



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



As you all probably remember, 2018 was a very wet year in Ohio, especially southern and eastern Ohio. In April 2018 FEMA declared (Disaster #4360DR occurring between 2-14-18 and 2-25-18) an emergency due to the number of landslides that occurred across Districts 8, 9, and 10. In talking to contractors many didn't get their projects completed before winter due to the wet weather. As I write this article on the 6th of March, 2019 has started out very wet with more snow and rain predicted yet this week. I was looking at landslides this week for a client and as I travelled along US 52 the Ohio River is still very high along with the Scioto Brush Creek and Little Miami River. On the positive side, next week looks like the end of winter.

Congratulations to the winners of the Schramm Awards! The two selected projects were the Old SR 122 and Township Line Road Intersection Improvement and the Butler County South Hamilton Crossing project. Awards will be presented to Rack Ballauer, the Warren County Engineer's Office and American Structure Point for the Township Line Road Project and John R Jurgensen, Butler County TID (City of Hamilton) and Burgess & Niple for the South Hamilton Crossing project.

Our next General Membership Meeting at Montgomery Inn will be on March 19th which will be our CIP meeting. The Ohio Contractors Association will be joining us at lunch, so we anticipate that we will have up to 150 people in attendance, better get there early to get a good seat. We will have the usual suspects presenting their programs as we have had in the past along with utility companies. After brief presentations we will open up the meeting to entertain questions from the audience. These questions can be directed to a specific agency or in general for the presenters to respond to.

Mark your calendars for the ASHE National Conference. The Middle Tennessee Section is hosting the conference in Nashville at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The conference will take place from May 8th-12th.

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The mission of the American Society of Highway Engineers is to provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry that supports education, innovation, and fellowship; promoting a safe and efficient highway system for mobility now and in the future.

It appears the Ohio House will be voting to cut ODOT's requested 18 cent a gallon gas tax hike indexed to inflation to 10.5 cents spread over three years with no indexing. This is not going to be adequate to meet the needs of local agencies and make Ohio a better place to do business and improve our quality of life. Hopefully, the House and Senate can agree on a larger increase even if spread over more years. Make your voice heard, this impacts all of us professionally and personally!

Steve Mary
Terracon

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With a new governor in Ohio and a new director at ODOT, progress is being made on the additional funding needed for Ohio's transportation budget. Governor DeWine has introduced in transportation budget proposal, which included a gas tax increase of 18 cents indexed to inflation in an effort to keep up with our neighboring states. Ohio, with the nation's 4th largest interstate system, the 2nd largest inventory of bridge, and the 6th highest number of vehicle miles traveled in the nation, is falling behind.

The House approved HB 62 on March 7, 2019, by a vote of 71-27 that included these major changes to the Governor's proposal:

- Reduced gas tax increase from 18 cents to 10.7 cents per gallon beginning October 1st to be phased in over 2 years (7 cents and 3.7 cents)
- Increase tax on diesel fuel by 20 cents to 48 cents per gallon beginning October 1st to be phased in over 3 years (10 cents, 6 cents, 4 cents)
- There is no indexing but the creation of a study committee to report ODOT's needs by October
- Increased funding for public transit to \$100 million per year in flex funding
- \$200 registration fee on electric vehicles, \$100 on hybrid vehicles

HB 62 does not provide new money for additional safety and or money for the major new program.

The Senate version is up for vote on March 20. Please contact your State Senator and let them know you support the Governor's proposal.

Go to this link: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/> and put your zip code in on the right to find your state senator.

Talking points are available at website: <https://beta.transportation.ohio.gov/budget>.

The ASHE PIN urges you to take action now if you have not done so to date!

The Federal Highway Bill is set to expire at the end of 2020. Current word is that an extension will be reviewed with a study to find a fix. Hopefully this Congress and President will be able to break this log jam in inaction to improve our transportation system on a national level. This inaction is another reason why passage of the Ohio gas tax to 18 cents is so important. Please do your part.

2019 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

The TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE will hold its annual golf outing on Monday, May 6, 2019, at Aston Oaks Golf Club. Our outing is named after Lloyd Wallace, former ODOT District 8 Deputy Director, in tribute to his contributions to the highway engineering field. The outing will be a scramble format with registration beginning at 10:00 am and shotgun start at 11:00 am.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your firm to join us at the golf outing. The registration fee is \$100 per golfer, which includes greens fees with cart at an excellent golf course, box lunch with soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres following golf, and door prizes. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Contests will include longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt.

This outing is our sole means of raising money for the ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Annual Scholarship Program which provides yearly scholarships to college students who are scheduled to graduate in a transportation or construction program within the next two years.

A donation of \$175 would give your firm a sponsorship at the golf outing, either as a hole sponsor or as a beverage sponsor, with your firm's logo or name placed on a sign at the tee box or on the beverage cart(s) circulating the course. A sponsorship donation of \$250 will provide golfers with a box lunch. Your firm's logo or name will be placed on a sign at the lunch pickup location. Special recognition for each sponsorship will be provided throughout the event as well.

Another method of advertising for your firm is to provide a "Door Prize" or "Cart Prize" (e.g. sleeve of golf balls, golf glove, divot repair tools, etc.). This is a great opportunity to market your firm as approximately 70 transportation and construction industry personnel will be participating, from consultants and contractors to clients and owners.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Registration is available online at <http://ashetrikovalley.shuttlepod.org/>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katie Dillenburg at 513-492-9837 or at katiedillenburg@bayerbecker.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ASHE's Spring Interchange Cleanup Event

Come out and join us on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 A.M., for our first cleanup of 2019 at our adopted I-71/Route 126 interchange!

The Triko Valley Section of ASHE will be cleaning up the I-71SB entrance to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126) on Saturday, April 6th. We will be meeting at 10:00 A.M. at Rear Parking Lot of The Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. We will start with a quick safety briefing and then car pool to the interchange for about an hour of cleanup. The following will be provided:

- Leather gloves
- Safety vests
- Pickers
- Trash bags
- Bottled Water
- Men Working Signage



Cleanup
area

Suggested attire includes sturdy boots, long pants, long sleeve shirt and hat. Ages 12 years and up are welcome! (ages 12-18 will require special release form) If you plan to participate please watch the Adopt-A-Highway Safety Training at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwTaEDNNFLA> prior to event. Please register online or contact Tom Nicholson tnicholson@pretekgroup.com or call 937.414.5925 if you plan to attend, so we can make sure we have enough equipment.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019 - Montgomery Inn

President Steve Mary called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:35 AM and recognized several guests. Guests included several students from the University of Cincinnati and presenters for the Schramm Awards.

President Mary asked for approval of the November meeting minutes. After a motion by Eric Beck and second by Dan Unger, the motion passed.

Eric Kistner presented the Treasurer's report, noting an operating capital of \$28,566.16. Expenses totaled \$5,979.43 and income totaled \$3,030.00. Stan Harris made a motion to approve and Terry Dull seconded. The motion was approved.

Paul Durham announced that the revamped web site is up and running and asked members to submit good photos of their projects to him.

Stan Harris gave a Newsletter/Scanner report and noted that the newsletter was late coming out, but it would be posted on the web site and emailed out to the members in the next day or two. He also announced there were several positions open at the Region level and to look for those in the newsletter.

Caroline Duffy gave the PIN report. Despite the federal government shutdown, there is hope that transportation funding will gain traction this year. See the PIN article in the newsletter for full details.

President Mary announced that Triko Valley's Highway Cleanup effort will take place on April 6. Watch your email for further details.

Brian Rhodes gave the membership report. There are currently 173 members plus 8 students, including three new members. He then drew an Amazon gift card from names of new member sponsors over the last year. Brad Ackel was the winner.

Two Life Members were recognized, Paul Gruner and Bill Lawall.

Aaron Muck, Student Member Chair, welcomed the students including Mitchell Rice, who gave a presentation on the University of Cincinnati's entry into the CANstruction competition. After Mitchell's presentation, President Mary awarded the students with a \$500 donation to their CANstruction project from ASHE.

Katie Dillenburger announced that the golf outing will be held on Monday, May 6th at Aston Oaks. More details to come.

Joe Schmeltzer gave the scholarship report. For 2018, he presented a \$1,500 scholarship to Erica Kiel and a \$1,000 scholarship to Eric Behrendt. He also announced that starting this year, a \$5,000 scholarship will be presented in the name of John R. Jurgensen.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Next the presentations for the Schramm Awards were given. The entrants were:

Over \$5,000,000

- BUT South Hamilton Crossing (John R. Jurgensen Co., Butler County TID, Burgess & Niple)
- BUT-747-5.96 (Barrett Paving, Butler County Engineer, Palmer Engineering)

Under \$5,000,000

- Runway 3R-21L Rehabilitation (John R. Jurgensen Co., City of Cincinnati, Passero Associates)
- GRE-SR235-3.14 (Eagle Bridge Company, ODOT District 8, LJB)
- HAM-125 Downtown Anderson Streetscape (Prus Construction, ODOT District 8, KZF)
- Malsbary Road and Alliance Road Roundabout and Extension (Sunesis, City of Blue Ash, American Structurepoint)
- Old SR 122 and Township Line Road Intersection (Rack and Ballauer, Warren County Engineer, American Structurepoint)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Emerick
TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

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ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

Capital Improvement Program

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH)

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 11:30 AM

Please join us at The Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery on March 19th for the annual Capital Improvement Program Program.

NOTE: This will be a joint meeting with the Ohio Contractors Association (OCA). Expect a larger group than usual.

Cost: \$25 online or at the door

Please RSVP whether paying online or at the door. RSVP by phone to Eric Kistner at 513-842-8213 or RSVP online at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro and click on Meeting Link to register and pay online.

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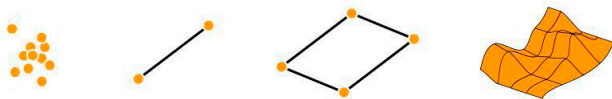


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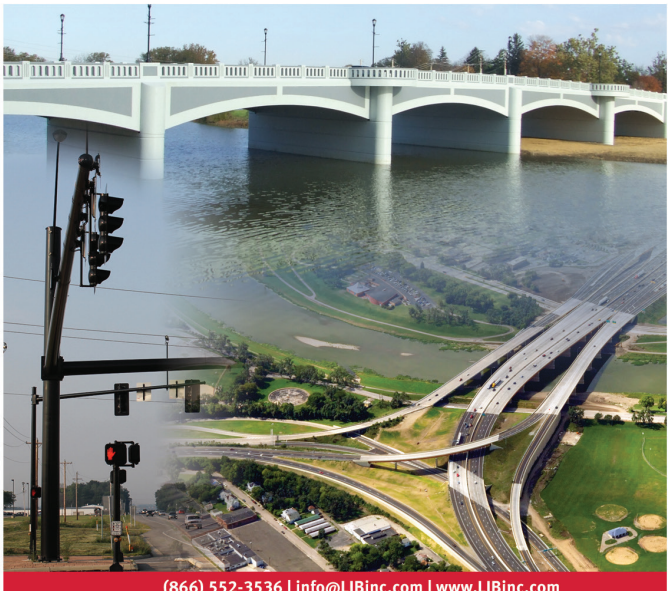


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