

**MINUTES**

NCITE January Section Meeting  
Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Grumpy's Restaurant  
Roseville, MN

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

After a lunch buffet, Katie called the meeting to order at 12:27 pm.

**2. Introductions**

All attendees introduced themselves and stated their employer and NCITE involvement.

**3. Announcements**

Katie made the following announcements:

- 2014 Intern scholarships winners were announced. The winners were:
  - Kristin Carlson from the University of Minnesota. Kristin interned at SRF.
  - Erin Mattern from North Dakota State University. Erin interned at Kimley Horn.
  - Robert Paquin from the University of Minnesota. Robert interned at Traffic Data Inc.
- The CTS Winter Luncheon will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be Smart Cities and Smart Mobility.
- The MWITE Annual Meeting will be held June 29 through July 1 in Branson Missouri.
- The ITE Annual Meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> in Hollywood, FL.

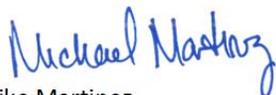
**4. Technical Presentation**

Derek introduced Serge Phillips, MnDOT's Federal Relations Manager in the Office of Government Affairs. Serge discussed a number of interesting topics, including the \$16 billion funding gap that exists for transportation funding. Right now the issue is lying low, but cash flow is expected to be a talking point in the legislature when projects begin construction in the spring. A long-term solution does not look promising this year. Much of the money being spent in 2015 is for "old" projects that still have 5-6 years before completion. Serge also highlighted FY 2015 appropriations bills and funding deadlines. Some states are taking the issue on themselves and passing wholesale tax increases as well as gas taxes. Some governors are willing to consider trading gas tax increases for other tax cuts. Serge encouraged everyone to contact their congressperson to get a long-term solution passed.

**5. Adjournment**

Derek thanked Serge and adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Martinez  
2015 NCITE Secretary

February 12, 2015

Date: