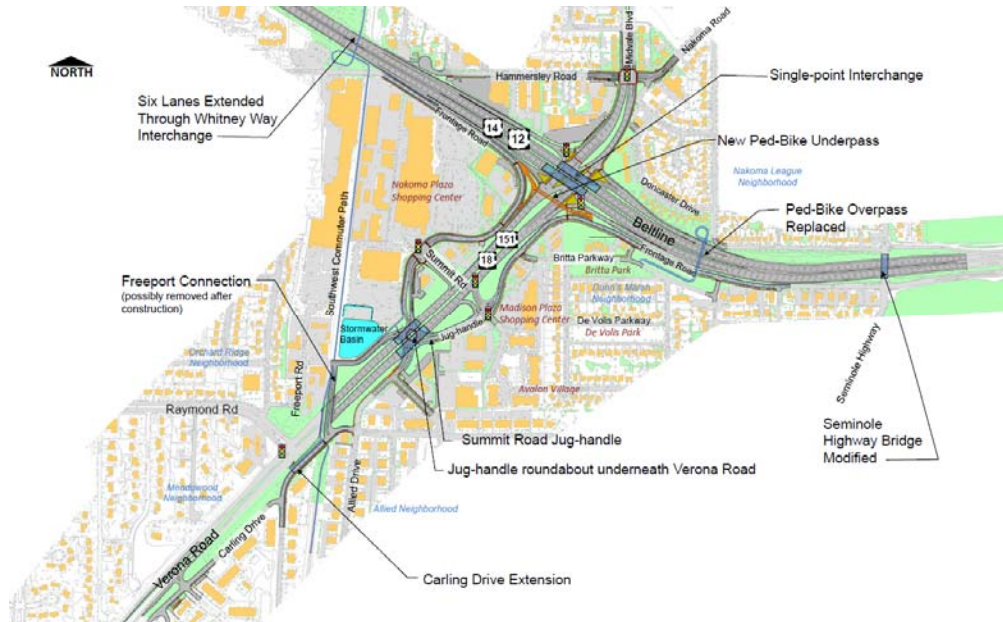


Wisconsin Section Southwest Branch (<http://ascewisw.org/>)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011
Verona Road Reconstruction Project
Madison, Wisconsin



Tom Lynch & Joe Bunker
Strand Associates

The Verona Road project is scheduled for 2013-20 and will improve traffic operations on the Beltline and Verona Road. Approaching \$150 million dollars, the project will construct a single-point interchange on the Beltline, a jug-handle intersection that includes a roundabout under Verona Road, and a tight diamond interchange at CTH PD. Numerous features are being incorporated to aid pedestrian and bicycle movements and increase neighborhood connectivity. These include a new pedestrian/bicycle underpass near the Beltline, pedestrian/bicycle facilities through the jug-handle under Verona Road, and either a pedestrian underpass or overpass of CTH PD. Several themes are being developed to improve aesthetics and provide a gateway to Madison and improve neighborhood identity.

Time: 11:30 am Social
12:00 pm Lunch
12:15 pm Presentation

Lunch Menu:
Sandwich Buffet, Cookies, Coffee, Soda, or Water

Cost: Professionals/Faculty - \$14
Students - free

Location:
The Gray's Tied House
Barley Room (Upstairs)
950 Kimball Lane
Verona, WI 53593

RSVP:
Please **RSVP** by 5 PM, Tuesday, **December 6, 2011** to Amanda Stone at astone@baird.com. May also respond via Evite email invitation.

Directions:
From HWY 151/18/
Verona Road, Take
Exit 79, turn on Old
County Road PB, turn
left onto Walen Road,
and turn left onto
Kimball Lane.



NOTE: If a walk-in guest does not purchase your meal, you will be invoiced. Send a substitute guest if you have a last minute conflict.



Mark your calendars for the December ASCE Southwest

Branch Meeting:

11:30 am Tuesday, December 13

Sign up NOW - RSVP date is Dec. 6!

President's Message

With the end of the year quickly approaching, I thought I'd take this opportunity to reflect on what the Branch has done over the past year and give you a preview of what's in store for 2012.

In 2011, the Southwest Branch continued to provide you with excellent opportunities to learn about interesting civil engineering projects near and far! Some of the "near" projects included the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI), the new intersection in Madison at Mineral Point and Junction Roads, and a tour of the La Bahn Ice Area under construction on the UW-Madison campus. On the "far" side we learned about the Bee Branch Project in Dubuque, Iowa, and heard Prof. Jeffrey Russell talk about the national initiative focused on the future of engineering education and licensure.



And on the "very far" side, researchers from UW-Madison shared photos and stories about working in Antarctica on the Ice Cube project.

Thank you to all our great speakers! Thank you for volunteering your time and sharing your knowledge and experiences with your fellow members.

We also continued the tradition of volunteering for Habitat for Humanity this year. Members helped frame interior walls of a home on the east side of Madison in 90 degree July heat!



In the spirit of making ASCE more "social", the Branch held a social event in September for the 2nd year in a row. The basement of the new Union South is where members, from students to retirees, laced up their rented shoes, and competed to see who was the best bowler in the Branch!

Thanks to the many sponsors of our scholarship program, the Branch was again able to award scholarships to students at UW-Madison and UW-Platteville. This year, we awarded 5 scholarships totaling \$4000 and also \$750 each to the Engineers Without Borders Chapters at both schools.

Now I'd like to highlight some of the new activities the Branch initiated this year. We developed a new website



and switched over to electronic newsletters – both great improvements! Along with that, we launched a Facebook page to provide members

another way to connect to the Branch. And last, but certainly not least, the Branch formed a Younger Member Committee (YMC) that organized several events including a social event in June and a joint Adopt-a-Highway cleanup with UW-Madison in October.

Coming up yet this year we'll hear about another local project, the Verona Road Interchange, this month, and the YMC will host an Ugly Christmas Sweater Appetizer/Bar Crawl on Dec 2nd.

Wow – after a year like that, what can you look forward to next year? The Branch will continue to arrange interesting and educational monthly presentations. These will likely become even more important to members once the new rules regarding continuing education for licensure in Wisconsin go into effect.

This year's Spring Technical Conference is currently being planned by a committee from the Southwest Branch and will be held in Madison at the new Union South on March 15, 2012.

The YMC plans to host an event every-other month, alternating between social and community service activities to provide opportunities for Younger Members to connect.

Finally, the UW-Platteville student chapter will be hosting Regionals in April (for which they will be looking for volunteers and judges), and they are in the initial stages of planning a canoe outing for all Branch members in the Summer of 2012!

I am incredibly proud to be part of an organization with such dedicated volunteers who continue to strive to make your experience with ASCE valuable, rewarding, and fun! Great job in 2011 – I have no doubt you will make 2012 even better!

Theresa Possley Nelson, PE
ASCE WI Southwest Branch President 2011-2012

YOUNGER MEMBER UPDATE

Save the date for the first SW Branch Younger Member Ugly Christmas Sweater Appetizer/Bar Crawl Friday, December 2nd!

We will be meeting at Madison's downtown at 6 pm to meet up and enjoy some food and drinks. We will move on from there to some different venues in the downtown area. Remember to wear your ugliest holiday sweater for the occasion.

More details to follow, but if you are interested in joining us (and didn't receive the Evite), please email Amanda (astone@baird.com).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 ASCE SOUTHWEST BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

UW-Madison:

- Kyle Busch
- Bridget Geissler

UW-Platteville:

- Joe Thompson
- Matthew Galarneau
- Laura McWilliams