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## Upcoming Events...

### One Day Transportation Boot Camp Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

ITE Toronto Section is presenting a one day transportation 'Boot Camp' for students and young professionals who have recently started their careers and are eager to learn more about the many different aspects of transportation planning and engineering. Several distinct transportation related topics will be presented by knowledgeable individuals who are experts in their respective professional practices. Topics and speakers include:



- The Planning Process in Ontario - Mike Bissett, Bousfields Inc.
- Forensic Engineering and Liability – Russell Brownlee, Giffin Koerth
- Human Factors in Transportation Engineering – Alison Smiley, Human Factors North
- Transportation Impact Assessment and Parking – Andre Filippetti, City of Toronto
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) – Ron Whitelock, iTRANS Consulting Inc.
- Infrastructure Investment Strategies and the Metrolinx Benefits Case Analysis – Michael Sutherland and David Pritchard, Metrolinx
- Traveller Information Systems - Gregg Loane, IBI Group

The Boot Camp will be held on Friday May 1st at the Ontario Bar Association conference centre in downtown Toronto. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The OBA conference centre is

located at 20 Toronto Street near King Subway Station. Information on the conference centre can be found at [http://www.oba.org/En/conference\\_en/Conference\\_Centre/main\\_en.aspx](http://www.oba.org/En/conference_en/Conference_Centre/main_en.aspx). The cost of the event is \$100 for ITE members and \$125 for non-ITE members. There is a special price for student ITE members of \$50 with valid student identification. Payment can be made at the door in cash or by cheque, made payable to ITE Toronto Section. Receipts will be issued at the Boot Camp.

To register, please contact our **Activities Coordinator**, Mehemed Delibasic, at [Mehemed.Delibasic@aecom.com](mailto:Mehemed.Delibasic@aecom.com), or (905) 238-0017 x 8305 by noon Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration for this event is required.

## **Training Course - Intersection Capacity Analysis Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Intersection capacity analysis is one of the fundamental processes of traffic engineering. Irrespective of the methodology one uses, a thorough understanding of this process is a core skill in our profession. The Canadian Capacity Guide for Signalized Intersections (CCG) is a comprehensive guide to intersection planning and analysis, reflecting Canadian conditions, data and experience. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition is about to be released, together with software that replicates the Guide. This one-day course will provide detailed instruction in intersection capacity analysis procedures, followed by hands-on examples using the new InterCalc software. Attendees will develop a detailed understanding of how to accurately model operations at signalized intersections.

### **Course Agenda**

The course will include:

- A review of the basics of intersection capacity analysis, focusing on critical factors;
- CCG methodology, including comparisons to the Highway Capacity Manual and Synchro;
- Detailed capacity analysis examples using the CCG; and
- Instruction in the use and application of the InterCalc software. The software includes advanced features such as scenario management, a digital link to Synchro, and an improved process for unsignalized intersection capacity analysis.

### **Who Should Attend**

Transportation professionals interested in expanding their knowledge of intersection capacity analysis. Junior staff will obtain an excellent grounding in the basics of intersection operations analysis; more experienced staff will find this an excellent refresher course.

### **Instructors**

- Dan Havercroft, Mohawk College
- Paul Sarjeant- BA Consulting

### **Location**

- Room GB217 at the University of Toronto, 35 St. George Street, Toronto

## Cost

\$550 for non-members, \$475 for CITE members. This cost includes the guide on CD and a discount of \$100 on a future purchase of the InterCalc software, which is normally sold for \$600. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

## Registration Deadline

Please register by noon Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. To register, please contact our **Activities Coordinator**, Mehemed Delibasic at [Mehemed.Delibasic@aecom.com](mailto:Mehemed.Delibasic@aecom.com), or (905) 238-0017 x8305.

## Recent Events...

### Road Pricing Seminar Recap

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, we hosted a breakfast seminar on road pricing at MMM Group's offices in Markham. The panel discussion was led by Dave Richardson from MMM Group and we had four panel experts with widely ranging backgrounds: Imad Nassereddine from 407 ETR, Dave Jull from MMM Group, Doug Floyd from Delcan and Ron Allen from IBI Group. The discussion covered examples of road pricing, policy and planning issues along with operational issues, in particular related to Highway 407. The panelists provided their insight into where the future of road pricing lies both in Canada and abroad.



We had about 30 ITE members attend the breakfast seminar and participate in the discussion. Thank you to all who attended along with our panelists for lending their expertise to the discussion. Thanks also to Dave Richardson and MMM Group for hosting us.

### Annual ITE Toronto Section Spring Luncheon Recap

On Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, approximately 40 people attended the annual ITE Spring Luncheon held at the York Reception Centre. Our guest speaker this year was Lorenzo Mele from the Association for Commuter Transportation of Canada (ACT Canada). Lorenzo is the (TDM) Coordinator for the Town of Markham Engineering Department and he is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Association of Commuter Transportation of Canada. ACT Canada is a national association that was created to meet the needs of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) professionals in Canada. Lorenzo provided us with an informative insight into the role of TDM and some of the initiatives being undertaken. Jim Gough and Gene Chartier provided us with an update for ITE International and CITE.



## Canadian Capacity Guide Recommended Practice

This is a “first” for CITE. The Recommended Practice (RP) designation is intended to reflect a stature for its subjects in the transportation engineering lexicon, equivalent to a best practice guideline for the Canadian industry. The Canadian RP process is modeled on that of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), which has been used to approve all ITE RP’s.

This project contains a number of specific goals. Underlying these is the primal drive to keep the CCG alive, as a fundamentally Canadian methodology, which the developers of the CCG, through all its editions, believe is superior in many ways to other available methods. Completing the due diligence of the RP process is a step in achieving that goal.

Please take a few moments to review the draft CCG available on the CITE website at <http://www.cite7.org/news/index.php>. Comments are welcome on any aspect of the Guide, including additions for future versions. Please send them to Jim Gough, at either [goughj@mmm.ca](mailto:goughj@mmm.ca) or [director@cite7.org](mailto:director@cite7.org).

### *On the Move...*

Brian Titherington has joined the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation as a Senior Project Manager. Brian can be reached at [brian.titherington@york.ca](mailto:brian.titherington@york.ca)

Ali Mekky has joined Morrison Hershfield as a Senior Advisor in the Transportation Policy and Planning Group. You can reach Ali at [amekky@morrisonhershfield.com](mailto:amekky@morrisonhershfield.com)

### *ITE Contact Information*

If you or one of your colleagues are not receiving the monthly ITE Journal, the quarterly CITE Transportation Talk, periodic correspondence from CITE, and/or the ITE Toronto Section Newsletters... then the contact information we have may not be up to date in our respective databases. ITE International, CITE and the ITE Toronto Section maintain separate membership databases. Every effort is made to keep the three databases “in agreement”; however, there are instances where changes in membership have not been instituted across the databases. If your contact information changes, there are two places where those changes should be made.



1. For **ITE Journal, Invoicing and other ITE international correspondence**, your current contact information can be viewed and changed at [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org) under the “my profile” tab on the left side. It provides information on what your login and password are based on your ITE membership number and name.

**CITE** maintains a separate database of membership information, but gets their updates from ITE Washington. When you update your contact information at [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org), the information will be forwarded to CITE.

2. For **ITE Toronto Section Newsletters**, your current contact information can be changed with our **Membership Coordinator** Nixon Chan at [ChanN@mmm.ca](mailto:ChanN@mmm.ca). The ITE Toronto Section distributes correspondence solely by e-mail. If you are receiving the Toronto Section newsletters, your e-mail contact information is correct.

## Do You...

- Have any interesting transportation-related articles or photos that you would like to see in our newsletter? Send them electronically to our **Communications Coordinator** Mehrak Hakimi.
- Have any questions for the ITE Toronto Section? Contact our **President** Julia Salvini or **Vice-President** David Argue
- Want to learn about Job Posting opportunities offered by the ITE Toronto Section and CITE? Contact our **Membership Coordinator** Nixon Chan.

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# BIKE 2009 SUMMIT

## **Bike Summit 2009 in Toronto! Register by April 24th**

The Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation and the Clean Air Partnership are pleased to once again host this one-day event.

Join leading thinkers, practitioners, and decision-makers who are on the fast track to creating bikable communities. Bike Summit 2009 will be held on Thursday, May 28th at the Novotel Toronto Centre.

Enjoy innovative and forward-thinking sessions that will:

- Share international and Canadian best practices and perspectives realizing the economic and public health benefits of cycling.
- Present new approaches to street design that improve conditions for active transportation.
- Engage key stakeholders on how to address barriers and implement bicycle-friendly policies.
- Showcase the most recent best practices in bike parking and bike stations.

Since our last summit in 2008, exciting momentum is growing in Toronto and the surrounding area:

- For the first time ever, the entire Toronto Bike Plan was fully funded within the 5-year Capital Plan. With this \$70 million investment, the City will create 410 km of bike lanes, 122 km of shared roadways and 83 km of off-road paths.
- 2008 saw the most kilometres of new bike lanes ever put on the road in one year in Toronto.
- Metrolinx unanimously voted in favour of the Regional Transportation Plan. The 25-year plan commits \$20 million per year to be invested in cycling and walking in the GTHA.

Increasing the number of people who move around by cycling and walking is critical to the prosperity and livability of our region. Share the perspectives and innovations of our panel of experts on May 28th and leave with even more reasons and methods to design cities for cyclists.

Go to the Bike Summit 2009 website for more information, including speakers confirmed so far.

**Register by April 24th to take advantage of our early-bird rates AND be entered into a draw for Mountain Equipment Co-Op bike gear valued at \$500!**

Best wishes,

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Register for the Bike Summit at: <http://torontocat.ca/main/bikesummit2009>

**May 28  
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Save the date**