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Charlotte's SafeLight Program Reduces Red-Light Running and Crashes

In Charlotte, N.C., 25 percent of all traffic crashes occur at signalized intersections — with a majority of those crashes occurring from motorists illegally running red lights. This type of driving behavior causes vehicle collisions that damage property, injures individuals and causes loss of life. To counter this trend, Charlotte introduced a safety initiative aimed at

reducing the number of vehicles that run red lights: *Safe*Light.

Charlotte's SafeLight program was North Carolina's first red-light monitoring program. In July 1998, the first two red-light cameras were unveiled at two of Charlotte's most dangerous intersections.

SafeLight cameras are now located at 20 intersections to monitor and record motorists running red lights. Another 10 intersections are equipped with metal boxes that are bullet-proof camera housings. Periodically, cameras are rotated between the 30 locations.

The SafeLight camera system is activated, and enforcement begins, when the traffic signal turns red. Once the signal turns green, the system automatically turns off and enforcement ends. The system is designed so that it can only take a photograph during the red light phase. It cannot take a photograph during a yellow or green light phase.

Once a vehicle passes over the sensors embedded in the

road, the camera takes two photographs. The first photo shows the vehicle entering the intersection. The second photo shows the vehicle proceeding through the intersection. The data box in the first photo records the violation date and time, yellow signal time preceding the violation and red time

elapsed when the violation occurred. The second photo data box records the violation date and time, time interval between the first and second photograph, red time elapsed when the vehicle is photographed proceeding through the intersection and speed of the vehicle at the time of the violation. Trained technicians view each photograph to ensure a violation has

> occurred and that someone did not simply stop late. Two different technicians view each photograph to ensure accuracy. Special scanners are used to zoom in on the license plate and read the plate clearly.

> If a violation has occurred, the name, address and identifying information of the registered owner is obtained from the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, based upon the license plate of the vehicle which has been photographed. A citation is then issued and sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. Citations are issued within two business days of the violations.

After two years of operation, the City of Charlotte *Safe*Light program continues to reduce the number of motorists who run red lights and the crashes they cause.

To measure the effect of SafeLight cameras on automobile wrecks at the city's c a m e r a - m o n i t o r e d intersections, the Charlotte Department of Transportation

(CDOT) compared pre-camera crash data with crash statistics collected during the *Safe*Light program's two years of operation.





National Board News

National board members met for a regular board meeting on June 10, 2001, at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, in Champion, Pennsylvania. National President Cooper Curtis presided over the meeting. The following are highlights of the committee reports and board actions:

Membership:

There was an increase of 23 members since the April board meeting, as reported by Secretary Conner. Total membership in ASHE now stands at 5,353.

President's Report:

President Curtis thanked immediate past president, Dominic Piccolomini for a wonderful year as the ASHE president. He recognized Piccolomini's home Section, Southwest Penn, for hosting an outstanding conference and their hospitality. Curtis also welcomed two new National Board members' present-Mark Welker, Region 5 and Richard Prentice for Region 6.

This year President Curtis announced a stretch goal of 50% new ASHE members. Sections will be encouraged to get every member involved in new member recruitment.

New Sections:

Director Tracy Hill provided a draft copy of the PowerPoint presentation to be used for promoting ASHE and new section start ups. He asked the board for comments and additional highway industry photos.

Director Hill also reported that a follow up organizational meeting would take place in Wheeling, West Virginia on June 21, 2001, with nearly 50 people registered to attend.

Some ASHE informational materials were sent to a contact in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. Also, conference guest, Ken Harris of Austin, Texas attended

a portion of the board meeting with an interest in starting a section in Texas.

Conference Committee:

Conference 2002: Director Stuttler reported that the conference will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, June 5 through 9, 2002 at the Avalon Hotel. The conference web site is being developed and sponsored by McCormick Taylor & Associates and is currently linked to the ASHE National web page. The October 5, 2001, national board meeting will be held at the site of the 2002 conference. Their theme is "An Intermodal ExpERIEnce".

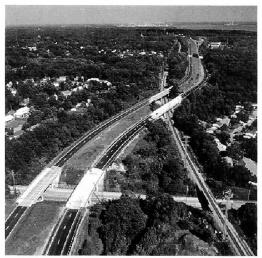
Conference 2003: Second Vice President David Jones reported that Cuyahoga Valley Section will be the lead section hosting a Regional Conference at the Akron Hilton in mid May, 2003.

Web Site Committee:

David Jones reported that web traffic is up over the past year having 5621 hits for May 2001versus 4359 for March 2000. Pending goals of the committee include loading and maintaining the "Section's Operating Manual" and to promote vendor links at an annual subscription cost of \$200.

Technical & SCANNER:

Treasurer Robert Yeager reported that many members are not receiving their SCANNER newsletter. There have been many attempts between Wanner Associates and Secretary Conner to verify names on the roster that for the most part are recorded. The Membership Committee will be tasked with further investigating shortfalls in the system. All members are reminded that the process for reporting member and address changes is to notify their Section of changes. The Section Secretary is then responsible for reporting to the National Secretary all changes on a timely basis.



I 95 RECONSTRUCTION WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

By Len Brooks and Dave McGuigan



WORK ZONE SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AT G&L

The North-South Interstate highway on the eastern sea-

board, commonly referred to as "I-95", passes through the northern part of Delaware. The Delaware section, specifically the northern end from the Pennsylvania line down through Wilmington, has been patched, grooved and experienced shoulder reconstruction, but little else, since it was built about 30 years ago.

I-95 Reconstruction, Wilmington, Delaware



In order to reconstruct this roadway and provide a safe work zone, a phased plan was developed to shutdown approximately seven miles of the highway. Major fac-

tors that influenced this decision were time of rehabilitation, public safety, re-routing of traffic, production and worker safety. By completely closing the northbound or southbound highway, construction time was estimated to be 7 months rather than the proposed 2 to 3 years.

The plan was to first close southbound traffic, rubblize the existing concrete, re-compact the crushed material, pave the surface with asphalt, re-open to traffic and then repeat



the process on the northbound side. In the midst of the resurfacing, there were also fourteen bridge decks that were resurfaced as well as rebuilding the approach slabs. The value of the project was approximately \$25,000,000

with a bonus for completing each of the four phases within certain time parameters.

The key to the project, as far as the public was concerned, was how do they get to where they need to be with this major corridor closed. In order to facilitate this, the Delaware



Department of Transportation (DelDOT) took a leading role to get the word out. With an all out publicity program at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000, DelDOT advertised, increased public transit pro-

grams and proposed alternate routes.

The result of all this preplanning and good scheduling became known as "The Nightmare that Never Happened". Proper advance warning, proper signage, and a joint effort between DelDOT and George & Lynch, Inc. made for a successful, accident free project viewed as a huge success by the public and all parties involved.



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Making Harrisburg's Capital Beltway The Safeway

For motorists driving on the Capital Beltway surrounding Harrisburg, PA, the encounter has often been a white-knuckle experience. Thanks to the efforts of the Capital Beltway Advisory Committee, this type of encounter may become less common. The volunteer efforts of this group are making a difference in helping to transform the beltway into the safeway around Harrisburg. It's helping to reduce crashes, injuries and deaths.

The Capital Beltway Advisory Committee was formed in the aftermath of three high-profile crashes that claimed the lives of five people on the Interstate 81 portion of the Capital Beltway in February 2000. There was recognition then among many people that "business as usual" would no longer be acceptable. The beltway needed special attention. Prompted by concerned citizens, State Representative Ron Marsico, State Transportation Secretary Brad Mallory, and the Pennsylvania State Police joined forces to help form the Capital Beltway Advisory Committee (CBAC) to focus more attention on safety on the Capital Beltway.

The 26-mile Capital Beltway is the combination of three highways that surround Harrisburg, the capital city of Pennsylvania. It includes Interstate 81, Interstate 83, and State Route 581. Traffic volumes on several sections of the beltway exceed 100,000 vehicles per day, with very heavy truck traffic.

A goal of the committee was to facilitate communication and cooperation among partnering agencies. "The biggest obstacle to the program was opening a direct line of communication between partners," said Kimberly Morewood, former Safety Press Officer for PENNDOT who helped establish the CBAC. The CBAC includes representatives from the trucking industry, AAA Central Penn Auto Club, Pennsylvania State Police and the South Central Pennsylvania Highway Safety Network, where members are experts in transportation education, enforcement and engineering.

The initial hurdles were difficult to overcome. They consisted of organizing and uniting different organizations into a unified body. "The reminder of the committee's common goal is what kept us on target," Morewood said. The message was simple: driving behavior should reflect that of a high-volume, truck traffic area. Their vision: "Conduct a high visibility safety campaign targeting the Harrisburg Capital Beltway," was a more difficult challenge.

An intensive public information and educational campaign was created that ran from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2000 with the goal to change drivers' behavior and reduce the number of crashes during the summer of 2000. "We have to prevent such tragedies in the future, and a big part of doing that is with awareness and enforcement," Representative Ron Marsico said.

The CBAC held public meetings to obtain feedback and suggestions on ways to improve the highways comprising the beltway. Also used to collect information were comment cards, a website and an email address. Problems cited on the beltway included drivers not operating their vehicles safely, high traffic volumes, unusually high volumes of truck traffic, public perception regarding the lack of enforcement and outdated highway designs.

The campaign included print, television, radio spots and 14 high profile educational events targeted at specific groups. The audiences included local and transient drivers, local residents, commuters, tourists, new residents and new drivers.

The campaign also included events coordinated with local trucking industries, welcome centers, the Harrisburg Senators Baseball team, a local vending company and many more sponsors. To aid in the campaign, the local PENNDOT engineering district activated variable message boards to flash "Drive the SAFEWAY on the Capital Beltway". The CBAC also introduced a "SAFEWAY Surveillance" program, an initiative to perform random observational surveillance of commercial vehicles on the beltway. Letters commending good driving behavior as well as letters noting unsafe driving practices are sent to companies of vehicles observed on the beltway.

The campaign this past year was well received and produced positive results – including a decrease in fatalities by 67%, injuries by 7%, and crashes by 16%. At the conclusion of the pilot, the CBAC developed recommendations to improve safety in four areas – in legislation, education, engineering and enforcement. Legislative recommendations included pushing for an increase in the number of patrols assigned to the beltway. The CBAC also encourages stronger partnerships between local police departments in order to decrease speed among motorists before they enter the beltway. The education program continues into this year, including a partnership with Clear Channel Broadcasting to promote seat belt usage on the beltway.

"What we're dealing with is a primary public health concern. Accomplishing a sustained decrease in crashes and improving awareness in highway safety is at the heart of the committee's efforts," Morewood explained. Through the involvement of active volunteers and the development of strong partnerships, the CBAC is helping to make the Capital Beltway the Safeway around Harrisburg.

For more information concerning the Capital Beltway Advisory Committee, contact Greg Penny, PENNDOT Community Relations Coordinator for south central Pennsylvania at (717) 787-1446 or by email at pennygs@dot.state.pa.us.com



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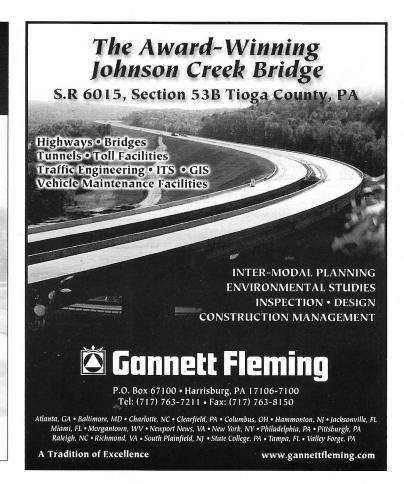
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The Maumee River Crossing Project

by Michael J. Siffer, P.E., ASHE NW Ohio Section

Citizens in northwest Ohio are working with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), a Project Management Consultant (PMC) team lead by HNTB Corporation and the Maumee River Crossing Task Force (MRCTF) to design and construct a new cable-stayed bridge structure and its accompanying roadway approaches. The project will be a major architectural, engineering and transportation asset for northwest Ohio.

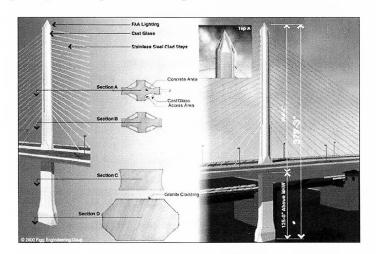
The Maumee River Crossing represents the largest, most expensive single project undertaken in the history of ODOT. Cost is estimated to be \$270 million. The new crossing will carry six lanes of traffic on I-280, extending from Manhattan Boulevard on the north end of I-280 to Navarre Avenue on the south end. The surface of the roadway will reach about 130 feet high near the center of the river. The new bridge replaces a lift span that results in regular traffic delays during the shipping season.

Gordon Proctor, ODOT Director speaking of the Maumee River Crossing Project, "This is a signature project for Northwest Ohio. With a project of this scale and impact, it is imperative that community members voice their ideas and concerns."

In keeping with this commitment, ODOT, the MRCTF and Project Management Consultant have implemented an extensive community outreach program. The efforts included over 34 public meetings, 99 community presentations, displays and solicitation of thousands of comments through the project web site, newsletter and newspaper ads. From this input, the following key decisions were made:

Type of bridge

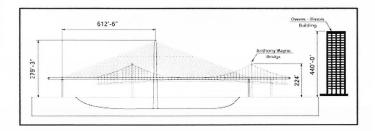
The design process for the I-280/Maumee River Crossing Project began in April of 1999. The first task, and an area of intense public involvement, was the selection of a bridge type. In October of 1999, after nearly half a year of evaluation and public outreach, ODOT selected the cable-stayed bridge (pictured) as the bridge type that would span the Maumee River. The cable-stayed design was also the favorite of citizens who participated in public meetings



The bridge design, developed by Figg Bridge Engineers, incorporates design elements selected by the public at workshops held in April and May 2000. These elements include:

- A single pylon
- A single plane of cable stays in a fan-like arrangement
- Glass incorporated into the pylon viewable from all four directions
- Top of the pylon to be a focal point
- A prismatic pylon top
- Lighting used on cable stays and on the pylon below the roadway deck
- Lighting of the pylon, behind the glass, using color
- A partially solid bridge railing
- Low maintenance cable stays of stainless steel

The new I-280 Maumee River Bridge will be a prominent addition to the Toledo skyline. The graphic above compares the size of the new bridge design with the existing Anthony Wayne Bridge and the Owens-Illinois building, the tallest building in downtown Toledo. Height measurements are from water level.



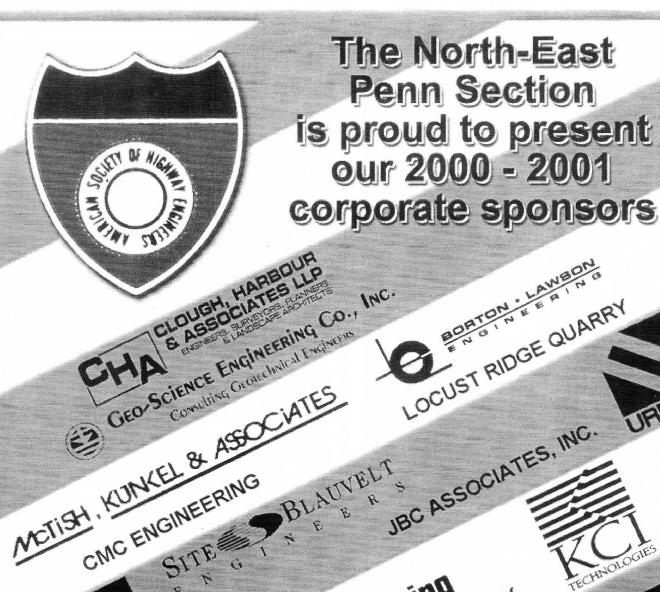
Themes used in the bridge design

The Maumee River Crossing Task Force conducted three months of public outreach to determine a theme for this signature project. On February 25, 2000, the Task Force recommended a Transportation theme for the main corridor of the project, an Industry/Glass theme for the main bridge span to commemorate Toledo's history as the Glass City and a Natural Resources theme for the land reuse areas. ODOT accepted the recommendation on March 4, 2000.

Land reuse options for open spaces left behind

What to do with the land under and around the new bridge when I-280 becomes an elevated roadway was another important issue taken to the public. There are approximately 44 acres that lie beneath and adjacent to the interstate, the approaches and the exit ramps that will become open space when the bridge is complete. The elevated approaches for the new structure begin near the Greenbelt Parkway for Southbound I-280 and Ravine Park for Northbound I-280.

After five months of public input and five public meetings the recommendation for this reusable land was to fill the trench area in north Toledo and reconnect the streets to reunite the neighborhoods. And, for both east and north Toledo the decision was to leave some contouring to the land, not to impede access to the river and to use the limited land resources in the most efficient way.



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Cleveland Innerbelt Study

A Strategy for the Intelligent Renewal of the Transportation Infrastructure

by Craig K. Hebebrand, P.E., Project Manager, Cleveland Innerbelt Study Ohio Department of Transportation, District 12

Among the many important undertakings in Greater Cleveland in the early 21st Century will be the study by the Ohio Department of Transportation to determine a strategy for the intelligent renewal of Cleveland's Innerbelt. The Innerbelt is a key component of the region's vast transportation network of roadways, railways, waterways and airports. The Innerbelt is a vital link connecting Cleveland's neighborhoods, educational and public service facilities, commercial and business districts, industrial and trade centers and entertainment and recreational venues, and providing Cleveland with access to regional, national and international markets.

The Cleveland Innerbelt was the result of the integration of the Regional Association of Cleveland's plan for a regional highway system and America's plan for an interregional highway system. Constructed in the late 1950's and early 1960's to handle an estimated 97,000 vehicles per day, the corridor now serves more than 148,000 vehicles on an average day. This 5.3 mile stretch of urban Interstate contains 37 ramps and includes four system interchanges. The corridor has 21 mainline bridges, including the 5000 foot long Central Viaduct Bridge, which carries eight lanes of Interstate 90 over the Cuyahoga River Valley. The Cleveland Innerbelt has endured over 40 years of traffic and an equal number of Northeast Ohio winters. As a result, the bridge decks and pavements are approaching the end of their useful lives and will soon require replacement. The Ohio Department of Transportation has estimated that it will cost a minimum of \$200 million just to replace the existing bridge decks and pavements. The cost of addressing all of the corridors deficiencies will require a significantly greater investment.

Greater Cleveland now has an opportunity to revisit planning decisions made a half century ago and begin the process of planning for a transportation system that will serve the future needs of the community. To capitalize on this unique opportunity and to prepare for the challenges of reconstructing this heavily used urban Interstate, the Ohio Department of Transportation initiated the Cleveland Innerbelt Study. The Cleveland Innerbelt Study has brought together the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency and stakeholders from throughout the community, to develop and endorse a plan that will serve the future transportation needs of the Innerbelt corridor while respecting the delicate fabric of the community.

At the same time, the Study recognizes that the Interstate Highway System is only one component of a much more vast and comprehensive regional transportation system. Therefore, the Study will consider the interaction of the various components, including how the Interstate Highway System functions with the local street system. There are locations along the corridor where the limitations of the Interstate Highway

System result in route shifts onto city streets, as well as, locations where the limitations of the local street system impact the operation of the Interstate Highway System.

In addition, there are several other significant transportation initiatives that will require careful coordination. These include a study by the three metropolitan planning organizations to evaluate transportation options along the corridor between Canton, Akron and Cleveland, and a study by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to develop a Bus Rapid Transit line along Euclid Avenue between Public Square and University Circle. Also included is a study by the City of Cleveland to identify an efficient and appropriate truck route between the Interstate Highway System and the Cuyahoga River Valley, known locally as the "Flats." The "Flats" are home to many of the region's traditional industries, including salt mining, steel manufacturing and bulk material handling, as well as, the Port of Cleveland, which is located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River.

The Cleveland Innerbelt Study includes substantial efforts to fully understand the relationship between the transportation system and the community. These efforts began with the establishment of an advisory committee that brings together fifty-six government, business, institution and community leaders. The advisory committee's primary responsibility is to serve as the study's conscience. The advisory committee members are also expected to serve as liaisons between the Study Team and their constituents. Both the mission statement and the goals and objectives statement developed by this committee reflect the importance placed on the neighborhoods. Improving neighborhood safety, access, modal choice and quality of life predominates the discussions, as does the importance of reducing truck and cut-through traffic in the neighborhoods and minimizing potential impacts to the residents.

The emphasis placed on the neighborhoods today is a direct result of the impact from the original construction of the Interstate Highway System. From the late 1950's through the early 1980's, the construction of the existing Interstate system dramatically changed the topography and character of the corridor. In particular, the Tremont neighborhood, immediately south of downtown Cleveland, was severely impacted as the construction of three Interstates removed large swaths of homes and created chasms between adjacent neighborhood streets. The loss of population that began with the demolition of the existing housing stock continued as the newly constructed Interstate Highway System provided convenient access that hastened the migration of residents from the urban neighborhoods to the suburbs.

To better understand the relationship between the transportation system and the community, the Study Team

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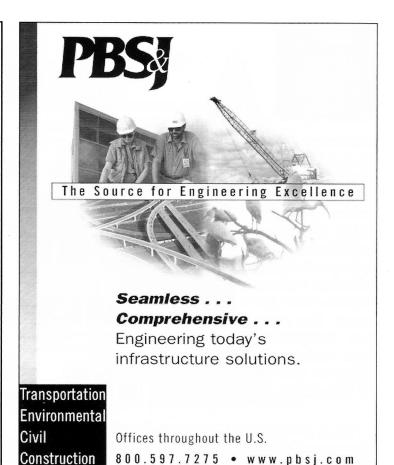
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ASHE National Conference 2001

This year's national conference was hosted by the Southwestern Pennsylva-

nia Section and was held at Seven Springs Resort near

Uniontown, Nestled in the Laurel Highlands, the conference setting provided the perfect backdrop for a weekend of camaraderie, technical exchange and all around good times. The turnout delegates attending the activities.



was exceptionally Left to Right, Don Gennuso, Glen Stickel, Ron good, with over 650 Deems, and Walt Krasneski at the Golf Outing

Those arriving on Thursday had plenty of opportunities to acquainted with each other, whether over a round of golf, in the hospitality room, at the exhibits, or at that night's ice breaker. The ice breaker featured live entertainment by the Kendall brothers of Deja Vu, and a full course barbecue buffet.

Friday, which was the busiest day around the confer-



National Secretary Terry Conner conferring with Conference Chair Jack McCune

ence center, included a full slate of technical presentations, the Past Presidents / Person of the Year Luncheon and the exhibit hall. The technical sessions were kicked off with an informative presentation by PENNDOT Deputy Secretary Mr. Michael Ryan, P.E., and the Honorable Senator J. Barry Stout. The conference theme, "Legendary Highways", was the focus of one of the technical sessions. During this session, participants learned how to take a journey into the past in

present day Pennsylvania on our many byways. Other technical sessions included an arousing panel discussion of the pros and cons of "Design-Build" contracting. Attendance at all of the sessions was remarkable, as there was seldom an empty seat in the house.

It was ASHE's honor to recognize Wayne Shackelford as the Robert E. Pearson Award for Person of the Year during the Past Presidents Luncheon. Throughout his career, his contributions and leadership have had a positive impact on highway engineering and transportation policies in Georgia, where he was Commissioner of the



Left to Right, Past National President Roland Nesslinger (1993), Outgoing; President Domenic from his regular Piccolomini, and Past President Charles Flowe (1999) duties at Indepen-

Georgia DOT, and throughout the nation. Also at the Past President's Luncheon was our nation's first presi-George dent, Washington (William Sommerfield),

who took time off

dence Hall in Philadelphia to deliver a message about his early visits to the area, followed by a press conference with the audience.

Saturday was a good day to relax around the resort or participate in one of the many tours that were offered. The tours included something for everyone, including a



tour of the world famous Fallingwater, an invigorating bicycle ride at Ohiopyle State Park, or a more laid back afternoon at a local winery. If touring was not in your plans, Saturday's golf outing at the resort provided good

competition, good times and best of all, prizes.

After the business of each day, the night life at Seven Springs got into full swing. For dinner Friday

night, participants were treated to the dining speciality of Seven Springs, their "Seafood famous Buffet." Afterwards, conference attendees were encouraged to try their luck at "Las Vegas Night," which included several games using play



Left to Right, Marla, David, and Shelly Piccolomini

money. The Annual Banquet was held on Saturday night. This event served as the grand finale for the conference

ASHE National Conference 2001

and gave ASHE the opportunity to install the new officers, including incoming National President Cooper E. Curtis, P.E.. Congratulations and good luck to all the incoming

officers



Matt and Roberta Skovera enjoy Saturday evening's entertainment

In addition, Gene Smith was presented with an ASHE Honorary Membership Award. This is a prestigious and exclusive honor, as Gene is only the fourth

member of ASHE elected to the grade of Honorary Member. His career in the highway industry spans nearly 40 years. In that time, he has held several offices in ASHE, including National President in 1980. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly, devoting countless days to ASHE

and is one of the people who is most responsible for the growth and dynamics of the organization. Congratulations and thank you Gene.



The Southwestern Perry and Sherry Schweiss enjoy the Annual Pennsylvania Section Banquet

was very proud to have hosted the Annual Conference this year and would like once again thank the over 150 sponsors and exhibitors.

In closing, we hope that everyone enjoyed their time spent in southwestern Pennsylvania. We truly cherished



National Board hard at work after the conference

the company we had the privilege of keeping for those few days. As a reminder, next year's in conference stays in western Pennsylvania, but moves about 200

miles northward to the sandy beaches of Lake Erie. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Lunch at the Playhouse Theater





Saturday's Golf Outing







Conference attendees enjoy a day of rafting on the Yough River

has been meeting with neighborhood and faith-based groups and community development corporations. A formal presentation by the Study Team providing the participants with an introduction to the Cleveland Innerbelt Study. A question and answer session follows the presentation. The Study Team considers the establishment of this type of open and honest dialogue with the community to be critical to the success of the Cleveland Innerbelt Study.

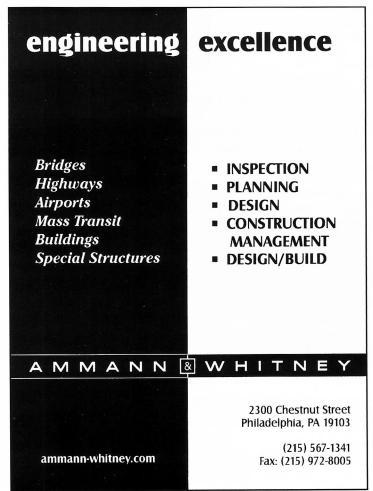
The Study Team is currently completing its evaluation of the existing Innerbelt corridor and will soon begin to develope alternatives. The Study Team has modified the traditional alternatives development process in order to coordinate the technical team's efforts with the public involvement process. This includes the addition of a series of meetings with various community groups to affirm the needs assessment prior to initiating the alternatives development process. The alternatives development process itself is iteractive, with the community contributing to the technical team's efforts through a series of planning charettes.

The Cleveland Innerbelt Study is intended to be a fair and open process allowing the community to participate in the development of a strategy for the intelligent renewal of the transportation infrastructure. A strategy that works not only for commuters, but for the entire community.

For further information visit the Cleveland Innerbelt Study website at www.innerbelt.org .

The Study Team is lead by Burgess & Niple, of Columbus, Ohio, and includes a large number of nationally recognized subconsultants who bring a significant depth of knowledge to the problem of revitalizing urban Interstates.







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The National Road In Ohio Seeks National Scenic Byway Status

Submitted by Keith Bennett, P.E., P.S.

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office along with communities located along the National Road, are pursuing National Scenic Byway designation for this historic roadway. Designating the National Road in Ohio as a scenic byway could lead to numerous benefits for counties and communities through which the road runs. These benefits could include a higher level of national recognition and opening the areas along the route to tourism, marketing and promotional opportunities.

The National Road is a significant part of the history of Ohio as well as the nation. It was the first Federally funded interstate highway. It was constructed across six states: Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The National Road in Ohio is 220 miles in length and the longest stretch of the road in the six states. The road extends through ten counties in Ohio. Construction of the National Road began in Cumberland, Maryland in 1811 reaching Wheeling, West Virginia in 1818. Construction in Ohio began in 1825. The plan for the National Road to extend to the banks of the Mississippi was never fully realized.

Construction ended in Vandalia, Illinois in the mid 1830's due to shortages of funding. In 1927, the National Road was designated U.S. Route 40. During this period, alignments were straightened, hillsides were cut, some of the original S-bridges were replaced and several of the villages along the route were bypassed.

The construction of the National Road included several experiments in road paving techniques. The first section of graded gravel macadam pavement on a Federal project was installed. Several sections of early experimental concrete pavement still exist on abandoned sections of the National Road in Ohio. There are also over 70 miles of the road in Ohio that were paved with experimental brick. Twenty-two stone bridges still exist along the National Road in Ohio.

The National Scenic Byway program requires that a Corridor Management Plan be created. The plan addresses five specific areas. These include enhancement, development, marketing, interpretation and signing.

The Enhancement Plan outlines ways in which the intrinsic qualities of the National Road will be protected, preserved and conserved so that the byway remains an attractive destination.

The Development Plan initiates strategies for byway communities to enhance existing development, accommodate new development and attract prospective new businesses.

The Marketing Plan includes plans for marketing the National Road in Ohio and ways to coordinate the marketing of the byway with other National Road states.

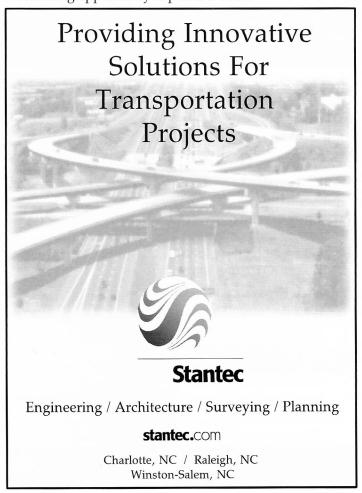
The Interpretive Plan outlines ways to establish educational activities and facilities that communicate the history of the National Road in Ohio, and coordinate with other National Road states to provide a common interpretive approach.

The Sign Plan incorporates strategies for reducing the

size and number of signs along the route and for developing a system of directional, informational and interpretive signs to enhance the visitors' experience.

The Ohio National Road Scenic Byway planning process is well underway. The Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) initiated groundwork in 1995 when they initiated a statewide steering committee of local and state interest groups. A comprehensive inventory of historic and archaeological resources along the National Road was then completed. This led to the designation of National Road as a State Scenic Byway by the Ohio Department of Transportation. At this point the development of the Corridor Management Plan was initiated.

A Scenic Byway Advisory Committee comprised of representatives of city and county government, regional transportation planning agencies, historical organizations, museums, chambers of commerce and tourism agencies was formed. This committee will help facilitate the decision-making process during the development of the Corridor Management Plan. The advisory group has been meeting on a quarterly basis since June 2000. The draft management plan was presented at a series of public meetings held across the state in April 2001. The plan is scheduled for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration in July with hopes of receiving approval by September 2001.



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Mr. Martin holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech and a M.S. in Civil Engineering from UVA. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Chapter of Intelligent Transportation Systems of America (ITSMD), is Vice President of the Virginia Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (VASITE) and a founding member of the Virginia Chapter of ITS America (ITSVA). He is also a member of APA, ASCE, ITE and ASHE. Mr. Martin founded Martin Enterprises & Associates, Inc. and previously served as Vice President of Patton Harris Rust & Associates, PC.



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Ms. Gish is on the board of directors for the American Society of Highway Engineers, Gold Coast Chapter, and is an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Florida Engineering Society.

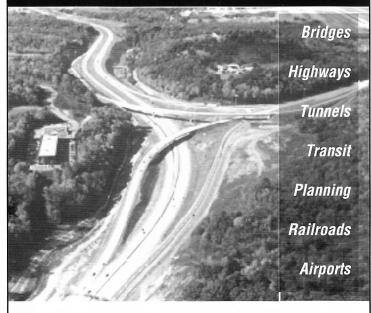


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Milakovic holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Drexel University. He is a registered professional engineer in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as a member of the Southern New Jersey Development Council. He is a former board member for the Southern New Jersey section of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

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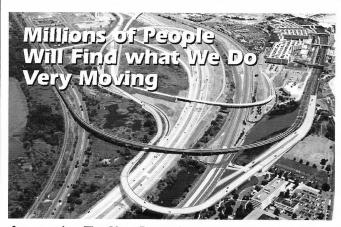


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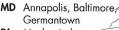
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The report is available at the IVL homepage, www.IVL.se under latest news. You are welcome to distribute this information to other organisations. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me. We also have a computer model where the environmental profile can be calculated for a specific road profile.

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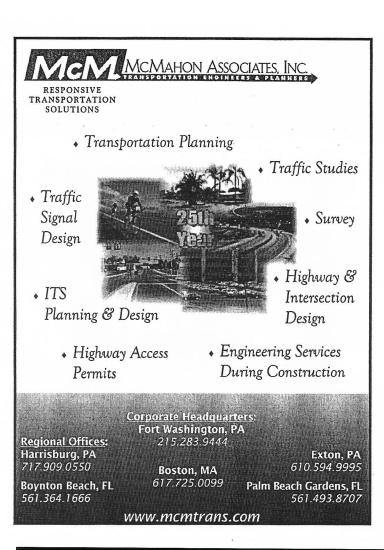
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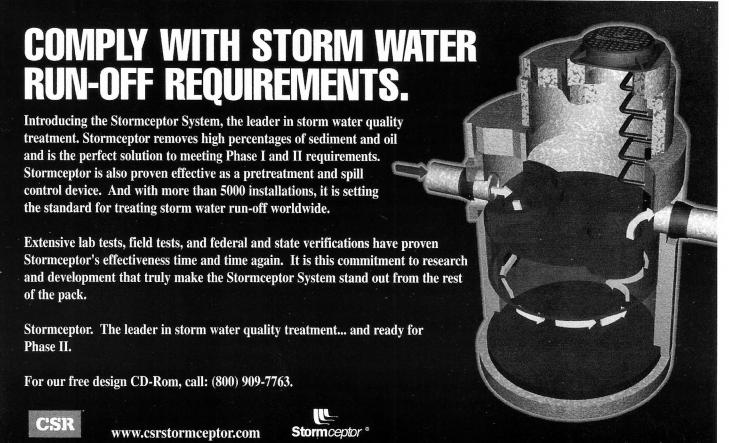
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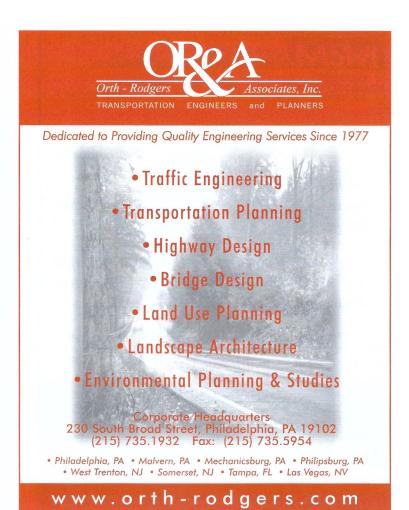
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as reported in Better Roads

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- 1. New signs and pavement markings to improve roadway safety and efficiency.
- 2. Changes in standards and guidance to provide for the needs of older drivers.
- 3. Major changes in the work-zone section to reduce delays in and around road work.
- 4. Additions to incorporate provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 5. New provisions to assist pedestrians and bicyclists.

ATSSA partnered with the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to publish the new manual and make it available to the roadway industry. Loose-leaf editions fit threering binders and are available by section or in the manual's entirety. The complete manual is 1,100-pages long. A smaller, glove-box sized manual is meant for field work and contains portions of the MUTCD that workers need on a job. A CD-ROM version of the complete manual is also available. To check prices or to order, go to www.atssa.com.

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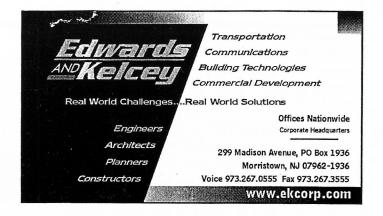
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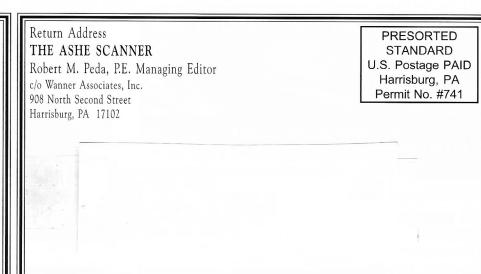
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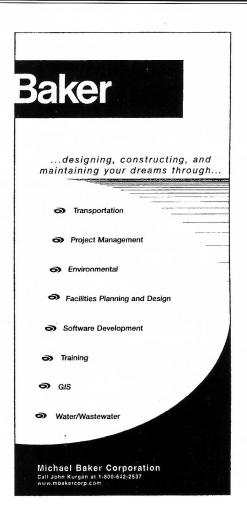
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