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## **President's Report**

Looking forward to a new year reminds me to be grateful for all of the efforts of the past year. ITE is a volunteer professional organization. It requires the generous donation of a little time from a lot of people to make it a great organization for everyone. We have a lot of things to achieve in 2006, such as:

- preparing our organization for PE continuing education units,
- using the national traffic signal report card to improve the operation structure, and
- adding value to ITE membership through education and networking opportunities.

"I'm looking forward to a successful year. See you at the next meeting!"

Before we tackle those challenges, I would like to thank the following members. These are only a few of the many members who help the Ohio Section. I am thankful for...

The guidance of the board members: Scott Knebel, Steve Welk, Todd Stanhope, Mike Meeks and Doug Bender.

The undying dedication of Katie Ott and Sarah Strukel on the Roster Committee, who respond to every request for mailing labels, e-mail lists, updated per-

sonal information, as-well-as publish the Section Roster.

The enthusiasm of Kirsten Bowen, Kerry Ferrier, Cynthia Peck, Angela Harrigal, and all of the Lake Erie Chapter members, which forms the grassroots of our organization.

The wordsmith talents and persistence of Kim Elam, whose efforts give us the ability to communicate through the OhioITE newsletter.

The organizational skills of Beth Slieand maintenance of our signal infra- mers, who gives us an opportunity to chase that small golf ball around an unpaved surface (well, most of us played on the unpaved surfaces) as she leads the Scholarship and Student Chapter Com-

> The team-building encouragement of **Shazad Ahmed,** who reviews every member application, assembles information for board review and ensures new members are added to the roster through

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the Membership Committee. Shazad also does university outreach to support

The tireless efforts of **John Neihaus**. who ensures that members talents are recognized through the Young Engineer and Past Presidents Awards, as-well-as ensuring the leadership on the Executive board through his work on the Nominations and Awards Committee.

The technical prowess of **Kevin Miller** and his replacement on the Technical Committee, **Angie Christo**, who ensure that our minds grow with each meeting.

The leadership of Larry Creed (Legislative), **Kraig Shrewsberry** (Uniformity), Jeremy Ghent (E-Communication), Valerie Croasmun (Hospitality), George Saylor (ITS Ohio Liason), and Mohammad Khan (LTAP Liason).

Thank you for your efforts to build our profession, whether they are through ITE, another organization or independently. And thank you to each of your spouses and/or significant people in your 
• Managing High Technology Projects in life who make it possible for you to attend meetings by taking care of your children, walking your dog or watering your plants.

See you at the next meeting!

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#### **Opportunity to Serve**

## By Todd Stanhope, Section Program

At the January 27 Section meeting, demonstrations were provided of three of the ITE Professional Development Modules available on CD. Incorporating these into our Technical Sessions would provide the Section an opportunity to help members satisfy their Professional Development Hour requirements, and, also, an opportunity for members to participate by volunteering as instructors. To be an instructor, you must be an experienced transportation professional and presenter with an extensive background in the subject matter.

The following is a list of the modules that are currently available:

- Trip Generation: Fundamentals and **Applications**
- Trip Generation: Advanced Concepts and Applications
- Fundamentals of Road Weather Man-
- MUTCD 2000 and 2003 Revisions
- Engineering Intersections to Reduce Red Light Running
- Transportation
- Introduction to Systems Engineering

The Section is willing to obtain any of these modules in order to provide quality I'm looking forward to a successful year. technical sessions. If anyone has an interest in being an instructor please contact Todd Stanhope at (740) 549-0070 or - Julía K. Sprauer, P.E. todd@trafficcounts.com, or Section Technical Chair, Angie Christo at(614) 901-6036 or Angela. Christo@dmjmharris.com

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## **OhioITEs** 'On the Move...'

#### Central

John Gallagher is now with American Consulting as Director of Traffic Services.

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After 24 years in traffic engineering, which included working with the City of Columbus Transportation Division as an Electronic System Technician for the past 13 years and working for the City of Upper Arlington, the City of Canton, Path Master and the City of Zanesville, Pat Coffey is now an Air Pollution Control Technician with the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) in the Montgomery County Combined Health District. Pat and his wife, Cynthia Rush, now live in the Dayton area, where they are closer to Cynthia's family in Middletown.

If you or anyone else in the central Ohio traffic community has news to share, please pass it on to Jennifer Gallagher, (614) 644-5928,

Jennifer.Gallagher@dot.state.oh.us

#### Southwestern

Julia Sprauer has started a new electrical contracting company called Bright Street, LLC. Bright Street will provide traffic signal, street lighting and fiber optic construction and maintenance ser-

vices. The company expects to be operational this month.

**John Niehaus**, in his 32<sup>nd</sup> year as an adjunct faculty member of the University of Cincinnati, has recently been promoted to full Professor in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering. Niehaus is responsible for the senior's capstone design course as-well-as teaching three Transportation Engineering courses each year. He also represents the University on the Intermodal Coordinating Committee of the OKI Regional Council of Gov-

*If you or anyone else in the southwestern* Ohio traffic community has news to share, please pass it on to Kim Dietrich Elam, (513) 598-6355, KELAM1@cinci.rr.com

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If you or anyone else in the northeastern Ohio traffic community has news to share, please pass it on to Angela Harrigal, (216) 781-6177, aharrigal@arcadis-us.com

If your community is not represented in this newsletter and you would like to volunteer to be the newsletter liaison for member updates in that community. please contact Kim Dietrich Elam, (513) 598-6355 or KELAM1@cinci.rr.com

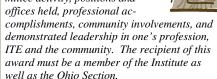
#### In Memoriam...

Longtime member and supporter of ITE, Fred C. Tarbox, passed away on May 2, 2006 in Coral Springs, FL. During his long and distinguished career, Fred served as State Traffic Engineer with ODOT, was the Ohio Section ITE President in 1966 and was awarded the Ohio Section ITE President's Award in 1998.

Please look for an article honoring Fred in an upcoming OhioITE.

#### And the Award goes to...

The President's Award recognizes sustained contribution to the transportation engineering profession, the Ohio Section, the Institute and one's community. Factors taken into consideration include Section and National membership and committee activity, positions and offices held, professional ac-



Congratulations to 2005 President's Award recipient **David L. Samuelson**.

The Young Engineer Award recognizes an individual, under the age of 35, who has made and is making contributions to the transportation engineering profession, the Ohio Section, the Institute and one's community. Factors taken into consideration include Section and National membership and committee activity, positions and offices held, professional accomplishments, community involvements, and demonstrated leadership in one's profession, ITE and the community.

Congratulations to 2005 Young Engineer Award recipient Kevin R. Miller.



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- The placement of the new head over the center of the left turn lane means the point where maximum clearance is required is further from the signal pole;
- The requirement to align this new head over the center of the left turn lane means the length of the arm in a mast arm installation may need to be increased to allow proper placement. The initial design of a six foot (6') to ten foot (10') longer mast arm will make it easy to install the new signal display when final approval by the NCUTCD oc-

#### **Pedestrian Signal Timing**

Next time, I will discuss upcoming changes in Section 4E.10 of the Federal MUTCD with regard to timing the pedestrian signal intervals, i.e., Walk and Pedestrian Clearance timing.

#### **OMUTCD News**

There is a new 2005 Edition of the OMUTCD, which was approved December 1, 2005 with an effective date of December 22, 2005. One significant feature of this new edition is Appendix C, the Signing Index. Complete information, including order information and a

downloadable PDF version of the 2005 OMUTCD, is available ODOT's web site

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/traffic/ Publication%20Manuals/ omutcd/2005OMUTCD/OMUTCD.htm

The downloadable materials include separate files for each part of the OMUTCD, as well as, the complete OMUTCD, which is approximately 19 MB in size.

One particularly useful piece of information on the ODOT web site is the list of changes between the 2003 and 2005 Editions. The list of changes is available at the URL:

> http://www.dot.state.oh.us/traffic/ Publication%20Manuals/ omutcd/2005OMUTCD/major% 20changes%20list\_120705.PDF

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### **Ohio ITE Section** 2006 Schedule

**Section Golf Outing** Columbus Golf & Dinner

Jul 11 **Ohio & Kentucky Section Joint Meeting** Cincinnati

Lunch w/Technical Session

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Sep 10-13 APWA Kansas City, MO Conference

**Past Presidents Meeting** Dinner w/Technical Session & **Board Meeting** 

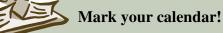
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**NCUTCD Watch...** 

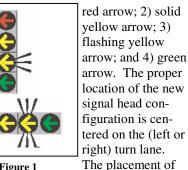
#### **Four-Section Protected-Permitted Signal Indications Coming**

As I teased you in my article in the last issue of the OhioITE, there will likely be new language in the next edition of the Federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices that will describe a new signal head configuration for protectedpermitted signal operations. In action at the January meetings of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD), the Signals Technical Committee adopted language establishing the use of a four-section signal for protected-permitted signals. The proposed language will be presented to the sponsoring agencies of the NCUTCD for comment; and, then, the Signal Technical Committee will respond to those comments, possibly modifying the proposed section of the MUTCD for a final vote by the NCUTCD at the June 2006 meeting in Overland Park, Kansas. If

approved by the full NCUTCD, it will be forwarded to FHWA for final rulemaking and inclusion in the new edition of the MUTCD due in 2008.

This new head is the result of recommendations from research funded by National Cooperative Highway Research Program. The research showed that the 5-section head commonly used in Ohio since the seventies is not well understood by motorists. Each of us has experienced this, while waiting in traffic behind a driver who refuses to make a permitted left turn without a left turn arrow indication, even though there is no oncoming traffic.

The new section of the MUTCD describes a signal head display that in the same configuration would be used for lead/lead, lead/lag or lag/lag sequences. The new protected-permitted signal display will consist of a vertical stack (or alternatively, a horizontal array) of four sections. All four sections will include arrow indications, so each section is required to house a 12-inch (300 mm) lens. As you can see in Figure 1, the four lenses, starting at the top (or from the left for the horizontal array), are 1)



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the new signal dis-

Figure 1

play in the center of the turn lane was found in the research to provide the motorist with a clearer indication that the head applies to them. That the flashing yellow arrow indicates a turn may be completed with caution was found to be easily understood in the research. Besides evidence of a greater understanding of the meaning of the new display than of existing displays, there are definite operational efficiencies to be gained.

When using this new display application, one, and only one, of the four arrows is displayed at a time. The flashing yellow arrow is illuminated during the permissive phase when traffic may turn after

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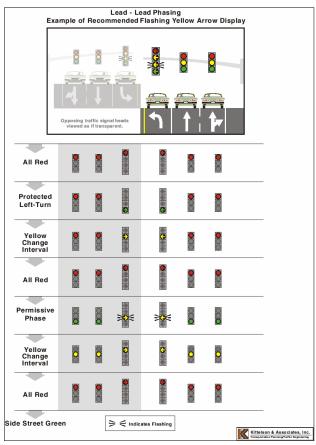
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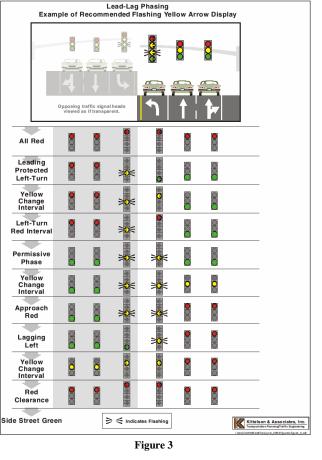
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yielding to opposing through traffic and/ or pedestrians. The other three arrows are clearance indication following both the used for the normal three-color exclusive green arrow indication and the flashing left turn display. The red arrow indication is displayed when a left-turn movement was prohibited. The green arrow indication is displayed when the left-turn movement can be made with no conflicting simultaneous vehicle or pedestrian movement (protected operation). The

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steady yellow arrow indication is illuminated for a few seconds (use your standard yellow clearance calculation) as a yellow arrow indication. The flashing yellow arrow, which indicates a permissive phase when traffic can turn after yielding to opposing through traffic and/ or pedestrians, is displayed at the same time as the opposing through green display. It terminates with a solid yellow



arrow display. See Figures 2 and 3 showing the sequence of signal displays for the lead-lead and lead-lag phasing, respectively.

Because of this operation, the leftturning motorist may make their permissive turn during the time when the opposing traffic has the protected left turn and through movement active. This is not possible with the current "dog

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The 26<sup>th</sup> Traffic Engineering Workshop, an outreach program initiated in 1982 by ITE members and associates in southwest Ohio, has been planned for June 7 in Fairfield. Its program, developed primarily for administrators, public works, planning and traffic personnel of area cities, villages, counties, townships and planning agencies, is again expected to attract more than 100 attendees from the Ohio and Kentucky sides of the Ohio River.

**University of Cincinnati** 

of Jack Pflum and John Niehaus of the (former) Pflum, Klausmeier & Gehrum Consultants and John Lachmann of Wagner-Smith Electrical Contractors at the Sharonville Holiday Inn on October 7, 1981.

The first TEW was organized and planned by those three plus Steve Sorrell, Hamilton's Traffic Engineer, and the event was financially supported by PKG and Wagner-Smith.

From the initial workshop, the *TEW* planning committee has grown to now include A&A Safety (Guy LoBuono), Bayer Becker (Etta Reed), Butler County Engineer's Office (Matt Loeffler), City of Cincinnati (Steve Bailey & Martha Kelly), Gresham, Smith & Partners (Jamal Adhami), Hamilton County Engi-

neer's Office (Tim Gilday & Ted Hubbard), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (Bill Madden), Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (Don Spang), Ohio Department of Transportation (Tammy Campbell), OKI Regional Council of Governments (Don Burrell and John Heilman), Path Master Inc. (Terry Stanoch), TEC Engineering (Dexter McMillan & Fred Tito), Traffic Control Products, Inc. (Don Beard), University of Cincinnati (John Niehaus), lunch, speakers and TEW committee Wagner-Smith Division of Capital Line TEW was born at an initial lunch meeting Builders (John Lachmann), and Tom Young.

> In addition to their involvement in the planning and operation of the workshops, the private-sector committee members also provide financial support for the facilities and food services. Bayer Becker prints the brochures and OKI mails them; the UC Civil Engineer- eas. Any ITE members and associates ing Department receives the registrations and Gresham, Smith & Partners converts them into name tags and registration lists.

The keynote address for this year's workshop will be given by James Buckson, Mobility & Traffic Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration. Jim, in a presentation based on outcomes of the national Traffic Signal Report Card, will stress the need to follow up capital expenditures by opera-

tions and maintenance and to also avoid acquiring overly-designed equipment that isn't needed and can't or won't be maintained.

The morning will include concurrent sessions on Street Calming – Cincinnati's Experience, Traffic Control Maintenance, Accommodating Older Drivers & Pedestrians. Work Zones, Safe Routes to School, and Pre-emption. Following members will participate in an open-topic, open-ended question-and-answer session entitled, What Do YOU Want to Know About Traffic Engineering.

The Traffic Engineering Workshop now draws attendees from northern Kentucky up to the Dayton area. As far as I am aware, nothing like it is available in the Columbus, Toledo or northeast Ohio arinterested in beginning such an outreach effort in these areas and wanting to know more about the program are invited to contact John Niehaus at the University of Cincinnati by email at John.Niehaus@uc.edu or by

postal mail at: Professor John C. Niehaus, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Mail Location #0071, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0071.





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house" five-section left turn protectedpermissive signal head, since the circular green has two meanings – the left turn is permitted and the through (and rightturn) movement has the right-of-way in the adjacent lane. The advantage of this operation is that it would not unnecessarily delay left-turning vehicles. Again, refer to Figures 2 & 3.

In driving around the Central Ohio area, I have noticed a location where this signal display could be applied to achieve a definite advantage – the new signalized intersection for northbound ramps to and from I-270 at Cemetery Road in Hilliard. The intersection is essentially two independent signal operations placed next to each other at the same location. The first is a signal that controls the two-lane northbound off-ramp traffic, which must turn right, and the eastbound traffic on Cemetery Road. The second is a signal, which controls the eastbound left-turning traffic on Cemetery Road to enter northbound I-270 and the westbound Cemetery Road traffic. The current installation has a "dog house" five-section traffic signal for the eastbound left turn movement to provide for protected left

operation during the eastbound through green movement. However, the permitted operation cannot be indicated during the time when the northbound off ramp has the green. The green ball display, permitting the eastbound left turn to occur, would also allow the eastbound through traffic to move in direct conflict with the off-ramp traffic. The application of the new four-section head provides the signal display for only the left turn lane and the flashing yellow arrow in that head cannot be confused for a green for eastbound through traffic. In the current operation, there is a lost opportunity for the eastbound permissive left turn movement dur- URL: ing the time when the northbound offramp has the right-of-way. The increased throughput would be particularly advantageous at this location since there is limited storage space for the eastbound left turn movement. This storage cannot be increased significantly without extensive and expensive bridge work.

Currently, any use of this new head will require application to FHWA for experimentation. To request permission to experiment, see Section 1A.10 of the OMUTCD. This will change once the use

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turn movement and the permitted left turn of the head is included in the Federal MUTCD.

> To learn more about the new foursection left turn display, you can download the NCHRP REPORT 493 -Evaluation of Traffic Signal Displays for Protected/ Permissive Left-Turn Control from the web at the following

http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/ nchrp/nchrp\_rpt\_493.pdf

Kittleson & Associates, Inc, the consultant on the research team for the project, maintained a web site dedicated to the project. You can still access it at this

http://projects.kittelson.com/pplt/

To repeat some information from last time – planning your signal installation for the new signal display requires the following considerations:

• The four-section stack will require that the signal span include additional clearance, possibly requiring additional pole height. This could be particularly important if using mast arms;

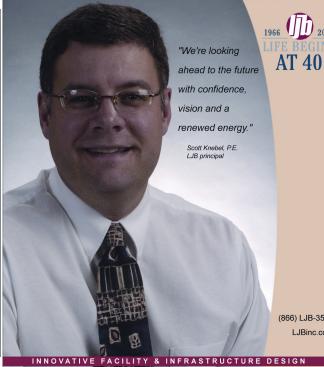
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- Have significant public, private, and some academic sector experi-
- > Have filled numerous other professional and private life leadership roles

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#### For INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESI-**DENT of ITE**

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It is a privilege to be running again for the position of International Vice < President of ITE... I would be honoured to serve the ITE members as a member of the Executive Committee over

the next three years. During the past 76 years, ITE has appealed to transportation professionals as their organization of choice. It has done that by providing great value to its members. That value is enhanced through... the experienced and committed staff at ITE headquarters... the dedicated efforts of the many volunteers on the International Board, councils and committees... and the active participation by members and students. The key characteristics that are critical for a leader in this organization include: vision, leadership, experience, knowledge, and passion.

My Vision is to build on and strengthen the Value of the Institute to members by keeping you informed about, and *engaged* in, the programs. products and services that ITE produces.

This Vision is fairly simple and straightforward, but it centers on communication and participation. In an organization like ITE, it is so important to pay attention to what is happening in the profession as well as in each district, section, and chapter. Members need to be informed about what's going on, and what the opportunities are for involvement.

As the next International Vice President, my specific goals for ITE include...

1. Technical Excellence... ITE must continue to provide us with relevant, high quality, up-to-date materials... these are the tools of our trade...

My priority is to engage the members from every District in the specialty councils, and to communicate the value of those materials to our members.

- 2. Transportation Safety... ITE must provide the tools we need to ensure safety-focused design practices, and review processes...
- My priority is to encourage global input to these best practices, communicate them to our membership, and promote them to the public agency decision-makers and to the general public.
- Workforce Development... We need to ensure that we get the brightest and best students into our transportation programs... we need to encourage young men AND young women to consider engineering and planning as career options... and ITE must continue to expand the professional development opportunities for our members ...
- My priorities are: to get the message out that sustainable transportation is paramount in our society and that capable of meeting that demand; to expand the delivery of low-cost professional development opportunities; and to develop an effective support system for our universities.
- approach will help us understand the needs in other parts of the world... we then must take steps to meet those diverse needs...
- My priorities are: to provide transportation professionals from around the world with opportunities to learn from each other through regional workshops, pod-casts and web seminars; and to encourage international participation in the development of our products and services.

I have developed the **Leadership** skills needed to lead the Institute:

VP Candidate (2005, 2006); International Board of Direction (2001-2003): District 7 Exec Committee

(1993-2001); Founding President, SK Section (1989-1993); APWA, TAC, ITS Canada, CTEP

I have the professional Experience required for the position:

As a traffic engineer with 21 years public sector (City of Saskatoon); 6 years private sector (Earth Tech and TSH); Professional Engineer registered in 3 provinces.

I also have the **Knowledge** to help guide ITE's technical programs:

B.Sc. EE & M.Sc. CE – U of S; PTOE Certification (2000)

... and I have the **Passion** to take on this role. I have a passion for the Profession; for the People in the Profession; for the Institute; and for the Public we serve...

I am committed to keeping you informed about and engaged in ITE!

With an emphasis on Technical Excellence, Transportation Safety, Workforce Development and International Growth. ITE will become more valuable to all of us, and it will continue to be our organization of choice. If you need more information, go to my webwe need a highly qualified workforce site (www.alf4ite.com), or contact me directly to discuss any specific issues (aguebert@tsh.ca).

#### Elect Alf Guebert as your next International Growth... A regional International Vice President of ITE!

