



# JANUARY, 2004 NEWSLETTER

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - Northern California Section

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Vendors Night

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Vendors Night is scheduled for Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. The event will be held the same location as last year. That is at Hutchins Street Square at 125 South Hutchings Street in Lodi.

Please contact Matt Darrow at (916) 874-7052 to make your reservations.

## What's new in Transit Signal Priority?

Sompol Chatusripitak from Fehr & Peers Associates gave a presentation on Transit Signal Priority at the January lunch meeting.

Sompol gave an overview of Transit Signal Priority. He defined it as cooperation between transit providers and traffic signal operators. It entails modifying traffic signal phasing to reduce delay that transit vehicles experience at traffic signals. The transit vehicle modifies the signal phasing through the use of an emitter mounted on the transit vehicle that "talks" to the traffic signal controller. If conditions are correct the traffic signal controller modifies the signal phasing to allow the transit to gain an advantage. The traffic signal phasing can be modified through early green, extended green, phase rotation, or phase insertion. The use of Transit Signal Priority allows transit vehicles to be able to better keep on schedule which provides more reliability to transit users.

## ITE District 6 Annual Meeting Coming to Sacramento

The Northern California Section will be hosting the 2004 ITE District 6 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on June 20 – 23 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Downtown Sacramento.

Please contact Steve Brown or Bob Grandy if you wish to volunteer to help. Otherwise mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- February 20, 2004 – Regular lunch meeting at Andiamo's. Topic: Sacramento Region Blueprint
- March 18, 2004 – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Vendors Night. Mark your calendars for the annual event in Lodi.