Dr. Mohammad Qureshi, a current member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (BPLESG) appointed by Governor Brown, and Mike Donelson, one of three registrars for the BPLESG, will tell us about:

- Makeup of BPLESG
- BPLESG’s update to their strategic plan
- Ways you can become involved with BPLESG.

The meeting will be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cucamonga. We will be trying out their buffet style service and the RSBITE Board welcomes your feedback.

Link to register on Eventbrite:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rsbite-october-meeting-registration-13192361709

If you are a life member, would like to use free lunch coupon or pay at the door, please contact Dr Q for a promotional coupon before you register.

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**STATUS OF CALIFORNIA BILLS**

*Up to date bill information can be obtained at this link.*

**Approved:**

**AB 266 (2013)** - Allowed use of HOV lanes by certain low-emission, hybrid, or alternative fuel vehicles extended until January 1, 2019.

**AB 1193 (2014)** – Requires Caltrans to create design standards for protected bike lanes, or cycletracks. Changes the naming convention of Class I, II, III, and IV bikeways to bike path, bike lane, bike route, and cycle track respectively. Also, will allow local agencies to develop their own standards and build cycletracks without needing to follow Caltrans standards or receive Caltrans approval, unless on a State highway.

**AB 2707 (2014)** – Authorizes transit buses of no more than 40 feet in length to be equipped with a front-mounted bicycle rack that extends up to 40 inches from the front body of the bus when fully deployed rather than the 36 inches allowed under current law.

**SB 1183 (2014)** – Allows local agencies to propose a local vote vehicle license fee (max of $5) to fund bike paths and bike trails (including maintenance).

**AB 1447 (2014)** – Originally included provision to add traffic signal synchronization projects to the eligibility list for being funded by Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. ITE had taken a support position on this legislation. However, further amendments to the bill does not allow a stand-alone traffic signal synchronization project to be eligible for funding. Instead, only a traffic signal synchronization component of a sustainable infrastructure project would be eligible. AB 1447 was passed by the Senate and went back to the Assembly, who passed the Senate amendments. Waiting for signature by the Governor. By the end of September, Governor Brown will have either signed or vetoed the bill, or if he took no action, allowed the bill to become law by default.

**In Progress:**

**SB 785 (2014)** – Enacts uniform provisions authorizing the state Department of General Services and local agencies to utilize the design build procurement process for specified public works projects. Passed from both Houses and is now on the Governor’s desk to be signed.

**SB 1077 (2014)** – Would require the Transportation Agency to develop and implement, by July 1, 2016, a pilot program designed to assess specified issues related to implementing a mileage based fee in California to replace the fuel excise tax. The bill would also require the department to prepare and submit a specified report of its findings to the policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature no later than June 30, 2017. Passed from both Houses and is now on the Governor’s desk to be signed.

**SB 1151 (2014)** – The bill would raise the fines for infractions and moving violations within school zones. Any funds generated would go into the state’s Active Transportation Program. Passed from both Houses and is now on the Governor’s desk to be signed.

**California High Speed Rail Updates:**

[www.hsr.ca.gov](http://www.hsr.ca.gov)

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**IN THE NEWS....**

The Office of Planning and Research has extended the comment period on the changes to CEQA stemming from passage of SB 743 to November 21, 2014.

*Please submit news about any of our members to the RSBITE Board for inclusion in future newsletters.*
This year RSBITE hosted their kick-off lunch meeting in the city of San Bernardino. There were approximately 35 people in attendance. This meeting was rather unique as attendees were invited to meet at an Omnitrans sbX bus station to ride their new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system that was recently introduced to the city of San Bernardino. Attendees arrived at the bus station prior to the presentation and received a thorough tour led by the sbX project’s very own project manager Mr. Andres Ramirez. The attendees were able to experience travelling on the bus in the midst of live traffic as it took them to the presentation location.

At the presentation location, the members and guests had a chance to eat their meal catered by Classy Café and introduce themselves. President John Kerenyi welcomed all of the members and guest of the meeting to the first meeting of the RSBITE year and provided several announcements including the introduction of the 2014-2015 RSBITE board, the official launch of the website, the newly implemented sponsorship program, along with new traffic legislation that has recently been adopted.

After the announcements, Mr. Andres Ramirez and Mr. Jacob Harms of Omnitrans took the stage to discuss the details of the sbX bus that the attendees had the opportunity to ride on prior to the meeting. Mr. Ramirez mentioned that the sbX has now completely finished construction of the bus line. The E. Street corridor, which is also called the “Green Line”, is the first route of the sbX with 15.7 miles within the corridor and 16 designated sbX station. Of the 16 sbX stations six of them are center stations and ten of them are curb stations. The sbX bus is equipped with bridge plates that are level to the curb or station to allow riders to enter the bus with ease and without having to step up or down. Riders are able to enjoy free wi-fi within the bus, an interior bike rack, outlets for charging phones or laptops, and a Q-pod which is described as a self-service boarding system for disabled passengers. Mr. Ramirez described that at each station artists were given the opportunity to create and display their art under a given budget in order to beautify the stations. Each station was also equipped with an automated ticket sale booth, which is a new feature for Omnitrans. Variable message signs showing travel times and bus route maps were placed at each station, along with a pylon showing the sbX logo. Side rails were installed at center stations to prevent riders from “jaywalking” across the roadway to enter the bus. Mr. Ramirez explained that the vehicle maintenance facility for the buses is still undergoing construction and is projected to be completed by March 2015.

Mr. Jacob Harms discussed the many IT components of the bus and the systems that they communicate on. Mr. Harms described the crest line tower as their structure that emits radio frequencies and data to the buses. With this tower the bus is able to provide wi-fi to the passengers, count the numbers of passenger on the bus and relay the information to the Omnitrans office, give the bus Transit Signal Prioritization (TSP), and provide passengers that are waiting with video of the bus arriving prior to their trip. Mr. Harms explained that the TSP on the bus is able to communicate with the controllers 10 – 15 seconds prior to the bus approaching the intersection to receive prioritization upon arrival.

With Omnitrans able to provide a BRT system to its users with state-of-the-art buses, that are able to save passengers approximately 15 minutes of travel time, all at the same fee as a regular bus fare, it is rather intuitive to commend Omnitrans for a job well done on their new sbX bus line.
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- Plans to start a new student chapter at Cal Baptist University
- And many more initiatives!

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