May Meeting: Student Presentations

Come join us to watch ITE student chapter members from Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State Fullerton present their work on transportation engineering projects. Two teams from Cal Poly Pomona, and one team from Cal State Fullerton will compete for first, second, and third-place prizes for their student chapters.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

**Cal Poly Pomona**

**California State University Fullerton**

Schedule:
- 11:30–12:00 Sign-In and Networking
- 12:00–12:20 Lunch Served
- 12:20–01:30 Presentations

Cost:
- $25—Consultants and Vendors
- $10—Public Agency Personnel
- Students with ID are free

Menu: Buffet Lunch, Indian Cuisine

To RSVP:
- [http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6400139991](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6400139991)

Please RSVP by noon, May 13

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**Meeting Announcement**

**Thursday, May 16, 2013**

**Topics:** Student Presentations, RSBITE Secretary/Treasurer Candidates

**Location:** Bombay Restaurant Indian Cuisine, Ontario (address at right)

**To RSVP:**
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**May 2013 Calendar**

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The RSBITE 50th Anniversary Celebration was a great success!

On Friday, April 19th, RSBITE members and guests attended a swank dinner party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Riverside/San Bernardino Traffic Engineers’ Association, now RSBITE. About 120 persons attended the event, each of whom dressed up for the occasion.

On entry, couples and groups were invited to have their photographs taken, which became a souvenir portrait in a picture frame.

After a social hour and delicious dinner, the attendees were treated to a magic performance by Mike Perovich, former Caltrans District 8 Director; and a comedy routine by Dee Ubhayakar. After the show, attendees danced the night away to tunes played by the DJ. Others attended an afterparty hosted by Dee in his hotel suite.

The Board wishes to thank Anwar and his organizing committee which consisted of Dee Ubhayakar, Jim Harris, JR Morgan, David Alcala, and Nathan Mustafa.

We also wish to thank the sponsors: Albert Grover and Associates, Counts Unlimited, South Coast Lighting, Hartzog & Crabill, RodefX, Orosz Engineering Group, Hall & Foreman, RBF Consulting, and Dee Ubhayakar.

Special thanks also to Dee for sponsoring the DJ, and JR for sponsoring the cake.

Thank you to Anwar Wagdy and his 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee for their hard work in planning the event.
February’s meeting was held Thursday the 21st at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cucamonga. About 40 members attended.

The guest speaker was Mike Soubirous a retired Lieutenant with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), who spoke to the members about partnering with Law Enforcement. He and his former colleague, RSBITE Member JR Morgan, discussed collaboration between law enforcement personnel and engineers to improve traffic safety on our streets.

Mr. Soubirous presented a few examples of working with engineers to help solve traffic safety problems. He and JR worked together to address mobile home unit discarded on the side of the road, which due to red tape could not easily be disposed of. They were able to re-classify it from a vehicle to an abandoned storage shed so that County staff had the authority to remove it.

Mr. Soubirous described a collision pattern on a winding road that he had observed as a patrol officer, regarding trucks not using turnouts. Upon further investigation, it was discovered trucks were not using the turnouts because they were not paved, so they were not considered turnouts by the CVC. He and the transportation engineers then worked together to add more asphalt and include rumble strips with other traffic safety improvements.

A third example cited by Mr. Soubirous was on-street parking in front of cluster mailboxes, making access problematic for the mail carrier. The engineering staff agreed to restrict parking by painting red curb in front of the mailbox.

Mr. Soubirous and JR Morgan explained by way of these and other concrete examples that by reaching out and collaborating between engineering and enforcement, safety and public service can be greatly enhanced.

Gianfranco Laurie
RSBITE Section Scribe

RSBITE Luncheon Refund Policy

The following refund policy applies to RSBITE events organized through Eventbrite:

- Refunds are automatically granted if ticket sales are still open. These should be requested through Eventbrite for immediate credit back to your account.
- Once ticket sales are closed and a final headcount has been provided to the venue, refunds may be available upon request, subject to this policy.
- Requests for refunds after the date sales end are queued and are due within three days of the conclusion of the meeting.
- The number of available refunds is determined by subtracting the guaranteed number of attendees from the actual number of attendees. If the resulting figure is negative, no refunds would be available (since the organization paid for lunches that were not consumed).
- Available refunds would be issued in the order they were requested. (Generally speaking, a walk-in took the place of the person who was unable to attend.)
- Often, a pre-paid participant who finds he/she is unable to attend will send someone in his/her place; this is allowed and does not constitute a refund.
- The Board has the discretion to deviate from this policy on a case-by-case basis.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 20: Annual Business Meeting
July 14-17: ITE District 6 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona (www.westernite.org for information)
To sponsor a future newsletter, please contact any Board member.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The RSBITE Board plans to award a $1000 scholarship to a deserving undergraduate or graduate ITE student chapter member attending Cal Poly Pomona (the only ITE student chapter affiliated with RSBITE). The recipient would be recognized at the June Business Meeting. For application materials and more details please contact Jonathan Hofert; his contact information is found on Page 2 of this newsletter.

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Place your openings here for $1.00 per word or $125 for a quarter-page graphic (6" wide by 2.5" high). The deadline for submissions is the end of the calendar month to obtain placement in the following month’s newsletter.

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**CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Our members will be asked to elect a Secretary-Treasurer by secret electronic ballot later this month. We have identified two highly qualified candidates for the position. Here we provide biographies for the candidates, and we invite you to attend the May meeting to hear them share their vision for the organization.

**Gianfranco Laurie, P.E.**

Is an Associate Engineer with KOA Corporation in their Ontario office. He has experience in civil, traffic and transportation planning. His recent projects include roadway realignment, preemption at highway-rail grade crossing and regional bike program. In addition, he is a Co-Senior Project Advisor for the Civil Engineering students at Cal Poly Pomona. He is an active RSBITE member and currently holds the Section’s Scribe position which prepares monthly meeting reports.

**Dr. Mohammad Qureshi, P.E., T.E.**

Serves as Chief of the Traffic Division at the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works. Prior to joining the County he served as Senior Project Manager and Regional Director for LIN Consulting, Inc where he managed their Tustin office. He has over 17 years of experience in professional practice and academia. With LIN Consulting, he has managed a variety of projects that include both traffic studies and the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E).

Dr. Qureshi is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He also has an extensive academic background. He served as a faculty member at two universities – the University of Missouri-Rolla (UMR), renamed the Missouri University of Science & Technology, and Jackson State University. At UMR Dr. Qureshi taught various courses in transportation engineering as part of the Civil Engineering curriculum. Most notably he taught a required fundamentals of transportation engineering course which addressed the planning, design and operation of transportation facilities (emphasis on streets and highways) and elective courses in highway design, traffic engineering, air transportation and public transportation. In addition to teaching, he served as a principal investigator or co-principal investigator on several research studies for the Missouri Department of Transportation that examined rail-highway crossing policy, guidelines for single point urban interchanges and multiple left-turn lanes, and the benefits of signal timing improvements upon the Missouri State Route 100 corridor in St. Louis.

Dr. Qureshi is also active in his profession. He currently serves as the Chair of the Transportation Safety Committee of the Transportation and Development Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He also serves as member of the Signalized Intersection and Unsignalized Intersection subcommittees of the Transportation Research Board’s (TRB) committee on Highway Capacity and Quality of Service (HCQS). In 2012, he began serving as the Secretary of the Two-lane Roads Subcommittee of the HCQS. The committee on HCQS has stewardship over the Highway Capacity Manual for TRB.