Texas Transportation Institute

*A Portable Monitoring and Evaluation System for Traffic Signals*

Srinivasa Sunkari, Texas Transportation Institute

*Advanced Signing Treatment for Flood-Prone Roadways*

Laura Higgins, Texas Transportation Institute



## AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

September 2011

### Membership

Member	Position	Section
Melisa Finley	District Awards Coordinator and Committee Chairperson	Brazos Valley
Oscar "Mike" Garza	Committee Member	South Texas Section
Ali Mozdbar	Committee Member	Capital Area Section
Beth Ramirez	Committee Member	Greater Dallas Section
Kevin St. Jacques	Committee Member	Greater Dallas Section
David Worley	Committee Member	Greater Houston Section

### Activities Update Since Last Report

1. The Committee selected the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of the TexITE Section Activity Award. Melisa Finley prepared a plaque to recognize the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Greater Houston Section. This plaque will be presented at the 2011 Fall TexITE meeting. The Greater Houston Section will also receive \$200. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, South Texas Section, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Brazos Valley Section, will receive \$150 and \$100, respectively.
2. The Committee selected the 2011 Transportation Engineer of the Year and 2011 Younger Member of the Year awards. Melisa Finley prepared plaques to recognize these winners. These plaques will be presented at the 2011 Fall TexITE meeting.
3. Melisa Finley prepared a plaque to recognize Dhruva Lahon as the 2011 TexITE Technical Paper Award winner. This plaque will be presented at 2011 Fall TexITE meeting.
4. Melisa Finley prepared a plaque to recognize Texas A&M University as the 2011 Texas District Traffic Bowl winner. This plaque will be presented at 2011 Fall TexITE meeting.
5. Melisa Finley prepared a plaque to recognize Katherine Kortum as the 2011 Texas District Fellowship winner. This plaque will be presented at 2011 Fall TexITE meeting.

## **Ongoing Committee Activities**

1. The Committee is brainstorming and considering other award categories. Discussion will continue at our next meeting.
2. Melisa Finley is in the process of developing a Calendar of Duties for the District Awards Coordinator and Awards Committee.

## **Discussion Items**

At the District Board meeting on March 24, 2011, the Committee was asked by the Board to review the monetary awards associated with the Transportation Engineer of the Year, Younger Member of the Year, and Section Activity awards.

It is the recommendation of the Awards Committee that the monetary award for the Transportation Engineer of the Year and Younger Member of the Year award remain \$100. The Committee felt that the award was more about recognition amongst peers instead of the monetary award.

At this time, the Committee is not ready to make a recommendation regarding the monetary award for the Section Activity awards. More discussion will occur at our meeting on September 15, 2011, at which time we hope to finalize our recommendation.

**Texas Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Membership Committee Report  
September 13, 2011**

By

**Nanditha Togar, PE, PTOE, Chair  
Urban Engineers Group  
214.252.1600 (ext 34)**

**Membership:**

We have added two new members to the roster:

- Dr. Siamak Ardekani
- Brandon Huxford

**Update from ad-hoc committee:**

- Lee Anne Dixon, PE – Houston Section
- Gary Graham, PE – Dallas Section
- Greg Royster, PE – Fort Worth Section

The ad-hoc committee looked into the following

Provide feedback about the value (or not) of District Affiliate only membership.

1. Does this type of limited membership help or hurt our organization?
2. Should we encourage it or do away with it altogether.
3. Are District Affiliates potential full-time members?

**Feedback:**

- Strong correlation for those full ITE members having employer paid memberships. However, many firms are not paying for any membership currently.
- There is interest in a “partial” membership. Some members liked an option for lesser membership because “they couldn’t see paying \$300+ for a magazine subscription, especially when they only participate in Texas events”.
- To what extent full membership would change to partial depends largely on the comparison in benefits is i.e. what you get for each membership type.
- ITS Texas is another professional organization (besides ASCE) that competes with ITE for membership (under the scenario that some employers pay only 1 membership).
- Some members are unsure about what level of membership gets them ITE discounts.

Any new option to be considered with caution so we don’t lose fully paid memberships.

Sincerely,



Nanditha Togar, PE, PTOE

**To:** TexITE Board of Directors  
**From:** Robert Saylor, Student Chapter Liaison  
**Date:** September 14, 2011  
**Re:** Student Chapter Liaison Report

### **Student Chapter Status**

The student chapters reported the following membership numbers.

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Southern Methodist University	15
Texas A&M University	56
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	?
Texas Southern University	19
Texas Tech University	?
University of Texas – Arlington	41
University of Texas – Austin	32
University of Texas – El Paso	30
University of Texas – San Antonio	Reorg

### **Student Presentations**

Students from four of the nine student chapters will be presenting posters at the Garland Fall Meeting.

### **Outstanding Students**

The response to the request for outstanding students for the 2010-2011 school year was:

Texas A&M University – Devin Moore  
Texas Southern University – Abhilash  
Texas Tech University – Wesley Kumfer  
University of Texas – Arlington – Bahareh Bakhtiari  
University of Texas – Austin – Dan Fagnant

## **Annual Schedule**

- January 15 – Remind students about Student Paper Competition
- February 1 – Contact Student Chapter presidents to submit annual activity report by March 1  
Contact Student Chapter advisors to nominate outstanding students  
Notify advisors and presidents of award deadlines for international awards and fellowships
- March 1 – Student Chapter activity reports due.  
Student Paper Competition entries due

Two weeks prior to W/S Meeting – Deadline for poster session entries

### **Winter / Spring Meeting - Poster Session**

Immediately After W/S Meeting – Checks disbursed to Student Chapters based on roster list

- April 1 – Student Chapter Reports due to ITE International  
Dan Fambro paper contest entries due to ITE International  
Inform Awards Committee and Treasurer of Outstanding Student, Paper, and Chapter winners  
Contact Student Chapters about Summer Meeting and poster session entries

Two weeks prior to S/F Meeting – Deadline for Poster session entries

- Summer / Fall Meeting –** Award Outstanding Student Chapter (April – March previous year)  
Award Outstanding Students (April – March previous year)  
Award Student Paper competition prizes  
Poster Session

September 15 – Request student rosters for current school year from all Chapters

October 1 – Deadline for roster list, provide roster numbers to Treasurer

December 1 – Contact Student Chapters about Winter Meeting and poster session entries

## **Assistance To Students**

### **International**

First year of ITE Membership is free. (incl. District)  
\$275 value per student

Annual Student Membership fee, \$20 (incl. District)  
\$255 value per student

Reduced registration fees for Annual Meeting and Technical Conference  
~ \$500 value per meeting per student

#### **Daniel B Fambro Student Paper Award**

**Eligibility:**

Annually submit a written paper by March 1 to the TexITE Student Paper Competition. The winner will be submitted by the District by April 1 to ITE International to be judged.

**Awards:**

Up to \$1,750 to reimburse travel expenses to attend ITE Annual Meeting

#### **Student Chapter Award**

**Eligibility:**

Annually submit Student Chapter Annual Report on Activities to TexITE by March 1. All reports will be submitted by the District by April 1 to ITE International to be judged.

**Awards:**

Up to \$1,500 to reimburse travel expenses to attend ITE Annual Meeting

#### **Texas District Fellowships**

**Eligibility:**

Applications must be submitted to ITE International by April 1. Candidates must be planning to pursue a Master's Degree in transportation engineering. The two highest ranked candidates from Texas (District 9) may be awarded a Fellowship. In addition, the course of study must be pursued at one of the universities within the district.

**Awards:**

Up to two fellowships of \$1,000 each may be awarded annually.

#### **Transoft Solutions Inc. Ahead of the Curve Scholarship**

\$2,000 award will be awarded annually to any student in the United States or Canada wishing to pursue studies in transportation and/or traffic engineering.

#### **(No longer Awarded?) Burton W. March Fellowship for Graduate Study**

One or more Fellowships, in the amount of \$4,000 each, awarded annually.

#### **(No longer Awarded?) Harold F. Hammond Scholarship**

\$3,000 scholarship will be awarded annually based on need to a student wishing to pursue graduate study in transportation engineering.

(No longer Awarded?) ITE Transit Council Scholarship

\$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to the highest-ranking student pursuing a graduate degree in a study program emphasizing public transportation planning, administration, or engineering

**District**

Reduced Meeting Registration Fees

~ \$170 value per meeting per student

All District meetings shall make a reduced student registration fee available for ITE student members. This fee shall be no more than \$30.00 for full registration (includes Friday lunch, Friday night dinner/social and Saturday business lunch). The Highway Products Group on Thursday evening and Friday morning provide a complimentary buffet.

Direct Support of Student Chapters

~ \$231 to \$580 – 2009 benefit per Chapter

A cash contribution to each ITE Student Chapter located in the District. The District Board contributes a district-wide amount that is divided proportionally by membership size using the following equation:  $C_i = \$150 + ((n_i/N) \times \$150 \times NC)$

Where:

$C_i$  = contribution to each Student Chapter

\$150 = the base contribution established in the current budget

$n_i$  = number of students in the Student Chapter (as determined by roster)

$N$  = total number of students in all Chapters submitting a roster

$NC$  = total number of Student Chapters in the District

\$150 = district-wide distribution established in the current budget

Travel Reimbursements to District Meetings

\$900 per Chapter for travel funds if the chapter is located more than 500 miles round trip from the District meeting site. An individual student member within a chapter will not be reimbursed more than \$450. The intent of these funds is to allow both the student paper presenter and a student chapter officer to attend. At the Chapter's option, the \$900 limit on funding can be applied to the travel costs of more than two students as long as the student presenter and the Student Chapter President (or another chapter officer) is included and the University Student Faculty Advisor approves. The following expenses are allowable for student travel costs:

a. Round trip coach airfare from the city in which the university is located (unless otherwise approved in advance by the District Board). If the member chooses, primarily for their own benefit, to drive to the meeting, travel will be reimbursed at the mileage rate allowed by the IRS, with the reimbursement not to exceed the cost of the equivalent round trip coach airfare.

b. Rental car expenses will be reimbursed where the cost of car rental is equal to or less than other ground transportation options available between the airport and the hotel, or where such rental reduces the overall cost of ground transportation and airfare travel.

c. In all cases, the member is encouraged to minimize expenses as reasonable to maximize the travel budget of the District. Advance purchase is recommended to reduce airfare costs.

The District will not reimburse students for hotel or meal expenses.

**Outstanding Student Awards**

\$100 to one student per Chapter, annually

**Outstanding Student Chapter Award**

\$150 to one Chapter, annually

**Student Paper Awards**

\$1,000 – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, annually

\$1,000 – To be distributed amongst the remaining contestants, annually

**Jim Carvell Travel Fellowship (amended February 1, 2007)**

Selection Criteria – A Student Member may petition the District Board to receive this travel fellowship. The Board may request a review and recommendation from the Awards Committee.

Selection criteria will be made on:

- i) demonstrated financial need,
- ii) student participation in the technical program or a technical committee, and
- iii) exhibited leadership and active participation within the student chapter.

Allowable Costs – For an ITE Annual Meeting, allowable reimbursements include meeting registration, coach class airfare purchase not less than two weeks in advance, base hotel rate and applicable taxes, surface transportation costs including rental car, taxi, shuttle, public transportation, gasoline, or IRS mileage reimbursement if personal vehicle is used.

**Dallas Section**

Subsidized monthly lunches

Annual student-professional social event

Travel reimbursements to District meetings

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## TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

September 2011

### Membership

Member	Section
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David Yazhari	Greater Houston Section
Mohan Atluri	Greater Houston Section
Kevin St. Jacques	Greater Dallas Section
Lee Ann Dixon	Greater Houston Section
Alex Garcia	Greater Ft Worth Section
Mike Feeney	Greater Houston Section
Abed Abukar	Greater Dallas Section
Rod Kelly	Greater Dallas Section
Jim O'Conner	Greater Dallas Section
Kimberly Slaughter	Greater Houston Section
Arash Mirzaei	Greater Ft Worth Section
Todd Hemingson	Capital Area Section
Srini Sangineni	Greater Dallas Section

### Activities Update (Second Report)

1. Committee Chair, Tom Ryden arranged a transit session on BRT for the 2011 TexITE fall meeting in Garland.
2. The Committee held a meeting in Ft Worth during the March 2011 TexITE spring meeting.
3. The adopted committee mission statement is: **“Advance TexITE members and transit agencies awareness and knowledge of transit’s connection to traffic engineering”**.
4. The Committee discussed and continues to develop its activities around its adopted objectives which include:
  - Sponsor a transit session at the summer & winter TexITE meetings
  - Provide transit project highlights in current TexITE newsletters
  - Encourage transit innovation in Texas through special recognition and awards
  - Keep members current on transit policy issues at the state and federal levels
  - Sponsor a webinar on a transit topic

- Arrange transit technical tours at TexITE meetings
  - Encourage transit discussion at the section level
  - Do outreach to transit agencies and transit associations
  - Pursue creating a scholarship fund to encourage study of transit and traffic engineering
5. The Committee discussed a potential project involving a survey instrument on the use traffic engineering applications to increase the performance of rail and bus transit in Texas. A volunteer(s) are still being sought for this.
  6. All members were asked to consider the various objectives they wish to assist with. This is an ongoing activity and will be a focus of future committee meetings.
  7. Two new members were recently added to the committee from the El Paso Tx. section

**To:** TextITE Board of Directors  
**From:** Gary B. Thomas, Webmaster  
**Date:** September 12, 2011  
**Re:** Web Committee Report

### Web Postings and Activity

My last report was in March. There were no major changes or updates to the Web site during this reporting period. One change to the Web site was to add a document download section for the leadership. Documents to be included in this section are things like requests for meeting hosts,

The last newsletter was posted in September.

Document	Downloads (as of 9/12/11)
Winter 2010 Newsletter	379
Summer 2011 Newsletter	?

Unfortunately, a glitch in the web site stopped tracking downloads for a few weeks (including the time the newsletter was posted). This has been resolved. I will be investigating better ways to track downloads so this does not happen again.

Nine job positions have been posted to the Web site since the last report. Thirteen items have been posted to the "News You Can Use" section of the home page.

Web site activity by primary navigation sections for the period March – September (to date):

Section	Unique Pageviews						
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
<b>Home Page</b>	1,672	827	720	822	679	1,292	377
<b>Job Center</b>	524	446	351	357	354	430	159
<b>Members Only</b>	267	549	646	305	169	297	81
<b>Awards</b>	337	209	135	149	80	182	44
<b>Committees</b>	307	149	122	135	111	186	41
<b>Meetings</b>	1,366	989	663	522	314	754	218
<b>About</b>	559	276	261	248	206	297	108
<b>Students</b>	152	116	155	71	49	95	30
<b>HPG</b>	91	64	43	60	54	89	29
<b>Spring Meeting</b>	3,626	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Fall Meeting</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	111	3,541	1,132

### Short Term Goals

No major goals for the upcoming months.

## **TexITE Legislative Committee Report**

**September 2011**

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Every two years, the Texas State Legislature meets to discuss the budget and pass or repeal laws that affect our profession. This year, the 82<sup>th</sup> Legislature meets from mid-January to the end of May. They considered approximately 6000 new or revised laws; however, less than one-third will be approved. The approved new laws will take effect September 1, 2011 or January 1, 2012. Detailed information on this process or draft legislation can be found at Texas Legislature at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us) May 25, 2011 was the last day to consider Bills that have filed this session. The session ended on May 30, 2011. This year, 3802 House Bills have been filed and 1874 Senate bills have been filed.

Most of the session was spent discussing the two year budget. Many State agencies will operate with less funding that they previously had. Many of our fellow TexITE members made the journey to Austin to testify on legislation such as Budgets, Safety Cameras or the HAWK. The Legislation below is only a listing of some of the Transportation bills that may affect us in the upcoming years. There are many others that are not on this list.

H.B. 563 (Pickett/Nichols) – Transportation Reinvestment Zones: amends the law relating to transportation reinvestment zones (TRZs) to provide that: (1) a TRZ may be used to facilitate the improvement, development, or redevelopment of property or to enhance a local entity's ability to sponsor a transportation project funded by pass-through tolls; (2) an ordinance designating an area as a TRZ must, among other things, designate the base year for purposes of establishing the tax increment base of the city, which is the year of passage of the ordinance or some year in the future, and contain findings that promotion of the transportation project will cultivate the improvement, development, or redevelopment of the zone; (3) from taxes collected on property in a TRZ, the city shall pay into the tax increment account the tax increment produced by the city, less any amount allocated under previous agreements; (4) all, or the portion specified by the city, of the money deposited to a tax increment account must be used to fund the transportation project for which the TRZ was designated as well as aesthetic improvements within the zone, and any remaining money deposited to the tax increment account may be used for other purposes as designated by the city; (5) the governing body of a city may contract with a public or private entity to develop, redevelop, or improve a transportation project in a TRZ and may pledge and assign all or a specified amount of money in the tax increment account to that entity; (6) to accommodate changes in the scope of the project for which a TRZ was designated, the boundaries of a zone may be amended, with certain exceptions; (7) any surplus remaining in a tax increment account on termination of a zone may be used for other purposes as determined by the municipality; (8) county TRZ authority is expanded; (9) a city or may establish a TRZ for any transportation project; (10) if all or part of the transportation project is subject to oversight by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), at the option of the governing body of the city, the department shall delegate full responsibility for the

development, design, letting of bids, and construction of the project to the city; (11) after assuming responsibility for a project under (10), a city shall enter into an agreement with TxDOT that prescribes the development process, the roles and responsibilities of the parties, and the timelines for any required reviews or approvals; and (12) TxDOT may not reduce funding to a county or city that designates and uses a TRZ, nor may the department reduce funding to one if its districts because the district contains a TRZ. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

H.B. 630 (Pickett/Nichols) – Transportation: provides a procedure whereby a political subdivision that participates financially in certain Texas Department of Transportation projects may assist with, and expedite, the environmental review process. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

H.B. 1116 (Harper-Brown/Shapiro) – Radar Interference Devices: this bill: (1) prohibits a person, other than a law enforcement officer in the discharge of his official duties, from using, attempting to use, installing, operating, or attempting to operate a “radar interference device” in a motor vehicle operated by the person; (2) prohibits a person from purchasing, selling, or offering for sale a “radar interference device” to be used in a manner described in (1), above; and (3) makes a violation of the prohibitions described in (1) and (2), above, a Class C misdemeanor. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

H.B. 1353 (Elkins/Williams) – Speed Limits: this bill: (1) provides, with some exceptions, that a speed of 70 miles per hour is lawful on non-urban numbered highways, regardless of the type of vehicle or time of day; (2) provides, with some exceptions, that a speed limit of 60 miles per hour is lawful on unnumbered non-urban highways and other roads, regardless of the time of day; (3) requires all speed limits to be the same regardless of the time of day; (4) repeals lower speed limits for trucks; (5) prohibits a city from establishing a speed limit of more than 75 miles per hour on a highway in the city; and (6) authorizes the Texas Transportation Commission to enter an order establishing prima facie speed limits of not more than 75 miles per hour applicable to all highways, including a highway under the control of a city, though the order does not have the effect of increasing the speed limit on a highway. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

H.B. 1376 (Bohac/Ellis) – Junked Vehicles: provides that the definition of “junked vehicle” in state law includes vehicles that: (1) display an expired license plate or invalid inspection sticker; or (2) do not display any license plate or inspection sticker. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

S.B. 1386 (Lucio/Oliveira) – Motor Vehicles: this bill: (1) authorizes a city to enter into a contract with the county in which the city is located or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide information to the county assessor-collector so that the assessor-collector can make a determination of whether to refuse to register a motor vehicle because of an outstanding warrant for failure to appear or pay a fine for violation of a traffic law; and (2) authorizes a city that has a contract described in (1), above, to impose an additional \$20 fee on a person who has an outstanding warrant from the city for failure to appear or pay a fine on a complaint that involves the violation of a traffic law and to use the fee to reimburse the DMV, the county assessor-collector, or another county department for its expenses related to services under the contract. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

H.B. 1899 (Pickett/Rodriguez) – Cell Phone Bans: this bill: (1) exempts a city from the requirement to post a sign at a school crossing zone regarding the prohibited use of a wireless communication device if: (a) the city prohibits the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle throughout its jurisdiction; (b) the city posts signs at each point at which a highway enters the city stating that an operator is prohibited from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle in the city and that the operator is subject to a fine for a violation; and (c) posts the same message as described in (b) on any dynamic message sign operated by the city on a highway in the city; and (2) provides that the affirmative defense that the car was stopped or was a hands-free device is not available to an operator for an offense committed in a school crossing zone in a city that posts signs in compliance with (1), above. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

H.B. 2596 (Garza/Wentworth) – Speed Limits: among other things, provides that: (1) the city council in a city of less than 2,000 in population, for a highway or part of a highway in the city that is not an officially designated or marked highway or road of the state highway system, may declare a lower speed limit of not less than 20 miles per hour, if the council determines that the prima facie speed limit on the highway is unreasonable or unsafe; and (2) the authority described in (1), above, applies to a one-lane or two-lane, undivided highway or part of a highway. (Effective immediately.)

H.B. 3510 (Hamilton/Carona) – Vehicle Towing: this bill: (1) defines an “incident management tow” to include the removal of a vehicle, cargo, and debris from an accident or incident scene; (2) defines a “parking facility” to include certain lots or areas that charge a fee for parking; (3) allows the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (Commission) to adopt different rules for permits or licenses for tow trucks, towing operators, towing companies, booting companies, and boot operators; (4) requires the Commission to adopt requirements for a consent tow, private property tow, and incident management tow; (5) prohibits a license or permit holder from charging a fee for a nonconsent tow, or a service related to a nonconsent tow, that is greater than that established in state law or authorized by a city; (6) provides that a boot operator may boot certain unauthorized vehicles if a parking facility owner requests the boot or has a standing agreement with the boot operator; (7) requires a vehicle storage facility accepting an unauthorized vehicle that has been towed (except for an incident management tow requested by a law enforcement agency), to report the tow and certain other information to the police or sheriff, as applicable, within two hours of receiving the vehicle; (8) authorizes a law enforcement agency to request a vehicle storage facility to provide a report, in a manner prescribed by the law enforcement agency, of incident management tows within the jurisdiction of the agency and requires that the report be provided not later than 48 hours after receipt of the request; (9) requires certain signage before the towing or booting of vehicles under certain circumstances; (10) provides, in regard to hearings involving a towed vehicle, that a court may award attorney’s fees to the prevailing party; (11) provides that a failure to comply with certain permitting, licensing, and fee requirements is enforceable by law enforcement; and (12) repeals certain provisions related to the fees for private property tows, the filing of reports/schedules, and attorney’s fees. (Effective September 1, 2011.)

S.B. 86 (Nelson/S. Miller) – Traffic Fines: authorizes a city, whether general law or home-rule, to enter into a contract with the county tax assessor-collector to provide information regarding the nonpayment of

traffic fines or the failure to appear in municipal court for traffic offenses, thus authorizing the assessor-collector to refuse to register or re-register the vehicle of the person in question. (Effective immediately.)

S.B. 548 (Nichols/Darby) – Transportation: includes substantially the same provisions as H.B. 630, above. (Effective immediately.)

S.B. 1420 (Hinojosa/Harper-Brown) – Department of Transportation: this is the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) sunset bill. Among many other things, it:

1. continues TxDOT's existence until September 1, 2015.
2. mandates that TxDOT submit to the legislature a complete and detailed financial audit conducted by an independent certified public accountant.
3. provides that, if an annual performance evaluation indicates unsatisfactory performance by an employee employed in a position at or above the level of district engineer or division or office director, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) shall consider whether the employee should be terminated.
4. provides that the commission shall establish a compliance program, which must include a compliance office to oversee the program that is responsible for acting to prevent and detect serious breaches of departmental policy, fraud, waste, and abuse of office.
5. requires TxDOT to develop a standard form for submitting a complaint and make the form available on its Internet Web site and to develop a method for analyzing the sources and types of complaints and violations and establish categories for the complaints and violations.
6. requires that the chief financial officer certify each month that any state highway construction and maintenance contracts to be awarded by the department during that month will not create state liability that exceeds the department's most recent cash flow forecast.
7. requires TxDOT to develop a statewide transportation plan covering a period of 24 years and that is updated every four years that contains all modes of transportation.
8. provides that the plan must contain specific, long-term transportation goals for the state and measurable targets for each goal, identify priority corridors, projects, or areas of the state that are of particular concern in meeting the plan goals, and contain a participation plan specifying methods for obtaining formal input on the plan's goals and priorities with input from, among others, political subdivisions.
9. provides a procedure whereby a political subdivision that participates financially in certain TxDOT projects may assist with, and expedite, the environmental review process.
10. requires TxDOT to establish a project information reporting system that makes available in a central location on the Internet easily accessible and searchable information regarding all of TxDOT's transportation plans.

11.requires TxDOT to develop a process to identify and distinguish between the transportation projects that are required to maintain the state infrastructure and the transportation projects that would improve the state infrastructure in a manner consistent with the statewide transportation plan.

12.requires TxDOT to develop and implement a policy for public involvement that guides and encourages public involvement with TxDOT.

13.requires TxDOT to develop a unified transportation program covering a period of 10 years and updated each year to guide the development of and authorize construction of transportation projects.

14.provides that the commission shall develop criteria for major transportation projects, program priority categories, and funding allocation and distribution.

15.provides that all or the portion specified by the city of the money deposited to a tax increment account established in a transportation reinvestment zone must be used to fund the transportation project for which the zone was designated, as well as aesthetic improvements within the zone, and provide that any remaining money deposited to the tax increment account may be used for other purposes as determined by the city.

16.provides that a city may issue bonds to pay all or part of the cost of the transportation project and may pledge and assign all or a specified amount of money in a transportation reinvestment zone's tax increment account to secure repayment of those bonds.

17.lists numerous projects that may be constructed using a comprehensive development agreement, and places various limitations on those agreements.

18.allows TxDOT or a toll road authority may use the design-build method for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project.

19.provides that any fines or fees received under the Texas Highway Beautification Act go to the state highway fund, as opposed to the state highway beautification account.

20.creates additional administrative procedures, fees, and civil penalties relating to outdoor advertising that is subject to state law.

21.provides that the combined license and permit fees may not exceed \$10 for an off-premise sign erected and maintained by a nonprofit organization in a city or a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction if the sign relates to or promotes only the city or a political subdivision whose jurisdiction is wholly or partly concurrent with the city.

22.requires TxDOT, in cooperation with local governments, to actively manage a system of changeable message signs located on highways under the jurisdiction of TxDOT to mitigate traffic congestion by providing current information to the traveling public, including information about traffic incidents, weather conditions, road construction, and alternative routes when applicable.