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## President's Message

*Gilmer D. Gaston, P.E., PTOE*

First let me say that I have enjoyed serving the membership through the leadership ranks of TexITE over the last three years as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and President. I get one more year of serving as the Past President, but it is my understanding that role is relatively simple.

TexITE is an outstanding organization that runs on volunteer effort. I want to thank everyone who works within our organization at every level whether District or Section. Without their volunteer effort, we would have no Section Meetings or District Meetings, or newsletters, or any of the other "goings on" within the organization. I want to extend a special thank you to a few of our unsung heroes in the organization, Susan Langdon for her work keeping our database up to date; Jim Williams our District Administrator who keeps our organization on an even financial keel and provides stability to the organization. I extend a big thank you to Gary Thomas for his dual role as our International Director and Webmaster; Gary does an outstanding job representing us on the International Board and he does more work than most of us know about as our web pages are updated numerous times throughout the Year. I thank all the members of the Board, especially the Section Representatives who took on additional responsibilities in 2010 by serving on the Program Committee. I look forward to the leadership of the 2011 District officers under President - Brian Shamburger, Vice President - Dave Carter, and Secretary-Treasurer - Melisa Finley. I am certain they will provide outstanding leadership for the Texas District.



As we move towards the next Texas Legislative session, I am less optimistic that 2011 will lead to improvements in transportation funding. With the election sending a tidal wave of conservative legislators to Austin coupled with the pending State budget deficit, I see it as very unlikely that the transportation funding picture will improve in 2011. I hope I am wrong on this, but we will need to be vigilant to try and avoid fuel taxes being used to offset pending budget shortfalls. Unfortunately, I fear that we may all be happy at the end of the session if no long term damage to transportation funding results from this session.

I expect a Federal Transportation Funding bill late in this session or by mid-year of the next Congress, only from the standpoint that surely Congress will not let another year go by without passage of a long term bill. Of course, given everything else that has happened in the past year and the changes that have occurred, I do not expect a significant increase in funding for transportation infrastructure over the last transportation bill.

Before someone jumps out of a window based on my transportation funding commentary, be assured that I am not a transportation funding expert, merely an interested sideline observer.

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## Save the Date

**2011 TexITE Winter Meeting**

**Fort Worth, TX**

**March 24-26, 2011**

## South Texas ITE First Annual Regional Conference

### Corpus Christi

The South Texas ITE held their First Annual Regional Conference in Corpus Christi on Friday, September 17, 2010. The conference was held at the TxDOT Corpus Christi District Office.

Patricia Longoria from the City of McAllen gave a presentation on hurricane response plans developed for Hurricane Dean in 2007. To handle the response and evacuation plans, a Multi Agency Coordination Committee was developed to pool information and resources from agencies within the area. Although no one was evacuated during Dean, the response plan was successful and can be used for future evacuations.

Albert Aldape from the TxDOT Laredo District then presented on ITS and Traffic Signal Integration. Specifically, he talked about the South Texas Regional Advanced Transportation Informational System, which is an ITS system in Laredo. Mr. Aldape gave an overview of the System and gave examples of how the ITS system allowed for more efficient and responsive operation of the traffic signals in Laredo.

Tom Niskala from the Corpus Christi MPO gave a presentation on transit and sustainable development. Mr. Niskala highlighted the importance of coordinating transit improvements with upcoming developments to provide better integration. He also gave examples of ways transit could be employed to enhance developments.

Lance S. Kinny, PE, Executive Director of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers gave an ethics presentation. The Conference also included a luncheon and vendor session.

Following the conference, STITE members enjoyed a dinner on the Bay at a local restaurant. The following day, STITE held their First Annual Fishing Tournament, where members and their families enjoyed a day of fishing on the pier!



## Traffic Signal Retiming

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Synthesis 409: Traffic Signal Retiming Practices in the United States explores practices that operating agencies currently use to revise traffic signal timing. The report examines the processes used to develop, install, verify, fine-tune, and evaluate the plans.



# International Director's Message

Gary Thomas, P.E., PhD



In October, I was in Washington, DC for the fall ITE Board Meeting. It was my 34th trip to our nation's capital since 1992 (yes, I keep track of these things). However, this one was extra

special because for the first time the rest of my family was able to accompany me. For Sheila and Nathan, it was their first trip to the D.C. area (Cameron and I were in DC in 2009). So in addition to the day-long meetings, there was time to sight-see and catch up with old friends that live in the area. So here's a quick update on things going on at ITE:

## New Headquarters

In August, ITE moved to its new headquarters at 1627 Eye (or I) Street. The new location is just a few blocks from the White House and close to two Metro stations, making it very convenient for out-of-town visitors. The main conference room is a big improvement over the last one with more space and vastly-improved temperature control (you'll have to trust me on this one). The move went very smoothly and we look forward to enjoying our new headquarters for many years to come. If you find yourself in D.C. on business or pleasure, I know the staff at headquarters would love to have you stop by and see the new offices.

## 80th Anniversary Fund

ITE is still seeking contributions for the 80th anniversary fund. The fund has been established to help defray the additional

cost to outfit the new headquarters conference room and web seminar studio with state-of-the-science audio-visual equipment. The conference room and studio will help ITE connect our members around the world with web seminars, briefings, interviews and workshops. In addition, the funding will assist in telling the story of the past, present and future of transportation, recognizing the past and present leadership and award recipients. There are numerous levels of donation and sponsorship opportunities available. Information will be made available soon on the ITE and TexITE Web sites. Your current and past directors have collectively pledged \$2,500 to the fund. Many of the Texas Sections and individuals have made contributions as well. We thank you for your support.

## Learned Journal of Transportation

All manuscripts submitted for review and consideration for publication must be original work and not have been published elsewhere. The manuscript will be reviewed by at least three of the members of the panel of editors in accordance with the Learned Journal of Transportation guidelines. The reviews are to be objective and anonymous. Please consider making a submission.

## Strength of the Institute

From the executive director: The sum of the impacts of 2009 and 2010 increases in unemployed or underemployed members in our profession continues to dampen the Institute's revenue streams. Based on the number of unpaid members as compared to last year at this time, we project that the number of voting members will decline. Considerable efforts

have been made by the Institute's staff to bring expenditures in line with revenues. And it appears that these efforts will result in the year ending with a small deficit.

Therefore, the good news is that while we budgeted for a loss this fiscal year, that loss will not be as large as originally anticipated. Thanks to all of you that renewed your membership for 2010. It is by your support of ITE through membership and publication purchases that we remain a strong organization. And please be sure to renew your membership for 2011.

## 2012 International Candidates

The ITE Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for the offices of International President and International Vice President for 2012:

Rock E. Miller, P.E., PTOE (F) – International President

Zaki Mustafa, P.E. (F) – International Vice President

Ray Davis, P.E., PTOE (F) – International Vice President

Both vice-presidential candidates will be invited to our district meeting in March.

## TexITE Summer Meeting Follow-Up

We had a great turnout for the summer meeting in Sugar Land. I'd like to take a moment to thank the meeting co-chairs: Ron Jenson and Richard Smith and the entire local arrangements committee for putting together an outstanding event. About 220 members were in attendance (including over 20 students).

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## A Young Professional Scholarship Program Experience

*Vichika Iragavarapu*

***Vichika Iragavarapu was awarded the 2010 ITE Transportation Consultants Council for the Young Professional Scholarship to enable her travel to the ITE Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Colombia. Vichika documented her experience in the following essay, after attending the meeting.***

I am thankful to the ITE Transportation Consultants Council for the Young Professional Scholarship and this opportunity to experience the benefits of ITE Annual Meeting. The Young Professionals Scholarship is a great program that provides opportunity for ten young professionals every year to experience the benefits of ITE annual meetings. Attending the 2010 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Vancouver, British Columbia was an enriching experience, from the opening session to the technical sessions and tours to the networking with peers and industry leaders.

The opening session included presentation of awards to some very deserving members of ITE. It was inspiring to learn about their remarkable achievements, professional journey and the years of dedicated service to the profession. I, along with other colleagues in attendance, felt very proud of our Agency Director, Dr. Dennis Christiansen for receiving the highest recognition of notable and outstanding professional achievement of the Institute, an honorary membership. To top it off, the plenary speaker; speed skater and Olympic Gold Medalist, Catriona LeMay Doan, gave a very inspiring talk. Her stories about setting goals and the process of achieving them were very motivating. She brought the Olympic spirit alive by sharing videos from her various successes and failures and also her Olympic torch and Olympic medals.

The technical sessions were well organized and covered a wide range of current topics of interest. Of all the informative sessions I attended, my favorite was the 'Innovative Intersection Design session in the Traffic Engineering/Design track. The speakers were great and the session was very interactive. The audience put forward many relevant and interesting questions, which increased the value out of the session. It felt as though everyone in the room was there because they wanted to learn and contribute this topic. I found the 'Safety Strategies for High Risk Rural Roads' and 'Human Factors Considerations in Safety, Design and Information Dissemination' in the Safety track to be equally interesting and informative.

At the annual meeting, I also got a chance to attend my first Transportation Consultants Council meeting. It was a very interactive meeting; the council members were keen to know what we young professionals had to say about their programs and welcomed ideas. I learned a lot about the committee and I am excited to be getting involved in it. The council has a lot of good ideas and is working hard to implement them. Of particular interest to me (and many other young professional scholarship winners) is the "Leadership Academy" program that the council is working on. This program when implemented would provide opportunity to develop leadership and management skills for professionals at various levels, in addition to mentoring young professionals.

I enjoyed both the technical tours I took – the Vancouver Highway Infrastructure and Design Tour and the Seabus Ferry and Northshore Waterfront Tour. Both the tours were very informative and interactive. The Vancouver Highway Infrastructure and Design tour included three recently completed projects; the Golden Ears Bridge, the Pitt River Bridge and the Coast Meridian Overpass. We got an opportunity to interact with professionals who were involved in each of these projects. They explained each project's uniqueness in terms of purpose, design, funding and construction challenges and the innovative solutions adopted by them. Along with the impressive ITS features of the Golden Ears Bridge, the tour of its tolling facility was also interesting. Their high standards of quality control and efforts to reach out to the community they serve was very impressive. Discussions on challenges faced in site selection of the Pitt River Bridge to relocate the salmon and other environmental challenges were very informative. Similar discussions on design and construction challenges for the Coast Meridian Overpass, which is built over a rail yard, were also very informative. The Seabus Ferry and Northshore Waterfront Tour covered Vancouver's unique Seabus Ferry and the local governments' attempt to redevelop the Northshore waterfront. It was amazing to learn that 400 people could get into and out of a Seabus Ferry in 3 minutes and that they were accessible for wheelchairs. The Northshore waterfront development team shared with us their innovative solutions for funding and beautification of the trails planned along the waterfront specially liked the extensive use of native art, which added a unique character to the waterfront.

The exhibit hall showcased the newest tools, techniques, and

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technology available from all around the world. I spent quite some time in the exhibit hall appreciating all the interesting products and interacting with the company representatives. I also attended the networking reception, which was a great opportunity to network with many transportation professionals with a variety of background from across the globe. The exchange of ideas and discussions on trends and challenges faced by practitioners has broadened my outlook on the transportation profession.

I also thoroughly enjoyed the nail-biting suspense of the final round of the first ITE Collegiate Traffic Bowl, which ended with my home team (Texas A&M) winning the competition. Another fun part of the meeting was the street hockey game. It was fun to cheer for 'rest of the world' team as the teams played right next to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games torch.

During my stay in Vancouver, I had the opportunity to experience Vancouver's unique multi-modal transportation system and diverse culture. The city is well connected through public transportation and promotes active living through good pedestrian and bike facilities. Most roads had dedicated ped/bike lanes and signage to accommodate them. While in Vancouver, I used all modes of public transportation; the Skytrain, the Seabus Ferry and the bus and the smooth transition between all of these various modes of transportation was very impressive. Another impressive feature of Vancouver was the commitment of its people and government to conserve the city's natural beauty and work towards making it the world's greenest city. I visited the Grouse Mountains and was amazed by the refreshing clean air (and of course the breathtaking views) at the mountain top. The mountain is maintained as a smoke and litter free zone and people follow that without any enforcement. I also visited the Vancouver aquarium, where the authorities aimed to educate people about the arctic wildlife and ways to conserve nature, rather than training their wildlife to do tricks. At many of tourist attractions I visited (including the venue of the annual meeting), drinks were served in compostable plastic cups, instead of disposable plastic cups. Everywhere, people and authorities took extra effort to reduce and recycle.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to attend the annual meeting and again want to thank the ITE Transportation Consultants Council for the scholarship. The ITE Transportation Consultants Council's Young Professional Scholarship is a great avenue for young professionals like me, who might otherwise

not be able to attend ITE annual meetings. I find ITE to be a nurturing community that in addition to providing professional information also provides leadership opportunities at all levels. This opportunity to attend the annual meeting has provided me with a firsthand experience on how ITE works at the international level. This has opened up opportunities to get more involved with this great institute and has provided me with the insight on how to improve my Section (Brazos Valley Section of ITE) activities so that it stands out at the international level. At the meeting, I also acquired knowledge of the newest tools, techniques, and technology available in my areas of interest, particularly geometric design, transportation safety, and transportation operations and I intend to apply it as appropriate to my current and future projects. Above all, I made some very good friends.

### 2011 TexITE Winter Meeting

The Winter 2011 meeting will be held at the historic Hilton Fort Worth in the heart of the vibrant central business. The Hotel is located within walking distance of the Intermodal Transportation Center and the entertainment venues and restaurants within Sundance Square. TexITE has secured a block of rooms at the rate of \$135.00 per night (plus tax). This rate will include Wednesday night (for those that arrive early) and Saturday night (for those extending their stay). If you wish to extend your stay outside of these dates, you will need to book a separate reservation on the Web site or contact the hotel directly at (281) 275-8400.

Our technical program will include a review of traffic management lessons learned from the 2011 Super Bowl that will be held at the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on February 6, 2011, an update on statewide passenger rail projects, and a review of some of the state's significant bike planning efforts. We will host a technical tour of the corporate headquarters of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and their nationwide operations center. And we have an evening of fun in the historic Stock Yards in store for our members and guests.

## Section News

### Capital Area Section

The Section currently has 35 paid members for the year 2010. As of October 7, 2010, there were 145 international ITE members within the Section boundaries, as listed in the ITE membership directory.

The section holds regular bi-monthly meetings on the first Friday of every other month. The meeting locations have changed in the past depending on the speakers, topics and anticipated attendance for each meeting. This year, the meeting have been consistently held at City offices in downtown Austin.

### South Texas Section Activities

The Section currently has 65 members who have paid their 2010 dues. As of October 15, 2010 there were 98 international ITE members within the Section boundaries. The Section has held monthly meetings with speakers on a variety of transportation related topics. Each meeting has had over 30 members in attendance.

Mike Garza with Pate Engineers, Inc. is chair of the **Student Relations Committee**. This committee is tasked with coordinating activities with the student chapters and helping these chapters to grow and sustain membership. This committee worked to coordinate the April meeting which was held at UTSA.

Amy Lewis with Kimley-Horn Engineers, Inc. is chair of the **Holiday Banquet Committee**. This committee is tasked with coordinating the annual Holiday Banquet.

Kerri Collins with Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. is chair of the **Newsletter Committee**. This committee is tasked with creating and distributing the section newsletter on a quarterly basis.

The **Section website** has been updated with the latest meeting information. In addition the website is now being used to allow online meeting registrations and payments via PayPal. Garry Ford is the webmaster for the Section.

The Section remains strong and continues to grow. The added revenue provided by the business card advertising as well as the increased meeting attendance has provided the opportunity to offer more to the membership and continue to fund the scholarship at UTSA.

### Dallas Section Activities

The Dallas Section currently has 149 paid members. The section has had excellent turnout at monthly meetings this year and looks forward to continued success as the year progresses.

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.

The **Younger Members Committee** continues to work on developing a recommended practice for signing and striping at diamond interchanges. The Younger Members are also expected to present the recommendations at the upcoming District Winter Meeting in Fort Worth.

The Greater Dallas Section **Professional Development Committee** has a goal of providing at least one training session per quarter. The Committee works to find local firms and agencies to sponsor and host an event. They are also expanding the scope of their efforts to include identifying professional development opportunities available in the Region (outside of ITE) and sharing these with

our membership. This include opportunities that may be available through such organizations such as NCTCOG, ASCE, ITS Texas, ITS America, TxDOT, CEC, TSPE, and others.

After two years of service on the Professional Development Committee, Gary Graham (BWR) has stepped down as Chair. Rhett Dollins (Savant Group) has joined the committee as his successor and Sean Merrell (City of Frisco) has volunteered to assume the role of Committee Chair.

On September 29, 2010, Halff Associates hosted a webinar and invited the Section Membership to attend. The webinar, titled "Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach – Web Briefing," was a summary of the report with the same name that was produced by ITE and the Congress for the New Urbanism. There were 12 attendees at the webinar.

The Greater Dallas Section donated \$1,000 to ITE's 80th Anniversary fund in August.

The Greater Dallas Section Board is currently preparing an on-line survey to solicit feedback from the Section Membership.

Chris Poe (Chair), Susan Langdon, and Dave Carter served as our officer nominating committee this summer. They nominated Robyn Root (City of McKinney) and Yang Ouyang (NTTA) for Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to the nominating committee, they are also acting as a Presidential Advisory Council with the purpose of providing the Board feedback and direction on several items related to future efforts of the Section.

## Context Sensitive Solution Workshop

The South Texas ITE Section and the WTS – San Antonio Region Chapter co-hosted a Context Sensitive Solutions Workshop at Trinity University in San Antonio. The well attended workshop discussed important aspects of Context Sensitive Solutions as well as examples found in the South Texas Region.

The first speaker, Brian Bochner from the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), gave a presentation on ITE's new Recommended Practice: Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach, which he co-authored. Mr. Bochner gave an overview of the recommended practices for Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) as well as examples of CSS designs around the country. Context Sensitive transportation solutions consider the community's needs and enhance the surrounding area. Transportation facilities that create walkable communities while providing safe mobility are an example of CSS. In addition to the

information provided in his presentation, Mr. Bochner pointed out that the ITE Recommended Practice could be downloaded or purchased from [www.ite.org/css](http://www.ite.org/css).

The next speaker, Jonathan Bean, presented on "TxDOT & CSS". He showed examples of Context Sensitive Solutions TxDOT implemented such as the Walters Street Bridge over IH-35 in San Antonio.

Richard Milk, City of San Antonio, next gave a presentation of "Complete Streets San Antonio". Mr. Milk discussed San Antonio's plans for Complete Street Development. Complete Streets are safe and universally accessible roadways. Public Health agencies also promote Complete Streets for the health benefits they create through increased pedestrian and bicycle activity. Mr. Milk recommended the websites [completestreets.org](http://completestreets.org) and [nplanonline.org](http://nplanonline.org) for additional information.

Gary Schatz discussed the City of Austin's

approach to CSS in his presentation "City of Austin & CSS". Mr. Schatz emphasized the importance of creating a "place" with transportation facilities. He gave examples of projects the City of Austin has completed which help to create a sense of place as well as developments in the Austin area which have elements of CSS.

Tracy Manning discussed VIA Metropolitan Transit's approach to CSS with his presentation "Transit and Context Sensitive Solutions." Mr. Manning emphasized the role transit systems can have to create a permanent sense of place for a location.

Trish Wallace, City of San Antonio, led the committee to organize the workshop.



## People News

Savant Group is pleased to welcome two new employees: **Tejas Mehta**, PE, PTOE and **Omar Venzor** to our engineering staff. Tejas brings to the firm more than ten years of experience in both public and private sectors. He is a Texas registered Professional Engineer, a registered Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, and holds a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Tejas' expertise spans across Traffic Engineering as well as Transportation Planning and Travel Demand Modeling. Omar holds a bachelor of engineering degree from Texas A&M University and comes to us after more than a year with the Illinois Department of Transportation.



# My Bicycle Rides

*Sasanka Bhushan Pulipati, P.E., C&M Associates, Inc.*

Ever since I came to the US, I have been dreaming about buying a bicycle and using it to commute to nearby places instead of driving. This summer, I finally bought a bicycle and fulfilled this desire. When an opportunity arose to write an article for ITE newsletter, I thought of sharing with you all how I bought my bicycle and the benefits I am deriving from it.

Some of you might be thinking, "Is it that difficult?" "Huh, why would someone dream about a bicycle?" Well in this auto-dominated metropolplex area, riding a bicycle is very difficult. Some of the difficulties in riding a bicycle are:

- We do not have well connected and designated bike paths, which have wide outside lanes with or without lane marking for bicycles.
- Bicycle riders are scared due to fast moving motor vehicles beside them.
- It is difficult for a motor vehicle driver to recognize a bicycle on the road as he does not expect to see one often. So, the chance of getting hit is high.
- Trip destinations are far from origins. Covering the distances by bicycle is not feasible with respect to the time and effort.
- Bicycle riders tend to use sidewalks affecting pedestrian safety. When a pedestrian and a bicyclist share the sidewalk, it is uncomfortable to both. Even the sidewalks are not connected fully.
- Bicycle riders are prone to get into trouble from street-robbers. Often, bicyclists travel in groups.

Having said that, I still bought my bicycle because of the following reasons:

- Growing up in a two-wheeler friendly country where bicycles and motor-cycles are used as a mode of transport more frequently than in the USA, I am habituated to using a bicycle for short trips.
- Being a transportation engineer, I care about emissions polluting the environment. As you know, cars emit more emissions during cold start. Many a times, by the time the engine heats up, one reaches one's destination. By riding a bicycle to such destinations, we are avoiding a lot of emissions.
- Riding a bike can be a good exercise for the body. It is fun.



Cities like Irving provide nice bicycle tracks where people can ride in groups and enjoy their time.

- While I stayed on second and third floors, I did not have a good place to park my bicycle. I have heard people losing their bicycles while they were parked outside. As I stay on the first floor now, I have a nice place to keep my bicycle.

Along with the bike, I bought some accessories such as helmet, air pump, lock, front light and a water bottle + holder. Helmet is the most important and a must-have among the above mentioned accessories. Helmets need to comply with the CPSC standard (Consumer Product Safety Commission). (<http://www.bhsi.org/standard.htm#CPSC>)

Bicycle rules of the road and safety guidelines can be downloaded from <http://www.schp.org/SCHPBack-to-SchoolSafelyWebpage/BicycleSafety.pdf>. This document tells us how to enjoy riding a bike safely.

Now that I have my bike, I ride on it to my friends' houses located less than two miles from my home. The accompanying map shows the two most common paths (the blue path and the red path) that I take. Walnut Hill Ln. and Royal have wide right lanes and do not have many cars in the

Item	Cost
Bicycle	\$180
Helmet	\$25
Air pump	\$10
lock	\$10
water bottle + holder	\$10
front light	\$15
Total	\$250

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## President's Message

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So, as I am writing this the week before Thanksgiving, I trust that everyone will have a safe and happy Holiday Season and that we all finish 2010 being thankful for the people and things that are truly important. Not that transportation issues and transportation funding are not important, but I will admit that they are not even in my top ten.

I thank all the members of TexITE for allowing me to serve you to the best of my abilities. Have a Happy New Year.

## International Director

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Photos from the meeting and PDH certificates for sessions can be downloaded from the TexITE Meetings page.

### Mark Your Calendars

Just a reminder that the spring meeting will be held in Fort Worth on March 24-26, 2011. You can expect to see more information on the meeting after the first of the year.

ITE Technical Conference will be in Lake Buena Vista, Florida on April 3-6, 2011. Theme of conference is Moving Toward Zero.

The ITE Annual meeting will be on August 13-16, 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri.

That's all for now. Until next time...

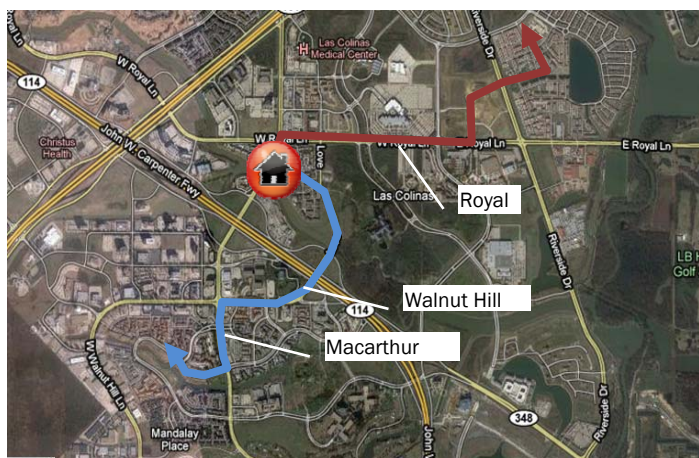
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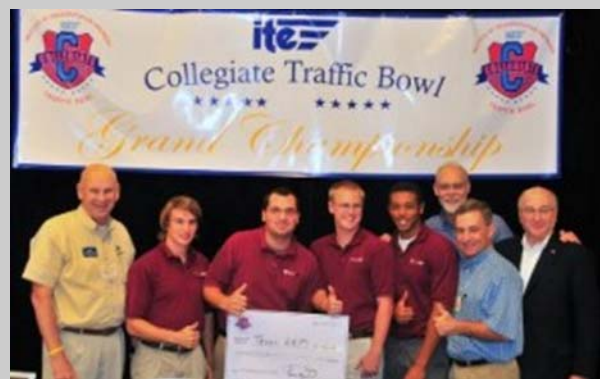
off peaks. Macarthur Blvd. is a busy road all day but I ride on the sidewalks thankfully present along this roadway.

I also convinced one of my colleagues to buy a bike. Recently, we both rode our bikes around the White Rock Lake located east of Dallas. It was amazing experience. I used DART bus to get to the White Rock Railway station from my home. DART buses have bicycle holders in the front.

My joy-rides have just begun. May I request you all to accompany me?



## ITE Traffic Bowl



The Texas A&M ITE student chapter won the ITE Collegiate Traffic Bowl championship at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. The team members are Philip Dunham, Ben Sperry, Andrew Persyn, and Kristopher Ball. After their initial win at the Texas Section Meeting, the team organized fundraising to enable their travel, and made their way to Vancouver. The Brazos Valley section is proud of their participation as well as their win. Pictured are: Ken Voigt (International Past President); Team members: Philip Dunham, Ben Sperry, Andrew Persyn, and Kristopher Ball; Robert Wunderlich (International Vice-President); Gene Hawkins (chapter advisor); and Tom Brahms (ITE Executive Director).

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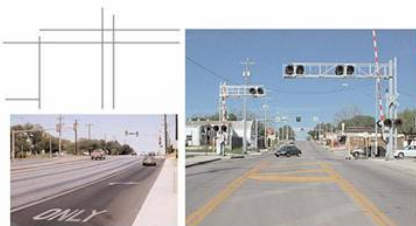
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