President’s Message by Richard L. Caudle, P.E.

I have just returned from a great Southern District ITE meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. You might recall that the meeting was originally scheduled for the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi, but due to unfortunate circumstances surrounding the impacts of Hurricane Katrina, the meeting was moved to Jackson, Mississippi. The Deep South Section should be commended for the excellent work in hosting the District meeting under such adverse circumstances.

I was impressed by just how many people it takes to put on a District meeting. Our opportunity here in Alabama is coming up in 2009, so I encourage each of you to start thinking about playing a vital role in hosting the Southern District in Birmingham. Becky White is serving as the local arrangements chairperson. When you are ready to volunteer to help out, please contact her. The meeting is going to be held at the Ross Bridge Resort in the Hoover area.

Two more thoughts about the Southern District meeting. The first is this: I have sitting on my desk a plaque naming the Alabama Section as the Outstanding Section of the Year for 2005. This is the fourth time in a row for us. This plaque will be presented to Walter Dorsey, our Immediate Past President at the Annual Meeting. All of you reading this message are to be commended for the work involved in bringing this award home to Alabama one more time, especially Bill Metzger, who served as our Southern District representative in 2004 and 2005. We shared the award with Deep South Section this year. If I have to share it with anyone, Deep South Section would be my first choice.

The second thought I have about the Southern District meeting is this: I have not attended a District meeting since 1999, when it was held in Alabama (Montgomery to be exact). I found the experience terrific, and encourage anyone who hasn’t gone to a District meeting to put it on your calendar – April 22-25, 2007 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The highlight of the trip is the William Temple Scholarship Challenge. James Foster is doing a great job coordinating this effort and is bringing a lot of great attention to Alabama too.

I would like to extend my personal thanks and thanks from the Section to Steven Jones, Jay Lindley, and Dan Turner with the University of Alabama for assembling a great program and great facilities for our spring meeting at Shelby Hall. We had 60 members and 29 student members attend the meeting. Chairs were brought in from all over the building to handle the overflow crowd. If I didn’t see you there, I hope to see you in Gulf Shores. The Annual Meeting will be held again this year at the Beach Club on June 7-9. Watch your mailbox for the registration packet. We are working on a highly desirable speaker for the Professional Development Seminar – one you will not want to miss. And Dr. Bob Vecellio is putting together the Fall Meeting at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center on October 3.

I also have some exciting scholarship news to share with you. The Deep South Section has asked that we award a $750 one-time scholarship in memory of Vic McSwain to a student here in Alabama. The ALSITE Board of Directors has voted to match Deep South’s offer, so we will award three scholarships this year at our Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores.

Hope to see everyone in Gulf Shores in June.
The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has enlisted the help of Volkert & Associates for a major corridor study and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) focused on the extension of Interstate 85 in central Alabama. The study is the largest of its kind ever undertaken by ALDOT.

Corridor studies are comprehensive evaluations that determine the transportation infrastructure improvements needed within a study area, the best location for the improvements, and the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the new facilities. An EIS is a federally mandated analysis of the project alternatives and their associated impacts upon the natural and socioeconomic environment.

The proposed project will extend Interstate 85 westward from Montgomery, Ala. to I-59/20 near the Mississippi state line. The study area encompasses more than 2,433 square miles and includes both urban and rural areas.

In the heart of the study area are six counties that are among those recently designated as “Black Belt Counties” by Alabama Governor Bob Riley. This region takes its name from the dark, rich soils that run across central Alabama. The counties are heavily dependent upon agriculture, and according to the governor’s executive order are also “plagued by high rates of poverty, illiteracy, and infant mortality; and suffer from severe economic stagnation.”

The extension of Interstate 85 to Interstate 59/20 near the Alabama-Mississippi border will deliver the opportunity for significant regional economic development benefits.

“As an Alabama-based firm, Volkert & Associates is especially pleased to be supporting ALDOT on this important initiative,” said Malcolm Beasley, a Volkert & Associates vice president. “A properly planned and constructed extension of Interstate 85 will not only improve transportation and enhance safety for the region; it will also help create the potential for new jobs and other economic development opportunities for future generations of Alabamians.”

In March 2006, Volkert and ALDOT hosted a series of public involvement meetings to introduce the project to communities that are a part of the study area. More than 250 citizens attended meetings held in York, Uniontown, and Prattville, Ala. Participants had the opportunity to view preliminary plans for the proposed efforts and to discuss the project with representatives of Volkert and ALDOT. Three additional public involvement meetings will be held late this summer and three public hearings are planned for early 2007.

Feedback from participants in the public meetings will help the project team refine the alternate corridors for further study and assist in the development of the EIS. The public may also obtain current project information, and view alternate corridor maps, at the project website, www.I85Extension.com.

Thanks to Paul Griggs with Volkert & Associates for contributing this article.

Access Management Plans Completed by RPC

The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham has recently completed Access Management plans for both Corridor X and U.S. Highway 280.

The Corridor X Access Management and Development Plan is now available at http://corridorx.uah.edu. The plan addresses access management, economic development, site suitability around interchanges and future traffic projections along the Future I-22. A key feature of the plan is the chapter on recommendations to implement and finance access management improvements through existing state and local laws. A little over three years ago, the Corridor X Task Force identified the need to pursue such a

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ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. Renamed

At the October 6, 2005 Board Meeting of ALSITE Scholarships, Inc., Vice Chairman Bob Vecellio offered the following resolution:

Harold Raynor, through his vision and dedicated work, has provided outstanding leadership and service to ALSITE SCHOLARSHIPS, Inc.

He was instrumental in setting up the foundation and recently completed a thorough documentation of the history of the organization.

Two numbers characterize his tenure: 10 years and $100,000.

He has provided outstanding leadership to Dan, David and me serving on the Board of Directors.

Most importantly he has helped the Foundation achieve its goal of providing scholarship funds to assist Alabama Civil Engineering transportation undergraduates.

I move that the Foundation be renamed in honor of its first Chairman, Harold M. Raynor.

The motion was approved. Harold Raynor expressed deep appreciation for this special honor with the following observations:

"Many others have played key roles in the Scholarship Program’s success and in particular the ALSITE membership. The true success of ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. since its inception has been due to the dedicated efforts of an exceptional group of Board Members. Bob Vecellio, Dan Turner and David Griffin have served as ALSITE Scholarships Board Members since the Foundation’s beginning and they have been a true joy to work with. The Foundation’s success has been a team effort, and it has been personally rewarding to work with colleagues who shared a passion to assist undergraduates in Civil Engineering and cultivate their interest in the transportation field."

Articles of Amendment were prepared by Joseph N. Hocutt, II of Brinyark, Lee and Hickman, P.C. of Tuscaloosa. The Amendment was filed with the Baldwin County Judge of Probate’s Office and the Alabama Secretary of State on May 5, 2006. The name of ALSITE SCHOLARSHIPS, INC. is now HAROLD M. RAYNOR ALSITE SCHOLARSHIPS, INC.

Current Officers and Ex-Officio Members of the Foundation are:

Chair: Bob Vecellio
Vice Chair: Dan Turner
Treasurer: David Griffin
Secretary: John McCarthy
Ex-Officio Members: Rocky Garrison, Becky White, Ken Cush

Thanks to Dr. Bob Vecellio for contributing this article.
2006 Scholarship Awards Announced

The Board of Directors of Harold M. Raynor ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. announces three winners for 2006 Scholarship Awards.

Charles E. Alexander Memorial Transportation Engineering Scholarship ($3,700)
Seckin Ozkul, Auburn University

Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship ($2,500)
David Stanley, Auburn University

DSITE and ALSITE Transportation Engineering Scholarship ($1,500)
Terence Williamson, University of Alabama

The latter award was funded by DSITE and ALSITE in honor of Vic McSwain who contributed significantly to our scholarship programs.

Seckin Ozkul, originally from Turkey, plans to graduate with a Civil Engineering degree from Auburn University in December, 2006. He has a GPA of 3.75. He is a student member of ITE and ASCE and participated in the ASCE Student Chapter competition on the surveying team in the Spring. He has worked on civil engineering research projects for three different faculty members in civil engineering. Seckin is interested in pursuing a Masters degree in transportation and then acquiring practical experience with a state DOT.

David Stanley is from Mobile and plans to graduate from Auburn University in Civil Engineering, with a minor in Business, in Spring 2007. He is a member of Chi Epsilon and maintains a GPA of 3.40. He has served as President of Engineering Student Council, Treasurer of Chi Epsilon and student member of ITE. He has helped to implement the E-Day shuttle system for the ITE Student Chapter. He is a member of Campus Crusade for Christ, Committee of 19: Auburn War on World Hunger, First Baptist Church of Opelika and has made Hurricane Katrina relief trips to Pass Christian, MS and New Orleans. He has served as a student assistant with the Alabama T2 Center. David is particularly interested in bridges, arterials and transportation design.

Terence Williamson from Gordo, Alabama plans to graduate in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama in 2008. He has maintained a GPA of 3.18 and teaches a highway design AutoCAD laboratory for the university while working for the Alabama DOT. He is a member of ASCE and the Tuscaloosa and Pickens County Chapters of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He has work experience in archery, gunsmithing and fishing. With the scholarship, Terence plans to do less work and more studying. Graduate school appears to be in his future.

Seckin, David and Terence will receive their scholarship awards at the Annual banquet in Gulf Shores on June 8. Please give them a warm ALSITE/DSITE welcome and congratulate them for a job well done.

Thanks to Dr. Bob Vecellio for contributing this article.

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plan. The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham brought together a multidisciplinary team comprised of transportation planners, transportation engineers, economic development experts and landuse planners to develop this innovative plan.

The U.S. Highway 280 Access Management Plan was recently completed for the U.S. Highway 280 corridor from Hugh Daniel Drive to the Coosa River. The study analyzed future travel demand and made access management recommendations to be implemented either prior to or as development makes its way eastward along the corridor. The study proposes that governmental entities along the corridor sign a memorandum of understanding to coordinate efforts to implement the study’s access management recommendations. The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and Shelby County funded the study carried out by Gresham Smith & Partners.

Thanks to Mary Grace Lewandowski with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham for contributing this article.
Spring 2006 Meeting Minutes,  
March 9, 2006 Tuscaloosa, AL

I. Call to Order
President Richard Caudle called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held in Shelby Hall on the University of Alabama Campus.

II. Minutes
A motion was made by David Griffin and seconded by James Foster to approve the Fall 2005 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

III. Officer’s and Director’s Reports
A. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
Secretary/Treasurer Chris Reeves announced the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

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A motion was made by Ken Cush and seconded by Walter Dorsey to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Vice President’s Report
Vice President David Turner reported on actions taken by the board during the Transitional Board meeting held on January 5, 2006 and the Spring Board meeting held on March 8, 2006. These actions are as follows:

Transitional Board Meeting Actions (1/05/06):
- Approval of the October 5, Fall Board meeting minutes.
- Approval of the year end treasurers report for CY2005.
- Approval to remove 17 Affiliates based on non-payment of dues.
- Approval to sponsor expenses for 4 students (maximum $250 a piece) to attend the Traffic Bowl at the April 2-5, 2006 District Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi.
- Approval to name the annual scholarship auction the “Vic McSwain Memorial Scholarship Auction”. Robbie Anderson agreed to chair a committee to determine the format and auctioneer for the meetings.
- A draft of a “Inoperable Traffic Signal Bill” was submitted to the Board for review. Walter Dorsey agreed to have his legislators submit the draft for legislation in 2007.

Spring Board Meeting (3/08/06):
- Approval of the January 1, 2006- March 8, 2006 Secretary/Treasurer’s report.
- Approval of 3 new membership applications. Members include Clyde Chambliss, Scott Leach, and Robert Whelan.
- Approval to pay corporate attorney bill associated with ALSITE Scholarship legal fees.

C. Immediate Past President’s Report
Immediate Past President Walter Dorsey had no report.

D. District 5 Representative’s Report
District 5 Representative Robby Anderson reported that the 2006 Southern District meeting would be held on April 2-5, 2006 in Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Anderson asked the membership to assist with the following:
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- Encourage student participation at the District meeting.
- Provide suggestions for scholarship auction.
- Email activities/projects throughout the year for the annual report.

E. Affiliate Director’s Report

Affiliate Director Jeff Webb was not present. President Richard Caudle reported that Mr. Webb had no report.

F. Assistant Affiliate Director

Assistant Affiliate Director Darrell Vines was not present. President Richard Caudle reported that Mr. Vines had no report.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Legislative Report

Dale Lenoir, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, presented the following report:

1. HB 622/ SB 446 – These bills would prohibit the use of eminent domain to condemn private property for Commercial Development but would preserve the power of eminent domain for legitimate public uses such as roads and utilities.
2. SB 12 / HB 14 – Allow municipalities to pre-zone property before annexation.
3. SB 402, SB 442 and HB 550 – Requires licensed realtors to sell, negotiate, exchange, purchase, rent or lease, real estate in Alabama and provides penalties for violators.
4. SB 134 / HB 673 – Makes it a crime to employ illegal immigrants.
5. SB 6 / SB 174 / SB 413 / SB 484 / SB 502 / HB 29 / HB 666 / HB 691 – Limits reappraisal of property to once every four years.
6. HB 35 – Automated enforcement for red light running.
7. HB 179 – Bill to create a toll road for the Montgomery Outer Loop.

B. Membership Committee Report

Ken Cush, Chairman of the Membership Committee, announced that the Board approved the application of Clyde Chambliss (Affiliate II), Scott Leach (Affiliate II) and Robert John Whelan (Member) during the Board meeting on March 8, 2006.

C. Newsletter Committee

Doug Peterson, Newsletter Editor, asked members to submit reports of interesting projects for inclusion in the newsletter.

D. Service Projects Committee

James Foster, Service Projects Chairman, reported he has had no formal commitment from Safe Kids in his attempts to organize a child car seat inspection for the Annual meeting in Gulf Shores. He is working on holding an inspection either the morning of June 7th 2006, or the afternoon of June 6th.

E. Strategic Planning Committee

President Richard Caudle presented a report from Strategic Planning Chairperson Becky White which suggested calling a meeting of the committee on the morning of June 7th at the Annual meeting in Gulf Shores.

F. Technical Committee

Bob Vecellio, Chairman of the Technical Committed, reported that there were five (5) presentations by six speakers at the Spring 2006 meeting. Mr. Vecellio also commended Steven Jones and his staff for the outstanding accommodations and agenda associated with the ALSITE spring meeting.

G. ALSITE Scholarship Committee

David Griffin presented the 2005 year end financial report for ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. As of December 31, 2005, the scholarship fund had a balance of $111,985.27. Copies of the financial report were made available and are attached to these minutes as a matter of record. Mr. Griffin stated that an anonymous donor had offered to match up to $2,500 donated to the Billy Jones Memorial. Since only $560 was donated, the donor provided $2,000.

H. Alabama Technical Transfer Center

Rod Turochy, Liaison with the Alabama Technical Transfer Center was not in attendance. His report was made in his stead by John McCarthy. John announced upcoming seminars will be placed in the ALSITE newsletter and on the website.

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I. Scholarship Auction Ad Hoc Committee

Robby Anderson, Chairman of the Scholarship Auction Committee, asks the membership to forward any recommendations about auction format. Mr. Anderson reported that the committee had been working to address some issues brought up in the past and are still seeking an auctioneer.

V. Old Business

*District Student Traffic Bowl Challenge* – Walter Dorsey reported that the February 28th deadline produced only one student. An additional student expressed interest during the March 9th Meeting. Mr. Dorsey will provide that student with all the necessary criteria.

*Inoperable Traffic Signal Bill* – President Richard Caudle reported that the text of the bill was included in the most recent ALSITE newsletter. Walter Dorsey has submitted the bill to his legislative representative and should be included in the 2007 legislative session. Mr. Caudle asked that any comments regarding this bill be forwarded to him.

VI. New Business

No new business was discussed at the meeting. Steven Jones announced that there were a total of 89 attendees at the Spring 2006 meeting.

VII. Site Selection

The following Site Selections were announced for upcoming 2006-2007 ALSITE meetings:

**Annual Meeting**: The 2006 Annual ALSITE Meeting (Wednesday June 7 through Friday June 10) will be held at The Beach Club in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

**Fall Meeting**: The 2006 ALSITE Fall Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at the Auburn University Conference Center in Auburn, Alabama.

Montgomery has tentatively volunteered to host a 2007 meeting. Robby Anderson will ask Ed Watt to contact the Tennessee Section about a 2007 joint meeting.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dan Turner and seconded by Bob Vecellio to adjourn the business meeting. Motion passed on voice vote. President Richard Caudle adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Reeves, P.E.
Secretary/Treasurer

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### 2006 Alabama Section—Deep South Section ITE, 34th Annual Meeting, June 7-9, 2006

The Alabama Section ITE will hold their Annual Meeting from June 7 to June 9, 2006. The meeting will be held at The Beach Club in Fort Morgan, AL. All functions will be held in the Island Room of the Beach Club unless otherwise noted.

The Beach Club is located on Fort Morgan Road, twelve miles west of Alabama 59 in Gulf Shores. Rooms at The Beach Club are condominium units. For more information on rental units, dining, maps, the club and spa, and other activities visit The Beach Club website at [www.beachclubal.com](http://www.beachclubal.com). The phone number for registration is 888-260-7263. The contact person for the group reservation is Kip Strickland. The group ID number is 210810 for the ALSITE Annual meeting. Check-in time is 4:00 pm. The tentative technical/social program is as follows:

**Wednesday June 7th**
- 10:00am - 4:00pm: Registration (Island Lobby Room)
- 1:00pm - 1:05pm: Welcome
- 1:05pm - 3:00pm: Professional Development Session
- 3:00pm - 3:30pm: Break
- 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Technical Session I

**Thursday June 8th**
- 7:00am - 10:00am: Registration (Island Lobby Room)
- 8:00am - 10:00am: Technical Session II
- 10:00am - 10:30am: Break
- 10:30am - 12:30pm: Technical Session II
- 12:30pm - 2:00pm: Lunch “on your own”
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm: Technical Tour - TBA

**Thursday June 8th (continued)**
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm: Officer’s Reception - Veranda overlooking Pool
- 6:00pm - Til: Award’s Banquet and Scholarship Funds Auction

**Friday June 9th**
- 8:00am - 10:00am: Joint Section Breakfast followed by “Traffic Bowl VIII:
- 10:00am - 11:00am: Section Business Meetings
- 12:00pm: Technical Tour - Kliva Dunes Golf Course
Mark Your Calendars…

Alabama Section Meetings
ALSITE Annual Meeting
Gulf Shores, AL
June 7-9, 2006

ALSITE Fall Meeting
October 3, 2006
Auburn, AL

The mission of the Alabama Section Institute of Transportation Engineers is to provide a leadership role in providing a transportation system in Alabama that improves mobility and safety for the traveling public. Activities of the Section focus on advancing the transportation profession and developing our members through education and training.

2006 ALSITE Standing Committees, Representatives and Liaisons...

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