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Columbia Section Meeting – January 17th, 2007

Date: January 17th, 2007

Place: Shilo Inn, George Washington Way, Richland

Meal: Buffet (Chef's choice) \$15 per person.
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at the meeting.

Topic: New Traffic Signal Technology in Kennewick

Speaker: John Deskins, City of Kennewick Traffic Engineer

Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at Noon.

RSVP: Paul Harmsen, pharmsen@mackaysposito.com or 509-374-4248 by January 16th, 2007.

President's Remarks:

Dear Members:

Happy New Year! I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. 2007 should be another great year for the Columbia Section. This month, John Deskins, Traffic Engineer for the City of Kennewick, will be presenting on new traffic signalization technology in Kennewick. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this month's Columbia Section lunch meeting.

The Columbia Section is blessed with a talented and committed group of individuals willing to volunteer their time to make the Section successful. I would like to offer a few specific thank you to the board members:

I would like to thank Allan Evans, Columbia Section Vice President, for filling both the Vice President and Secretary / Treasurer position during the later half of 2006. Allan helped me out tremendously during this time and he continues to be an invaluable member of the leadership team. Thanks Allan!

Julie Nelson, Columbia Section Newsletter Editor, has done an exceptional job during the year with compiling, editing, and sending out the monthly newsletter. Julie has done a wonderful job for the Section. Thanks Julie!

Jay Marlow (City of Richland) has graciously agreed to fill the Secretary/ Treasurer position for the Columbia Section. The board offers a big thank you to Jay for accepting the position and helping to manage the Section.

As always, we are looking for interesting current or future projects, existing and future technologies, educational presentations, and governmental policies that would make for good lunch meeting topics. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact one of the board members.

Sincerely,
Paul Harmsen, P.E.
Columbia Section, President

Speaker: John Deskins, City of Kennewick Traffic Engineer

After four years in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps, Mr. Deskins attended Graduate School at Oregon State University receiving a Masters Degree in Transportation Engineering. John spent 9 years as a transportation consultant in Portland prior to taking the position of City Traffic Engineer for Kennewick almost 3 years ago.

Topic: New Traffic Signalization Technology in Kennewick

Main discussion to include the Flashing Yellow Arrow, with additional topics to include video detection, new audible pedestrian detectors, countdown pedestrian signals, UPS's, and a new style of pedestrian signal we hope to install (if we were to win a grant).

NOTICE!!!!

Postal mailing of monthly newsletter to stop in March

The ASCE Columbia Section has decided to eliminate the hard copy mailing of the monthly newsletter. The Section pays a significant amount of postage and printing costs to mail the newsletters and is hoping to update the email list to include those members currently receiving the newsletter by postal mail. If you are a member receiving the newsletter by postal mail, please respond to Julie Nelson at (509) 546-2044 or by email at julie.nelson@hdrinc.com to update your information or to express any concerns about this decision. Postal mailing of the newsletters will stop after the March 2007 mailing.

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