



ITS Canada News

ITS Canada Bylaw Amendments



By Michael Bailey, Member of ITS Canada's Board of Directors

During the past year, ITS Canada's Board has developed a series of proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Society, to make the process of electing the Board more efficient and to make the Board more effective for members.

An electronic vote on the amendments has now been initiated by ITS Canada's Board of Directors, via an email to the Primary Contact on each membership. Every vote on these questions is very important: ITS Canada's bylaws require that 2/3 of membership support any amendment to the bylaws. A secure Internet voting site is being used to conduct this referendum. Future elections of the Society will use a similar Internet-based platform.

For questions, please email ITS Canada at itscanada@itscanada.ca.

Sponsorship Opportunities

On the recently completed ITS Canada Member Survey, 45 percent of respondents were unaware of sponsorship opportunities provided by the Society.

Generally speaking, members are provided sponsorship opportunities in relation to events held by the Society. For example, the Annual Conference provides members with a unique, high-profile sponsorship option that provides visibility of your organization for a wide audience of ITS industry participants. Sponsor levels are tiered, providing a variety of financial levels to allow members to participate at their chosen level of contribution. Each level is tied to a specific group of "benefits": for lower levels, your organization's logo could be displayed on the website and the program, while the highest levels often include a speaking opportunity at the event. For each event, when the call for sponsors is announced, Sustaining Corporate members are usually given priority over other members for an initial period of time. Similarly, smaller regional events often provide opportunities to fund various parts of the program, such as a coffee break or lunch.

If you are interested in pursuing sponsorship options, please contact ITS Canada at itscanada@itscanada.ca for more information.

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TAC Projects

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) has completed a report on best practices for the technical delivery of long-term Canadian transportation planning studies. The research project focused on analytical tools and associated data that support the long-range transportation planning practices of small and medium-sized communities in Canada.

The upcoming report has three main applications. It will serve as a reference work on available transportation planning methods, tools and data, a benchmarking tool for current planning practices across Canada, as well as a summary of needs that organizations can address in this area. The publication will also contain a stand-alone user guide for application of best practices, designed to assist transportation planners in making choices and responding to the transportation planning needs of their communities over the long term.

With an expected completion in the summer of 2008, the report is targeted at municipalities with a population of 10,000 to 250,000 residents, although the results are equally applicable to larger communities since much of the research reflects best practices applied in more populated centres. For more information, visit www.tac-atc.ca.



URBAN TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

TAC is also undertaking another in its series of surveys of urban transportation indicators, following those done in 1995, 1999 and 2003. The overall goal has been the establishment and maintenance of a consistent and reliable database of urban transportation indicators for Canadian municipalities. The final deliverable from this project will be a comprehensive report, to be made available free of charge on TAC's website, consisting of the fourth survey results analysis and summary, an electronic database, and a briefing that will highlight the results of the project. The consultant is expected to be selected this summer with the project report scheduled to be available by the middle of 2010.

Funding News

Canada

In June, the governments of Canada and Ontario announced funding for widening of Essex County Road 22 from Lakeshore Boulevard to Patillo Road. This project is one of several projects under the *Let's Get Windsor-Essex Moving* strategy. Funding for this strategy comes from the Canada-Ontario Border Infrastructure Fund, a joint commitment by the federal and provincial governments to invest \$300 million in the Windsor Gateway. The widening of Essex County Road 22 from two lanes to four lanes will provide improved traffic operations, better highway access to the border for regional commercial and commuter traffic in Essex County, and improvements to safety and capacity. Included in the project will be several ITS investments, such as traffic cameras to improve traffic management, video monitoring and driver information.

ALBERTA ANNOUNCES NEW TRANSIT FUNDING

The Government of Alberta has announced \$2 billion in public transit investments. Funds for the Green Transit Incentives Program will come from this year's surplus, predicted to be significantly larger as a result of higher than expected oil and gas prices. All municipalities, regional entities, non-profit organizations, and private sector groups can apply for funding, which will be allocated on a project-by-project basis. This complements the Public Transit Trust Fund set up earlier in 2008 by the Government of Canada. Eligible projects include purchase of transit vehicles, transit systems that provide service to regional communities and reduce commuter traffic, light rail transit (LRT) and commuter rail systems, new public transit projects such as LRT extensions, planning for and acquisition of transit or commuter rail corridors, park-and-ride facilities to enhance public transit, planning and design of transit-oriented developments in new residential areas, or construction of regional transit terminals and facilities. Complete information on funding criteria will be developed by Alberta Transportation in consultation with stakeholders. Details will be announced in the fall of 2008.

International News bITS

U.S. TO UPGRADE VEHICLE RATING PROGRAM

Each year, America's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) performs rollover and crash tests on new cars and trucks and assigns them a safety rating. For nearly 30 years, the safety rating system has been a catalyst for encouraging major safety improvements to new vehicle design. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters has announced new upgrades to the Five Star Safety Rating Program for vehicles, with the goal of providing consumers with better, more complete safety information about vehicles. Beginning with the model year 2010, vehicles will be given an overall safety rating that combines results from frontal, side and rollover tests. The upgraded system also will include new frontal crash tests, and a new side pole test to simulate wrapping a vehicle around a tree. Female crash dummies will be added to the tests, so women and larger children are represented, and new testing for leg injuries will be done. With regard to ITS technologies, a new rating on emerging advanced technologies will be added so consumers will know whether specific crash avoidance technologies, namely electronic stability control, lane departure warning systems and forward collision warning systems, are optional or standard features on new vehicles.

MANCHESTER CONGESTION CHARGING

Greater Manchester's TIF bid (Transport Innovation Fund) has secured £1.5 billion of funding from the UK's Department for Transport (DfT) for a package of measures that includes congestion charging by 2013, along with many other transport measures.

Up to £3 billion of funding will be available for transport improvements in Greater Manchester. This comprises government grants of £1.5 billion, £1.2 billion of local funding supported by future revenue from a limited peak-time-only congestion charge, and £0.1 billion in third-party contributions.

The congestion charge will come into operation during rush hours only from the summer of 2013, and is designed to tackle congestion at the time, place and direction where it is at its worst each weekday. The system is based on two charging rings picking up vehicles heading inwards in the morning and outwards in the evenings. The charge is expected to be no more than £5 per day. Less than 20 percent of drivers in Greater Manchester will pay a charge, and the average weekday daily charge will be less than £3 (relative to 2007 prices).

The DfT has also confirmed that it will fund extra railway rolling stock and other enhancements for a range of local rail services serving Greater Manchester and supporting in excess of 7,000 extra passengers at peak times.

For more information:

www.gmpte.com/news.cfm?news_id=6042551

RAIL SECURITY

www.its-uk.org.uk/events/event.aspx?id=46

The presentations from the recent Geneva European ITS Congress seminar on the security of rail passengers and goods can be accessed at the above link. Included are:

- Railway Security Priorities
- Summary of WSC Workshop on Transit Security
- Security Arena Lindholmen, Sweden
- International Standardization within ISO/TC 223 on Societal Security
- Making the Case for Intelligent CCTV.

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< Place this logo, along with a link, on your website to help promote the Society. Contact ITS Canada for the file.

Going to a show? ITS Canada has purchased a 10-foot booth and a literature stand, and a banner is on order. These materials can be used by members to promote ITS Canada at events you attend.



Upcoming Events

Intelligent Weather Information Systems and Services in Traffic and Transportation

July 9 to 11, 2008 – Carinthia, Austria

www.lakeside-conference.at

Delivering Integrated Transport Solutions Conference

July 10, 2008 – London, England

www.ncetransport.co.uk

9th Intelligent Transport Systems Asia-Pacific Forum and Exhibition

July 14 to 16, 2008 – Singapore

www.itsasiapacific2008.com

ITE 2008 Annual Meeting and Exhibition

August 17 to 20, 2008 – Anaheim, California

www.ite.org

National Rural ITS Conference

September 3 to 5, 2008 – Anchorage, AK

www.nritsconference.org

TranspoQuip Latin America 2008

September 9 to 11, 2008 – Sao Paulo, Brazil

www.TranspoQuip.com

Transport Smartcards: Latest Developments and Future Potential

September 10, 2008 – London, England

www.thewaterfront.co.uk/conferences/conf_calendar_transport_smartcards.php

OTC Parking Workshop

September 14 to 16, 2008 – Stratford, Ontario

www.otc.org

XV Pan-American Conf. of Traffic & Transportation

September 14 to 17, 2008 – Colombia

www.uninorte.edu.co/panam2008

76th IBTTA Annual Meeting and Exhibition

September 20 to 24, 2008 – Baltimore, Maryland

www.ibtta.org

TAC Annual Conference 2008

September 21 to 24, 2008 – Toronto, Ontario

www.tac-atc.ca

Transpo2008: "ITS: Piecing It All Together"

September 22 to 28, 2008 – Orlando, Florida

www.itstranspo.org

8th Spanish Congress and Exhibition on ITS

October 14 to 16, 2008 – Oviedo, Spain

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International ITS Conference & Expo 2008

October 15 to 17, 2008 – Shanghai, China

www.itsshanghai.net

Viet Traffic – Road-Rail-Safety-ITS

October 15 to 17, 2008 – Hanoi, Vietnam

www.viettraffic.com

OTC Traffic Engineering Workshop

October 16, 2008 – Alliston, Ontario

www.otc.org

8th International Conference on ITS Telecommunications

October 22 to 24, 2008 – Phuket, Thailand

www.itst2008.nectec.or.th

Sensor Technology Workshop

October 23, 2008 – Pretoria, South Africa

www.itssa.org

8th International Transport Systems Telematics Conference

November 5 to 8, 2008 – Katowice-Ustroń, Poland

www.tst-conference.org

CUTA Fall Conference and Trans-Expo 2008

November 8 to 12, 2008 – Windsor, Ontario

www.cutaactu.ca

15th World Congress on ITS and ITS America's 2008 Annual Meeting & Exposition

November 16 to 20, 2008 – New York, USA

www.itsa.org/worldcongress.html

Road Pricing Conference 2008

December 9 and 10, 2008 – London, England

www.theiet.org/events/2008/road-pricing.cfm

ATEC-ITS France International Congress

February 4 and 5, 2009 – Versailles, France

www.itsfrance.net