

The INTERCHANGE

President's Message

By Tim Faulkner, P.E., PTOE



As we wind down the glorious hot and hazy days of Summer 2005, thoughts turn to fall and the wrap-up of the construction season. It's the time of year that the engineers and planners finally get to see the outcome of all their hard work and how we have all made a valuable contribution to our society, whether it's in terms of addressing safety, capacity or infrastructure issues.

- \$6 billion for transportation safety programs
- Guarantees that every state will see a minimum increase of 19 percent over their 1998-2003 funding level
- \$612 million for Safe Routes to School Program
- Up to \$3 billion for bicycle and walking trails, sidewalks and bike lanes
- Contains a record number of specific highway, bus and rail projects requested by House and Senate members for their districts and states

As most of you are aware, the next highway and transit bill (tentatively called SAFETEA-LU), which provides federal funding for projects over the next six years, has just been signed into law by President Bush (see page 11). This new six-year, \$286.4 billion bill comes almost two years after TEA-21 expired in September 2003. For those of you that have not followed the reauthorization process, the main difficulties with coming up with a new bill were the spending limits of the bill and the amount of money each state would get.

This last bullet has been a point of contention ever since the final highway bill was agreed upon by the House and the Senate. There were four senators that voted against the bill because of the "pork" that was included in the bill. For a listing of projects that were included for New York, go to:

<http://www.taxpayer.net/Transportation/safetealu/NY.pdf>

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives came up with different amounts for their versions of the bill, with the House's bill being closer to what the President was looking for. In the end, the final bill resembled more of what the House was asking for, mainly due to the threat of a Presidential veto because of the higher spending limit in the Senate bill. The new bill guarantees that by 2008, every state will get at least a 92 percent rate of return in federal grants for contributions made, through the federal gasoline tax, to the Highway Trust Fund. Highlights of the massive highway and mass transit bill include:

Just a reminder, our Annual ITE NY Upstate Conference will be held October 5, 2005 on the campus of RIT. This will be a joint meeting with the New York State MPO's (see page 6). The conference committee has put together an exciting conference and I hope all of you will attend.

- Funding at \$286.4 billion over the 2004-2009 period, up from \$218 billion in TEA-21
- Includes more than \$50 billion for bus, train, and other transit programs

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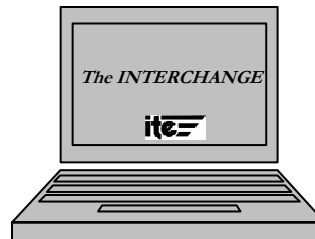
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"The Interchange" Goes Color and Electronic

We hope you enjoy this issue of "The Interchange" - live and in color! The new color format and electronic email distribution keeps the newsletter up-to-date with current publication trends and keeps *you* up-to-date with the latest news and happenings of the ITE NY Upstate Section.

If you received this newsletter via email - thank you! That means your email address on file with ITE is current. If you received this newsletter in the mail, you either do not have an email address on file with ITE or your email address is invalid. Log on to www.ite.org to update your email address if you would prefer to receive "The Interchange" in your email inbox.

Comments or suggestions on the new format? Email the editor at cdouglas@cha-llp.com.



Welcome New Members

The ITE NY Upstate Section is proud to welcome our newest members. Below is a list of members that have joined the Section since our last publication. We look forward to meeting you at our next event!

Janice Fernandez
Transpo Industries Inc.

George White
NYS Thruway Authority

ITE NY Upstate Section Treasurer Election

Ballots for the 2006 ITE NY Upstate Section Treasurer election will be mailed out shortly. The person elected will serve as the Section Treasurer for 2006, and rotate to the other officer positions (Secretary, Vice-President, President) for the following years. Below are the statements from the two candidates.

Eric Logan, P.E.

Eric Logan, P.E., is a Project Manager for TVGA Consultants in Syracuse, NY. He has been a member of ITE since graduating from Clarkson University in 1997. His consulting engineering background includes managing traffic engineering projects from the design of traffic signals and preparation of traffic impact studies, to the day to day responsibilities of managing a municipal traffic term agreement.



Eric has recently volunteered to become the Syracuse area coordinator for the ITE NY Upstate Section, and would be honored to extend his service duties as Treasurer for the 2006 NY Upstate Section Board. If elected, Eric will serve the section utilizing the principles of practicality, dedication, stewardship and economics to the best of his ability. He feels that the time he has spent in ITE has been rewarding and beneficial to his career and would enjoy the opportunity to give back by serving as treasurer.

James Napoleon, P.E.

Jim Napoleon, P.E., is the Principal at Jim Napoleon & Associates in Syracuse, NY, where the firm is active in the areas of traffic planning and design for land



development and in accident reconstruction. Jim is a former ITE NY Upstate Board member, Professor of Transportation Engineering at Syracuse University and the City Traffic Engineer.

Jim realizes the critical role played by ITE, especially at the Section level, in keeping members in touch with one another and up-to-date in the profession. He feels that the NY Upstate Section is the main link between members in the field and the progression of the profession.



*Our August 2005 ITE NY Upstate Section member in the spotlight is **Alanna Moran**, ITE member since 2001.*

Alanna grew up in The Dalles, a small town in Oregon located on the Oregon/Washington border along the Columbia River. She trekked across the country to attend college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where she majored in civil engineering. Alanna's interest in Transportation Engineering developed from working at the local Department of Public Works while home during breaks from RPI. She found that the things that interested her the most were transportation related. After taking both highway design and traffic engineering courses at RPI, she discovered that traffic engineering interested her the most.

During her senior year at RPI, Alanna began working part-time at Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP (CME) in Albany, NY. She graduated from RPI in 2002 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. The week after graduation, she started full-time at CME as a Traffic Engineer and has been there ever since.

When asked about her favorite experiences as a traffic engineer, Alanna indicated her preference for larger projects that involve town-wide or area-wide studies. The scope of these types of projects gives her the opportunity to look at multiple modes of transportation and various

forms of access management. They also allow the local municipality the opportunity to identify and solve existing problems. "I like being able to do something that will improve the overall transportation system." Beyond the larger-scale projects, Alanna likes working on anything that has a slight twist, which is one of the reasons she enjoys traffic engineering; she says that many projects that come in have something unique that will set them apart from other projects she has worked on.

Alanna lives in Saratoga Springs, NY with her husband, Brian, and their 2-year old daughter, Kayleen. She says that her family members are the role models in her life. The youngest of four children, Alanna has learned from her parents and older siblings, in one way or another, what is really important in life. "As satisfying and rewarding as I find my job, the most important part of life isn't what I do from 9-5 on weekdays. The most important part is spending time with Brian and Kayleen and our family."

During her free time (the little she does have with a 2-year old daughter), Alanna enjoys hiking, painting and reading.

If you would like to recommend one of your fellow ITE NY Upstate Section members to be spotlighted in the next issue of The Interchange, please email Christina Douglas at cdouglas@cha-llp.com.



2005 ITE/NYSMPO Conference Sponsorship



**Lorenzo Rotoli, P.E., PTOE
Conference Chairman**

The Institute of Transportation Engineers New York Upstate Section & the New York State Metropolitan Planning Organizations' **2005 Fall Technical Conference** will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Rochester, New York. This one-day conference will be comprised of a variety of technical sessions, the ITE NY Upstate Executive Board meeting, and the Annual Luncheon & Awards ceremony.

ITE & NYSMPO are seeking a \$200.00 corporate sponsorship to help offset the cost of the conference. Your firm's name will be prominently displayed at the function to demonstrate your support of ITE, NYSMPO, and the 2005 Fall Technical Conference.

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FOR PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT HOURS.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005
8:00 AM - 5:15 PM**

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Studies
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One Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623**

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**DIRECTIONS:
<http://inside.rit.edu/maps/>**

- Parking Needs, Costs, and Best Practices
- Integrating Safety into the Planning Process
- Road Safety Audits — State of the Practice
- Travel Demand and Traffic Analysis Tools
- Neighborhood Traffic Management
- Multi-use Trail Planning and Design
- Adaptive Signal Control

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 - 8:45	Opening Remarks
8:45 - 10:00	Technical Sessions
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:30	Technical Sessions
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch & Awards
1:00 - 2:15	Technical Sessions
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 3:45	Technical Sessions
3:45 - 4:00	Break
4:00 - 5:15	Technical Sessions



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Conference registration is limited 130 participants

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15th Annual
Transportation & Planning Symposium
October 24th and 25th, 2005



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Latham, NY 12110

THE PROGRAM

Monday, October 24, 2005

- 7:30 AM FHWA Workshop Registration/Coffee
- 8:00 AM FHWA Workshop: **Metropolitan Planning 101**
- 12 noon Symposium Registration
- 1:00 PM Opening Remarks: **Tom Werner, Director, NYSDOT Region 1 (invited)**
- 1:30 PM Session 1: **I-90 Reconstruction Lessons Learned**
- 3:15 PM Break
- 3:30 PM Session 2: **Federal Transportation Act Reauthorization**
- 5:00 PM Cash Bar
- 6:00 PM Dinner and Keynote Speaker: **Thomas J. Madison, Jr., Acting Commissioner, NYSDOT (invited)**

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

- 7:30 AM NYSSPE Capital District Monthly Meeting
- 8:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Session 3: **New York State Route 5: A Project in Motion**
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Session 4: **The Erie Canal Greenway: A Partnership in Progress**
- 12:30 AM Lunch, Keynote Speaker: **Michael Fleischer, Executive Director, NYS Thruway Authority**
- 2:15 PM Session 5: **Planning for Transportation Infrastructure of Tomorrow**
- 4:00 PM Closing Remarks and Adjourn
- 4:15 PM ASCE Transportation Group Meeting

FHWA Workshop – Metropolitan Planning 101
Monday, October 24th 8 AM – 12 PM

This workshop will provide an overview of the background and requirements of Metropolitan Planning. The workshop will: 1) identify the requirements of the metropolitan planning process and describe the products, 2) briefly describe the components of the Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program, and 3) explain the relationship between planning and project development. A panel of NY state MPO representatives is also planned to discuss current issues they face. The workshop will be taught by staff from FHWA. PE and AICP credits are expected to be issued.

There is an additional fee of \$10 for the workshop.

***PE and AICP professional development hours will be issued, amount to be confirmed.**

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Session 1: I-90 Reconstruction Lessons Learned (Session sponsored by ASE) This session will present the viewpoints of the Designer/Inspector, the Traffic Engineer and the City of Albany. Participants will gain a knowledge of the design process, traffic plans with on the job revisions, as well as the resultant impacts on the surrounding traffic network and infrastructure.

Session 2: Federal Transportation Act Reauthorization (Session sponsored by ASCE). Congress recently passed, and the President signed, the new Federal Transportation Act Reauthorization (SAFETEA-LU). The panel will present the perspectives of federal and state agencies and that of the construction industry on the new highway law.

Dinner Keynote Speaker: Thomas J. Madison, Jr., Acting Commissioner, NYSDOT (invited)

Session 3: New York State Route 5: A Project in Motion (Session sponsored by ITE). This session will provide a brief overview of the NYS Route 5 Corridor Study and how it has influenced subsequent projects along the corridor at both the State and local levels. The Town of Colonie, NYSDOT and CDTA will provide details on projects including: Colonie's Comprehensive Plan; NYSDOT's intersection improvement projects and CDTA's Bus Rapid Transit.

Session 4: The Erie Canal Greenway: A Partnership in Progress (Session sponsored by CDPA). Transforming the historic Erie Canal into a recreational destination through trail linkages, improved boater service and visitor amenities will result in the economic revitalization of the region. This panel will discuss the preservation and enhancement of the Erie Canal through partnerships between New York State, canal communities and the private sector.

Lunch Keynote Speaker: Michael Fleischer, Executive Director, NYS Thruway Authority

Session 5: Planning for Transportation Infrastructure of Tomorrow (Session sponsored by NYSSPE) The changing world and life styles has introduced new issues affecting transportation. Participants will be guided in how Context Sensitive Design concepts can best be used in transportation planning, as well as learn what key security issues need to be considered in project design. These concepts and principles will be tied together in an application for a current corridor project of Statewide significance.

Transportation & Planning Symposium

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Capital District Planners Association (CDPA) represents 330 area professionals and is an affiliate of the Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). CDPA sponsors a monthly speakers program to keep members and guests current on planning initiatives in the Capital District and encourages the continued professional development of its members through annual training sessions on planning-related topics.

Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) is an international, scientific and educational association composed of more than 12,000 transportation engineers and planners employed by both public and private organizations.

NYS Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE), Capital District Chapter, is one of 24 chapters in New York State and represents professional engineers from all disciplines who work in construction, government, private practice, and education.

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Student Member Fee:	\$10		
DINNER (Monday evening – not included in Symposium Fee) Select Dinner Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Swordfish <input type="checkbox"/> Sirloin Strip Steak <input type="checkbox"/> Tortellini Maribou	\$30		
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September 5, 2005



President Bush rolls up his sleeves as House Speaker Dennis Hastert introduces him before signing transportation bill at Caterpillar plant in Montgomery, Ill., Wed., Aug. 10, 2005. (Associated Press)



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