



# INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

District 6 - Western - Northern California Section

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## SEPTEMBER LUNCH MEETING

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**SPEAKER: Ken Solak** – Project Manager – California Department of Transportation

**TOPIC: Fix I-5 “Boat Section” Project – How’d they do that??**

On July 28 Caltrans re-opened all lanes of Interstate 5 between R Street and Capitol Mall in Sacramento after less than 2 months of intense and complicated construction!!! The project not only involved intricate design issues, but traffic control and travel demand management required substantial efforts as lane closures affected more than 190,000 daily travelers.

Dubbed the “Boat Section,” this three-quarter-mile segment underwent a major renovation. The “Boat Section” of I-5 was constructed below the water level of the nearby Sacramento River. It was named back when it had to be drained in the late 1960’s as one of the last portions of Interstate 5 to be constructed. Over the years, sand and silt created blockages in the drainage system. Those blockages led to cracks and pavement failures

**DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2008**

**TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**PLACE: The Rusty Duck Restaurant, 500 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA**

**COST: \$20.00 – Payable at the restaurant. Cash or check only.**

**RSVP: Please RSVP (with your menu choice) by **Friday, September 12, 2008 @ 12:00 noon** to Matt Boyer by email ([itenorcal@gmail.com](mailto:itenorcal@gmail.com)) or phone (916-858-0642).**

**MENU:** (Please choose one) --- Meals come with non-alcoholic beverages & mini mud pie dessert.

- 1) **Tomato Basil Chicken** – A tender breast of chicken marinated in herbs and spices, then charbroiled.
- 2) **Shrimp Cobb Salad** – Traditional Cobb salad with shrimp, hard boiled egg, chopped tomato, dry blue cheese, and bacon served with ranch dressing.
- 3) **Chicken Caesar Salad** – A classic Caesar salad tossed with romaine lettuce, fresh grated parmesan cheese, roasted garlic croutons and charbroiled chicken.
- 4) **Vegetarian Pasta** – Fresh vegetables cooked in Cajun cream sauce and topped with penne pasta.

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**NOTES:** Lunches for engineering students are paid for by the Northern California ITE Section. Please note that a reservation is a commitment, and we may request payment if billed for no-shows who RSVP’d.

The Northern California Section has been recognized for having the highest amount of contributions to the **District 6 Student Endowment Fund**. We will continue to encourage new contribution pledges by awarding a \$25 door prize during each luncheon meeting to someone who submits a completed contribution form at the meeting pledging at least \$100 over 4 years. If only one person pledges at the meeting, the door prize is theirs. Information on the Student Endowment Fund, including contribution forms for both individuals and corporations, can be obtained at: <http://www.westernite.org/> or at our meeting.