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# NEWS

## **DAVID KUEMMEL RECEIVES THEODORE M. MATSON MEMORIAL AWARD FROM THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

AUGUST 20, 2008, WASHINGTON, DC—David Kuemmel was awarded the Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award at the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) 2008 Annual Meeting and Exhibit, being held August 17–20, 2008 in Anaheim, CA, USA.

Throughout his career, David Kuemmel has demonstrated a strong personal commitment to the advancement of the transportation profession. He has accomplished this through his position in the public sector, as an educator and in the areas of research and development.

David is a civil engineering graduate of Marquette University and received his master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin. He is a registered engineer in the state of Wisconsin; a fellow of both the American Society of Civil Engineers and ITE; a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American Public Works Association; and a life member of the Engineers and Scientists of Milwaukee, WI, USA.

As a public sector practitioner, David initiated his career with the City of Milwaukee as a civil engineer addressing roadway design and construction; traffic transportation planning; and operations and management. He ultimately served as the Commissioner of Public Works from 1983 through 1988 and was selected as one of the Top 10 Public Works Directors in the United States in 1987.

As an educator, David joined the civil engineering faculty at Marquette University in 1989 as an assistant professor, where he taught transportation-related courses for 15 years and retired as an adjunct professor in 2004. During this period, he also started the Center for Highway and Traffic Engineering (now the Transportation Research Center), where he served as director until 1995. David has been recognized for his research in improving the visibility of work zone signs, the safety implications of applying snow and ice control products at the right time to reduce accidents and the texturing of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavements to reduce highway noise.

David has served on numerous technical advisory committees addressing regional land use as related to transportation planning, at the ITE local level and on the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD). His most recent contribution to the profession has been providing technical input to the updating of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) reference issues addressing signalization affecting vision-impaired pedestrians and their overall mobility.

Although he retired in 2004, David continues to play an active role in the advancement of the profession as a visiting professor at Marquette University, a member emeritus of the National Academy of Science, on the Transportation Research Board's Committee on Winter Maintenance and as an honorary member of the NCUTCD. Within his community, he also continues to be equally involved with both parish and other neighborhood groups, and he and his wife enjoy his eight children and 19 grandchildren.

ITE joins the other organizations represented on the award committee to honor David Kuemmel with the

Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award for his advancement of the profession through outstanding contributions in the field of traffic engineering.

The Theodore M. Matson Award has been awarded annually since 1957 and recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of traffic engineering. Each year, representatives from the following associations select the award recipient: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; American Road and Transportation Builders Association; Federal Highway Administration; Institute of Transportation Engineers, Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Theodore M. Matson and Associates; and Transportation Research Board.

For a complete listing of all of ITE's 2008 award winners, visit the ITE Web site at [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org).

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