



# NOVEMBER, 2003 NEWSLETTER

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - Northern California Section



## Will Kempton Presents Folsom Dam Road Closure Impacts

Will Kempton, Assistant City Manager for the City of Folsom, gave an overview of the state of traffic and transportation in Folsom at the November lunch meeting.

Will discussed the changes in traffic patterns that have occurred since the closure of the Folsom Dam Road. This included changes in traffic volumes on critical roadways. Folsom has been trying to get a limited opening of the Folsom Dam Road to reduce traffic loads during the peak periods.

As a long term solution the city is looking to build a new bridge. A majority of the funding for the new bridge is coming from the Federal Government as part of a flood control bill. The new bridge is expected to take 4 to 5 years to be completed.

Will also pointed out that the citywide accident rate is up 15.5%, but the accident rate is up 32% on routes directly impacted by the Folsom Dam Road closure.

## Northern California Section Looking for Students to Send to the 2004 Intermountain Section Meeting

As part of the ongoing effort to reach out to students within the section boundaries, the Northern California Section is soliciting applications for this year's student award. This year the winners will get a trip to the 2004 Intermountain Section Annual Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Please contact Kristin Calia for applications.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- December 10, 2003 – Joint ITE/WTS holiday lunch, with speaker Sacramento Regional Transit District General Manager Dr. Beverly Scott.
- January 16, 2004 – First meeting of the new year at Andiamo's.