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### President's Message

#### Dear Members,

Fall has arrived! Every year I look forward to the Fall Meeting in the mountains and cheering on the students during the Traffic Bowl.

I want to first express my sincere appreciation for your support during my time this year as your President. I truly learned a lot about VASITE and its' dedicated Members.

One of my goals this year was to partner more with other organizations. On November 1 at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, VASITE will be joining WDCITE providing presenters on traffic safety topics! This is a great opportunity for us to mix with other ITE members.

I encourage you to invite your peers to a VASITE meeting, and hope join they will be interested in joining VASITE. A Membership application is available on our website at [www.vasite.org](http://www.vasite.org). VDOT will soon be on a VASITE Corporate Membership and I hope to see more familiar faces at our meetings.

Also remember that you are responsible for updating your contact information via the website. We want you to receive all of the VASITE notifications and newsletters.

Please join me in welcoming your new VASITE Officers for 2012:

President: Steve Brich  
Vice President: Michelle Smith  
Secretary: Bill Wuensch  
Treasurer: Gerry Harter  
Director ITE: Tim Rayner  
District 5 Representative: Jackie Kassel  
District Affiliate: Susan Mathai

Thanks again for all of your support. I enjoyed serving as your President!

**Robin Grier**  
2011 VASITE President

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### Commonwealth Transportation Board Schedules Public Meetings



RICHMOND — Secretary of Transportation Sean T. Connaughton and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) announced that nine public meetings will be held across the state this fall so that the public may discuss projects and programs in the CTB's current Six-year Improvement Program (SYIP) and provide comments for the development of the Fiscal Years 2013-2018 SYIP, including multimodal initiatives for highways, rail and transit.

The meetings will include an open house from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Representatives from various state transportation agencies, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Planning District Commissions will be available during each open house session to provide information and highlight their transportation programs. Displays and handouts will be available at each of the meetings. *(continue on page 2...)*

## Commonwealth Transportation Board Schedules Public Meetings (...continued from page 1)

A draft of the new SYIP will be available next spring, and public hearings will be held before the program is finalized in June 2012. The public is encouraged to attend and provide comments during one of the following meetings:

### October 3rd

Kirkley Hotel & Conference Center  
2900 Candler's Mountain Road  
Lynchburg, VA 24501

### October 4th

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center  
One Partnership Circle  
Abingdon, VA 24210

### October 20th

VDOT Fredericksburg District Auditorium  
87 Deacon Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

### October 24th

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

### October 25th

VDOT Northern Virginia District Office  
4975 Alliance Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030

### October 26th

Montgomery County Government Center  
755 Roanoke Street  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

### November 2nd

Broadway High School  
269 Gobbler Drive  
Broadway, VA 22815

### November 3rd

Germanna Community College  
Daniel Technology Center  
18121 Technology Drive  
Culpeper, VA 22701

### November 30th

VDOT Central Office Auditorium  
1221 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

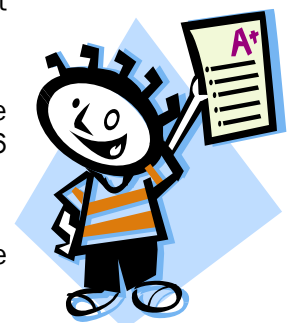
Comments can be submitted following these meetings or by those not able to attend one of the meetings. Comments on rail, transit and transportation demand management should be sent to Public Information Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or [DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov) and on highway projects to Programming Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or [Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov). Comments will be accepted until Dec. 12, 2011.

## VASITE Continuing Education

The VASITE Continuing Education Committee plans and conducts training courses on relevant topics to the VASITE membership. A Transportation Safety Project Grant from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) helps keep the cost of these courses affordable for attendees.

VASITE hosted NHI's Geometric Design: Applying Flexibility and Risk Management course in Charlottesville on September 22nd and 23rd. The course was a huge success, with 36 attendees from across Virginia!

If you have any suggestions for future continuing education activities or courses, please contact Christine Toole at 202.461.3276 or [ctoole@clarknexsen.com](mailto:ctoole@clarknexsen.com).



## 2011 VASITE Fall Meeting at the Wintergreen Resort: October 6-7, 2011

You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 VASITE Fall Meeting to be held at the Wintergreen Resort in Wintergreen, Virginia.

Join us in the heart of the Blue Ridge Parkway for a spectacular setting.

This is a great opportunity to network with fellow professionals and take advantage of informative presentations.

VASITE will be collecting a \$5 donation for breast cancer research at the meeting. The dress code is decidedly casual, so wear blue jeans or other comfortable attire.

### Program Schedule

**Thursday, October 6, 2011**

VASITE Board Meeting - 7:00 PM

**Friday, October 7, 2011**

Registration—8:00 AM

Technical Sessions—9:15 AM

Traffic Bowl Qualifying - 3:00 PM

University of Virginia vs. Virginia Tech



Early Registration is \$95 for members and \$120 for non-members and must be received before **October 3, 2011**.

Please visit [www.vasite.org](http://www.vasite.org) for more details. Contact Pete Leavitt at [peter.leavitt@woolpert.com](mailto:peter.leavitt@woolpert.com)

**SDITE / GLITE 2012 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

2012 JOINT ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 15-18 LEXINGTON, KY

**Southern District and Great Lakes  
District Institute of Transportation  
Engineers (SDITE/GLITE) Joint  
Annual Meeting**  
Lexington, KY  
April 15-18, 2012

ABSTRACTS Due  
November 15,  
2011

The Southern District and Great Lakes District Institute of Transportation Engineers (SDITE/GLITE) 2012 Annual Meeting will provide a forum for the exchange of technical, policy, planning, and administrative information on all aspects of transportation engineering and planning.

### Call for Abstracts

High-quality papers and presentations are sought on a range of roundabout topics. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words in length and may be on any topic

relevant to the planning, design and operations of transportation facilities. Presentation options include: Research papers; Presentations with detailed handouts; Panel discussions, opening with a 5-minute review of the topic; Technical Workshops and Displays or posters about projects, featuring pictures, models, and computer graphics.

Submit abstracts by **November 15, 2011**, via the submittal website:

**[www.SDITE2012.org/Submit](http://www.SDITE2012.org/Submit)**

Possible conference topics include all aspects of transportation research, experience, and practice: policy and procedures development, funding strategies, planning and programming, design, traffic control, transit, bicycles, pedestrian use, meeting the needs of those with disabilities, and public involvement and outreach.

**Contacts:** Adam Kirk ([akirk@engr.uky.edu](mailto:akirk@engr.uky.edu)) and Eric Green ([egreen@engr.uky.edu](mailto:egreen@engr.uky.edu))

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Keeping the VASITE membership roster current with the most accurate information about and for our members is a really big job and we need your help! Each member is asked to help make the membership roster current by updating their individual profile pages with current contact information.

*The update process is easy to do and will only take a minute or two.*

1. Go to the “**VASITE Member’s Area**” at the VASITE website ([www.vasite.org](http://www.vasite.org)).
  2. Log-in using your email address and password.
  3. Choose the link :**Edit your own VASITE member data**.
  4. Update any incorrect or missing data and click the ‘**Submit Changes**’ button at the bottom of the page.
- That’s all there is to it! And in the future, please take a moment and update your profile page anytime there is a change in your company or contact information.

Need assistance with your password?

Contact George Rogerson, the Web Site Manager at: [George.Rogerson@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:George.Rogerson@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

## From the Secretary:

Dues have to be paid in full in order to take advantage of the reduced membership registration fees for each conference and continuing education course. If you have any questions, please contact

**Michelle Smith at [msmith@vhb.com](mailto:msmith@vhb.com)**

## Treasurer’s Report:

After a very successful newsletter sponsorship drive (thanks Kelli – and all of our sponsors!), we are on track per this years budget. Our current bank balance is **\$16,422**. Also, many of our affiliate members have been using the new paypal system through the [vasite.org](http://vasite.org) website, which helps to streamline the payment and processing for annual dues.

## Contribute to The Traffic Lite Publication

Please provide company news, articles, and other submissions for the next VASITE Traffic Lite newsletter by **Wednesday, November 23, 2011**.

If you have any questions, such as minimum/maximum word length, please contact Danielle McCray at 804.474.5402.

Submissions should be e-mailed to [Danielle.R.McCray@urs.com](mailto:Danielle.R.McCray@urs.com).

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## Highlights from 2011 Annual Meeting

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The 2011 Annual VASITE Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA was a tremendous success! This was a great opportunity to see familiar faces and meet new ones. Please find a summary of topics and presenters below. Copies of the presentations are available at [www.vasite.org](http://www.vasite.org).

### Bluetooth Technology for Transportation Data Collection

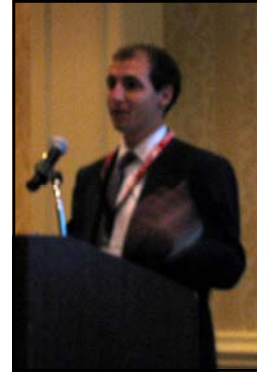
Nick Mazzenga, Kimley-Horn and Associates

### Signals, Signs, and Lines—the New Virginia Supplement to the MUTCD

Tony Payne, PE VDOT and Mike Tantillo, EIT, VHB

### Flashing Yellow—a State and Local Perspective

Ric Lowman, Virginia Beach and Tony Payne, PE, VDOT



### Highway Safety Manual

Alejandra Medina, VTTI

### Roadway Departure Safety Data—Using a Systematic Approach to Implement Low-Cost Countermeasures

Chris Armstrong, SAIC

### Low-Cost Safety Improvements: Evaluation of Effectiveness

Kim Eccles, VHB

### US 321 Analysis — “Superstreet” and other Innovative Concepts

Sunny Nandagiri and Steven Cox, AECOM

### Hurricane Evacuation Modeling of Hampton Roads

Cathy McGhee, VCTIR

### Safety Impacts of New Traffic Management Techniques

Ram Jagannathan, VHB



### Transportation Project Prioritization

Ben Reim, Kimley-Horn and Associates

### Interstate Speed Studies for 70 mph Speed Limit

Tim White, Kimley-Horn and Associates and Charlie O’Connell, VHB

### Innovative Traffic Signal Upgrades in the City of Winchester

Bill Monroe, SWA

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## Highlights from 2011 Annual Meeting

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### Reception



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### ITE Life Member Award

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Congratulations to the following five ITE members from Virginia who were awarded the ITE Life Award membership certificate!!~

**Lynn E. Aiken**

**Ronald Dunn**

**Virgil E. Hazelett**

**Roger Hunt**

**John Robertson**

To become a Life Member of ITE, a person must have been a dues paying member for at least 25 years and have reached 65 years of age. We applaud you for your years of service and commitment to the transportation profession!

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### Awards

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Outstanding Individual Activity Award presented to John Yorks by Tim White and Bill Cashman



ITE Lifetime Award Membership Certificate presented to John Robertson by President Robin Grier



Outstanding Young Member Award presented to Danielle McCray by Tim White and Bill Cashman

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# Employment Opportunities



## TALENT ACQUISITION

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Staunton District

This position is open to: General Public

Working Title: Regional Traffic Engineering Manager, P.E.  
 Role Title: Architect/Engineer II  
 Position Number: 21734 RMS Job Posting Number:  
 Work Location: Staunton District  
 Pay Band: 6  
 Job Type:  Full-time  Part-time  Temporary  Hourly/Wage  
 Hiring Salary Range: \$53,510 - \$109,818  
 Closing Date: October 21, 2011  
 EEO Code:

**Job Description:** Position serves as a Regional Traffic Engineering Manager for a geographically dispersed Regional Operations that supports two districts, Staunton and Culpeper. Region includes 6 metropolitan city areas; substantial rural and mountainous areas; and major interstates. Deliver an integrated, traditional traffic engineering service program with an emphasis on capacity, vehicular flow and safety improvements. Through subordinate managers and staff, perform plan coordination, program review and direction, and enhancement to operations. Provide final approval and authority for installation of all traffic control devices. Administer and interpret traffic engineering policies; provide technical engineering solutions to difficult and complex transportation issues. Communicate with agency staff, citizens and public officials.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Comprehensive knowledge, and progressively responsible experience, in applying transportation and traffic engineering principles and practices to a variety of issues from simple to complex. Demonstrated ability and application of highway construction and traffic plans; and contract management and administration. Ability to analyze complex problems, exercise independent judgment and identify options/alternatives to reach workable solutions. Demonstrated skill in communicating with a geographically dispersed work force; various stakeholders and interest groups. Ability to oversee and prioritize multiple, ongoing projects; meet sensitive deadlines; and work in a fast paced organization. Strategic leadership to manage and direct a remote, off-site work location; and to meet traffic operational needs of multiple executives. BSCE (or equivalent) with course work including traffic engineering; senior level HR and budget management; and strategic planning experience. Experience in managing a large workload in an engineering environment; dealing with local governments, elected officials, citizens and engineering consultants. PE license.

**Preferred Qualifications:** N/A

For benefits information or to apply on-line, visit <http://www.VDOT.jobs>. For additional assistance contact the Human Resources Office at: (804) 786-5011 or the VA Relay Center: 1-800-838-1120.

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## TALENT ACQUISITION

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Office Division: Traffic Engineering

This position is open to: General Public

**Working Title:** CO- Traffic Systems Engineer  
**Role Title:** Architect/Engineer II  
**Position Number:** 22609  
**Work Location:** Richmond City  
**Pay Band:** 6  
**Job Type:**  Full-time  Part-time  Temporary  Hourly/Wage  
**Hiring Salary Range:** \$53,510 - \$109,818 (*Salary negotiable based on training and experience*)  
**Closing Date:** Open until filled  
**EEO Code:** B

RMS Job Posting Number:

**Job Description:** To champion the highest standards in traffic safety and operational efficiency for the traveling public, the Traffic Engineering Division seeks an individual to assist with developing VDOT's new traffic systems management program, with concentration on traffic control devices communications and related signal systems hardware/software. As a licensed professional engineer, the selected candidate will serve as the state's subject-matter expert on traffic signal communications systems responsible for the development, signing and sealing of applicable engineering work products. Successful candidate will perform at the senior professional level and partners in the leadership and accountability for development of statewide policy and best practices guidelines to plan, design, develop, and measure performance of traffic signal systems, aligning with related VDOT program policies and visions on transportation mobility and operational efficiency, safety, asset management, funding strategies and regional consistency. The successful candidate will work cooperatively with VDOT's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) programs to ensure conformance with communications technology, interoperability of equipment and alignment of systems operational efficiency goals and to establish statewide consistency in the applications of traffic engineering and operations activities relating to design, installation, monitoring, modification, maintenance and administration of statewide traffic signals and communications systems. Responsibilities include the design/evaluation of complex solutions in Signal/ITS/ATMS encompassing ATMS devices, wireless and wireline communications network, and end communications equipment. Duties involve a variety of complex work activities including testing, configuration, and integration of traffic systems devices, wireless and wireline (both fiber optic and twisted pair copper cabling) communications media, end communications equipment, application software. Incumbent will also assist with research, development and implementation coordination of short and long-range transportation systems plans incorporating state-of-the-art best practices and signal/ITS technology to meet the goals and visions of VDOT on arterial system management and traffic systems asset management. Incumbent will lead the development, review and approval of statewide traffic signal control/communications standards, specifications and other technical products relating to the traffic signal/communication system components of the VDOT Road and Bridge specifications and standards books.

In addition to a rewarding work experience, VDOT offers core benefits including competitive health and life insurance programs, pre-tax spending accounts, and leave programs. Employees participate in a State Retirement Plan; a tax-deferred Retirement Savings Plan with employer-matching provisions is also available. Employees are eligible for participation in a Short and Long Term Disability Program after one year of employment. Miscellaneous benefits include paid holidays, training and tuition assistance programs, wellness programs, etc

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is an Equal Opportunity Employer by both policy and practice. Applicants are considered for all positions without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, genetics, or against otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. It is the intent of VDOT's employment and personnel practices to conform to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding non-discrimination. View details and knowledge, skills, and abilities for applicant evaluation at local VEC or <http://www.vdot.jobs>. TDD 1-800-828-1120.

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# Employment Opportunities



## TALENT ACQUISITION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Hampton Roads District
This position is open to: General Public

**Working Title:** Regional/Area Traffic Engineer  
**Role Title:** Architecture/Engineering Manager II  
**Position Number:** 22612  
**Work Location:** Suffolk, Virginia  
**Pay Band:** 6  
**Job Type:**  Full-time  Part-time  Temporary  Hourly/Wage  
**Hiring Salary Range:** \$53,510 up to 109,818 (*Salary negotiable based on training and experience*)  
**Closing Date:** Open until filled  
**EEO Code:**

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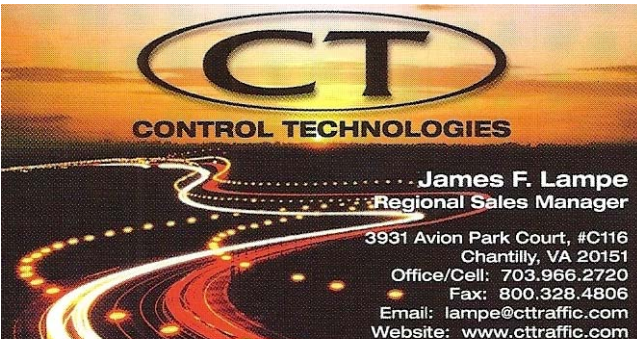
- Job Description:** Seeking a Licensed Professional Engineer to support the Regional Traffic Engineer and the Regional Operations organization. The selected candidate will manage the planning, scheduling, and utilization of resources for project planning, review and design of traffic control plans and traffic engineering projects. This position is responsible for signing and sealing professional engineering plans. The selected candidate will also supervise a staff of engineering technicians as well as work closely with designers, consultants, local government, and other VDOT staff to effectively implement various VDOT programs.
- Minimum Qualifications:** Demonstrated knowledge of transportation and traffic engineering principles and practices. Demonstrated work experience in contract management, scheduling, and administration. Demonstrated work experience with traffic engineering project planning, and the review and design of traffic control plans. Ability to read and interpret highway construction and traffic plans; to analyze complex problems and exercise independent judgment in reaching a solution; to communicate effectively orally and in writing with diverse groups across a diverse geographical region; to prioritize a large and varied workload with multiple time sensitive deadlines. Demonstrated work experience with supervision of staff, human resource programs, and performance management. Familiar with the Federal Highway Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Familiar with Pedestrian and Bicycle regulations as they apply to field implementation.
- Preferred Qualifications:** Degree in civil engineering with course work in traffic engineering. Experience managing staff, projects and budgets. Experience managing a large workload in an engineering environment and working with local governments, elected officials, citizens, and engineering consultants is a plus.

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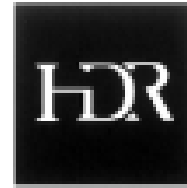
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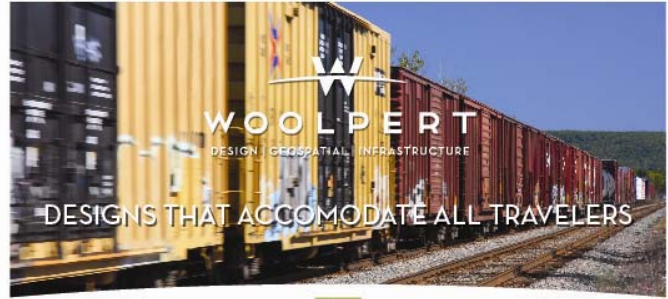
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