



## 2009 Chapter Report

2009 was a great third year for CMITE. Chapter meetings had good attendance and provided a great opportunity for professionals to meet with students. Retired professionals continue to show up for meetings and provide a wealth of knowledge to discussions. A major accomplishment in 2009 was the increased attendance at conferences and transportation activities. Following is a summary of the Chapter meetings in 2009:

### January

In January, CMITE held a joint meeting with the University of Missouri Transportation Department. The topic was titled, "ITS Deployments for Traffic and Safety in the KC Region" and was telecast to several other universities. Jason Sims, the Kansas City Scout Director, presented Scout's efforts to improve traffic flow. The forum was successful and CMITE plans to have several joint meetings with the University in 2010.

### March

The March meeting was held in Jefferson City and the topic was "Where We Are Now: Mid-Mo Transportation Projects Update." Our presenter was Jason Vanderfeltz, P.E. Jason is a Transportation Project Manager for MoDOT in District 5. He did a fantastic job detailing current projects and providing an overview of future projects to be funded with stimulus money given to the state.

### May

The chapter luncheon was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> in Columbia on Mizzou's campus. It was yet another joint meeting with University of Missouri Transportation Department. The presentation was entitled "Black Spot versus Systematic Investment of Safety Improvements." The presenter was Howard Preston with CH2M Hill. He gave great direction on making overall system improvements to reduce incidents that occur at random locations along a corridor. Attendance included professionals, graduate and undergraduate students.

### July

The meeting this month was back in the capital city and we had a great time. Our presenter was Brandon Campbell with MoDOT. He is a Senior Traffic Studies Specialist with the department. Brandon gave a presentation entitled "District 5's Citywide Synchro Models" and explained to the group how the signal models were developed. The models were of the higher populated areas within District 5 that have high volumes of traffic and a large signal system. He showed models for Columbia, Jefferson City, Lake of the Ozarks and Sedalia. He did a great job!

### September

Our last meeting in Columbia for the year was held in Columbia Public Library. We wanted to try something new so we held our first panel meeting. It was entitled "Reminiscing on the Past – Lessons for the Future." We had retired engineers, Don Neumann and Joe Mickes on the panel. They were able to share with the attendees their personal experiences in the field of transportation. We learned how they got started in their career and where their various positions they have held had

taken them. We had a large turnout that consisted of students, professionals and retirees. It is definitely the type of meeting that we will have again in the future.

### November

The last meeting of the year was held in Jefferson City at the District 5 office. We were delighted to have Kevin Ward, from FHWA, come and speak to the chapter. His presentation was entitled “Re-authorization –The Next Federal Highway Program.” He introduced himself to us as the new Missouri Division Administrator and gave a little background on his career path. He shared with the group a number of various things that FHWA had been facing with funding, including recovery act funds, transportation bills and how Missouri is being affected by it all. It was a great ending to a great year of presentations.

### Overview

On the months that we are not meeting with the members of CMITE, we had executive team meetings to discuss various topics. Some of these topics included preparing for the next month’s meeting, community/conference events, bank account balances, and ideas we may want to talk to the members about. In August we were able to conduct a SWOT analysis to help us prioritize our goals and find out we can make some change to the organization. At our October executive meeting we discussed the nomination process, who would handle the details and the deadlines for the voting process. We only had one person nominated, so running uncontested, Brandon Campbell became the new 2010 secretary/treasurer for CMITE. Additionally, we made a couple conference appearances. We set up a booth at the Traffic and Safety Conference and the TEAM Fair. We were able to purchase a CMITE banner and make a pamphlet to hand out! We gained a few more people on our contact list by being at these events.

### Additional Information

Official CMITE Paid Membership: 26

Average 2009 Chapter Meeting Attendance: 20 – 30

### 2009 Officers

President	Tamara Pitts – MoDOT
Vice President	Wes Bolton – Allstate Consultants
Secretary/Treasurer	Richard Stone – City of Columbia, Missouri
Past President	Scott Bitterman – City of Columbia, Missouri

### 2010 Officers

President	Wes Bolton – Allstate Consultants
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As we move into 2010, we are looking forward to a great year of networking, community involvement and increased membership.