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On Monday, August 10, the technical program of the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit kicked off with an opening session that included presentations of the Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award and Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award, the official swearing in of ITE International President-Elect Paul Eng-Wong and International Vice President-Elect Robert C. Wunderlich and an inspiring keynote speech by entrepreneur Drayton McLane Jr. ITE had the honor of hosting special guest Ronald E. Jones, mayor of Garland, Texas, who showed his support for ITE's work and dedication in advancing the transportation engineering profession.

Click [here](#) to read the acceptance speech given by ITE International President-Elect Paul Eng-Wong, P.E.



Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award

Kevin G. Hooper is the 2009 recipient of the Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award, ITE's highest recognition of service.

Kevin entered the transportation profession as a cooperative education student in 1975 while enrolled in a civil engineering baccalaureate program at the University of Cincinnati. In the almost 35 years since he entered the profession, Kevin has helped to shape the body of knowledge and practice in trip generation through seminal work on large-scale, multi-use development.



Kevin has been a valued resource to the profession in the development of consensus publications where there are opposing viewpoints. He has served as a technical editor or co-editor of five major publications of the Institute. Kevin has served ITE as presidents of the Washington, DC, and New England Sections and the Maine Chapter. He has served on the Institute's Trip Generation Advisory Committee and on the Technical Council. He is the chair for the 2010 Northeastern District Annual Meeting.

ITE honors Kevin Hooper with the Burton W. Marsh Award for Distinguished Service for his long-term and continued contributions. We look forward to Kevin's continuing service to ITE and to his chosen profession.

Keynote Address by Drayton McLane Jr.

Drayton McLane Jr., chairman of the McLane Group and CEO of the Houston Astros Baseball Club, addressed ITE members during the opening session of the 79th Annual Meeting and Exhibit with a simple but powerful message: "Take risks on big ideas."

Having started his climb to success working for his father's wholesale grocery business, McLane offered firsthand insight as to how hard work and dedication coupled with big ideas and the bravery to execute them are key for achieving goals with lasting importance. McLane's ability to perfect grocery logistics and distribution coincided with the development of the Interstate Highway System, giving the McLane Company prominence amongst other grocery businesses for its ability to provide the right goods at the right place at the right time.

Click [here](#) to hear McLane discuss transportation's impact on the growth of his family's business, the McLane Company, which merged with Wal-Mart in 1990.



Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award

Timothy J. Lomax is the 2009 recipient of the Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award.

Throughout his career, Tim has demonstrated a strong personal commitment to the advancement of the transportation profession. He has accomplished this as a career employee of the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI),

focusing on transportation research in the areas of performance measurement and mobility improvement. More specifically, he has become a well-known source of information for measuring and communicating urban traffic problems and congestion solutions. The publication of TTI's *Urban Mobility Report* has consistently attracted the attention of national and local media and public policymakers, providing a clear description of traffic congestion levels and the need for action.

Tim is a civil engineering graduate of Texas A&M University, with degrees at the Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. levels. He is a registered engineer in the state of Texas and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Association for Commuter Transportation. He also has been actively involved with the Transportation Research Board, serving as a member of several committees and conference planning groups as well as chairing the Task Force on Transportation Asset Management.

ITE joins the other organizations represented on the award committee to honor Timothy J. Lomax with the Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award for his advancement of the profession through outstanding contributions in the field of traffic engineering.

Technical Session Highlights

The following provides a snapshot of some of the technical sessions that took place on Monday, August 10, at the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit.

Thinking Through Roundabouts

Session 21, Thinking Through Roundabouts, was a conversation circle session sponsored by the Roundabout Task Force. Part of the discussion focused on obtaining community support for roundabouts. Amhed Aburahmah shared his experience in regarding a five intersection roundabout corridor which removed 2 signals and put in 5 roundabouts. He noted the need to educate the public about roundabouts, as this project required one and a half years of educating the community about roundabouts to obtain support. The education effort started with the general public, then commercial business and finally public officials. As a result there was good public support for the project. Regular meetings were held during the process even after obtaining approval to keep the public informed.

Participants in the conversation circle shared some of the following observations:

The public may have different concerns than we as transportation professionals. As the designer, you may be

concerned with mobility, but the public may care about how they cross the roundabout, where to park, how to manage bikes, etc.

We need to think about the future when designing roundabouts; will they meet the future needs of my community?

Education is key, as many people have their minds made up that they don't like roundabouts.

Speed control is the most important aspect to roundabout design. Too many people ignore this and create high speed roundabouts.

Becoming a Leader in the Transportation Profession

Session 6, Becoming a Leader in the Transportation Profession: Tools to Grow Your Career, was a conversation circle session that gave participants the opportunity to learn about the career building tools offered by ITE.

Some of the ways you can get more involved into ITE is by joining a [council](#), learning more about [council projects](#), presenting at an [ITE meeting in 2010](#), submitting a manuscript for publishing in [ITE Journal](#) and finding out what's happening in your [district](#).

Visit www.ite.org/becomealeader to learn more about growing your career and express an interest in becoming more involved as a leader in the transportation profession.

Industry News

The following press releases detail the latest news and updates from exhibitors at the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit. Click on the links to read the full releases.

[Houston TranStar and Montreal, Canada see the transportation future and adapt E-VIEWS cutting edge next generation ITS technology.](#)

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