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### Columbia Section Meeting

**Date:** March 30, 2011

**Place:** Shilo Inn, George Washington Way, Richland

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

**Topic:** Challenges and Opportunities with Clearwater Avenue

**Speaker:** Steve Stairs, PE – City of Richland

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

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### President's Remarks:

Dear Members,

For those who have been at the last couple meetings, you know I have been trying to line up a meeting out at Washington State University - Tri-Cities, however it looks like that won't work out after all, but that is fine because it gives us the opportunity to hear from Steve Stairs of the City of Richland about a road project that has recently broken ground.

Steve will be presenting on the Clearwater Avenue and Leslie Road Roundabout. This project has a variety of challenges associated with it, including being located on the boundary between two cities and a county and in close proximity to wetlands, a railroad and an interstate. Steve and his staff had to juggle all of these interests on top of the challenges of a two lane roundabout. It should be very interesting.

Now for some section business. There are only three more meetings before we will be voting on new section officers. Typically we would be getting a new Secretary/Treasurer and all the other officers would move "up" a spot. We have talked to a couple people about interest in serving in section leadership, but I wanted to offer the opportunity to everyone. Serving as an officer gives you an opportunity to make a lot of professional connections you may not have, as well as get you and your company more into the public eye. If you are interested in serving as a section officer

