

Workshop (from Page One)

David W. Gwynn, Co-Chairman of the Workshop and Executive Director of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, spoke on the county's transportation needs. He was joined by James B. Wilson, Chief Engineer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, who discussed highway needs in Pennsylvania and reviewed efforts necessary to educate Congressional leaders on the positive aspects of toll financing.

Clyde Pyers, Director, Office of Transportation Planning, Maryland Department of Transportation, discussed activities and efforts by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to insure that highway financing is adequate to meet motorists' needs. Robert Jones, Senior Vice President, E.F. Hutton and Co., Inc., and a founding partner of the Transportation Infrastructure Advisory Group, discussed TIAG's activities aimed at Congressional passage of toll legislation in the highway reauthorization bill expected this year.



Florida DOT Secretary Tom Drawdy gave an excellent luncheon address on the future of highways and the continuing need for toll facilities.

Several panelists addressed highway needs from a local perspective during a panel on "U.S. Counties: New Force in Toll Facilities." R.W. Stevens, Director of Operations, Harris County Toll Road Authority, reported progress on funding the \$900 million bond program to build toll roads approved by Harris County voters in 1983. Larry K. O'Dell, Executive Director, St. Lucie County Expressway Authority, represented the Florida Association of Transportation and Expressway Authorities, discussing county activities in Florida to insure adequate financing for highway development.

Gerald Thompson, Chairman of the Broward County Expressway Authority, and Gretchen Gettemy, Public Information Consultant with Gettemy/Cudney & Associates, gave a joint presentation on developments in Broward County, including progress on the 23-mile Sawgrass Expressway which is to open in June.

A "Special Session on Current Issues" included presentations by Joseph J. Lhota, Vice President, Paine Webber, Inc. on the impact of tax reform on the bond industry; by George M. Mills, Chairman of the IBTTA Risk Management Committee, and Risk Manager, New Jersey Highway Authority, on the difficulties toll agencies face in obtaining liability insurance; and by Daniel S. Garvey, Chairman of the IBTTA Special Committee on Hazardous Materials Transportation and Chief Engineer, New York State Thruway Authority, on hazardous materials transportation.

A panel on "Telecommunications: What Toll Facilities Need" consisted of two in-depth presentations on telecommunications problems—on long ribbon-type turnpikes as well as on facilities in congested urban areas. Jack T. Watson, Manager, Telecommunications Department, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Leo Thomas, Senior Planning Engineer, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, addressed Workshop delegates on

Gary Smith Retires in Maryland; Served Five Years on IBTTA Board

Gary A. Smith, Executive Secretary to the Maryland Transportation Authority and a Member of the IBTTA Board of Directors, will retire on June 30, 1986 after 34 years of State service. He has also relinquished his IBTTA board seat in anticipation of his upcoming retirement.



Smith was named the Authority's Executive Secretary in May of 1981; for ten years prior to that he held several positions on the staff of the State Secretary of Transportation since that Department's inception in 1971. From 1953 to 1971, Smith served in various capacities with the Maryland State Highway Administration.

During his tenure as Executive Secretary, he oversaw the acquisition of the Fort McHenry Tunnel as a major Authority project and was instrumental in the successful refinancing of the Authority's debt in late 1985 to meet long-term capital needs.

Dallas North Tollway Extension Reaches Two-Thirds Mark

The Dallas North Tollway Extension project is two-thirds complete, according to a recent Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff progress report to the Texas Turnpike Authority. HNTB, consulting engineer for the project, noted that construction is "progressing well on the major contracts" in its report for the quarter ending December 31, 1985.

Last November, the Authority approved the sale of a new bond issue for the purpose of advance refunding the Series 1982 bonds. The new issue, known as the Dallas North Tollway Revenue Bonds, Series 1985, totaled \$208 million. The Series 1982 bonds were refunded "to take advantage of lower interest rates, thereby reducing the amount of annual debt service requirements and providing funds for additional engineering and construction," according to HNTB.

The progress report indicates that the "current total estimated cost of work under construction" is \$148 million. HNTB adds that "it is anticipated that the project will be completed in a financially sound condition." The project is scheduled for completion at the end of 1987.

New Member

Associate

IVM (Interactive Video Machines) Inc.
(Video information kiosks for travelers, etc.)
5050 Tilghman, Suite 115, Allentown, PA 18104
Principal contact: Rex M. Baker, III, President

this important topic.

R.G. Adams, Deputy Director, Highway Maintenance & Transportation Operations, California Department of Transportation, gave a special presentation on "AVI Experiments in Toll Collection in California."

The Workshop concluded with nine brief presentations by a variety of IBTTA members on the "Ideas That Work" panel.

The 1986 Workshop in Pictures

The 1986 Workshop was something special! Conducted in the holiday atmosphere of Disney World, its unique combination of fun, sun and serious business actually worked! Here's Pres. Jose Ceron and Elisa with Master Magician Mickey at the kickoff cocktail party.

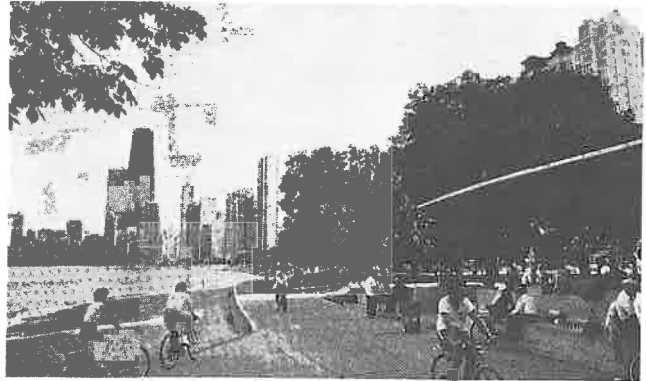


The panel on "Counties: New Force in Toll Facilities." Above, moderator John R. Woodruff, 1st Vice President, IBTTA, Delaware River Port Authority, Camden, NJ, and Sharon Greene, Orange County, Calif., Transportation Commission. Below, Larry K. O'Dell, St. Lucie County, FL, Expressway Authority; R.W. "Steve" Stevens, Harris County, Texas, Toll Road Authority, Houston; Gerald V. Thompson, chairman, Broward County, FL, Expressway Authority; and Gretchen Gettemy, the Authority's PR counsel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



Tuesday morning's Telecommunications panel. From left, Leo Thomas, Port Authority of NY & NJ; moderator Allan V. Johnson, Ohio Turnpike Commission; AVI panelist Robert G. Adams, California DOT; and Jack T. Watson, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

Illinois Tollway To Be Host For IBTTA's 54th Annual Meeting



Chicago's magnificent lakefront stretches for 26 miles along Lake Michigan where careful planning has avoided industrial development. This view looks south toward the Gold Coast, Chicago's near North Side, site of IBTTA's 54th Annual Meeting at the Hotel Westin.

With Executive Director Thomas H. Morsch, Jr. as Convention Chairman, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority has issued a warm invitation to all the world's toll officials to attend the IBTTA 54th Annual Meeting at the Hotel Westin in Chicago, IL, September 28 to October 1, 1986.

A gala business and social program is being developed for the meeting, which is expected to attract more than 550 to the Windy City for the fall event. Special events include a sightseeing trip for all showing off the city from the lake, the streets and from the 80-story John Hancock Building just across the street from the Westin Hotel on North Michigan Avenue, Chicago's "Miracle Mile."

Three timely topics have been chosen for the business sessions, which will be simultaneously interpreted in English, French, Italian and Spanish. They are; "Modern Construction and Re-Construction Techniques," "Prospects for Future Financing of Toll Facilities," and "New Developments in Toll Road Safety and Security." One panel will be presented each day beginning Monday, September 29 through Wednesday, October 1. Papers for presentation are currently being sought and ideas should be sent to Washington headquarters promptly for review by the convention committee.

Illinois Governor James R. Thompson has been invited to give the Keynote Address. A super ladies program is being prepared and an international cast of speakers is assured. The convention packet is on its way to all on IBTTA's mailing list, so sign up soon and don't miss the Fabulous 54th!

Delaware River and Bay Authority Completes Police Force Expansion

Five officers joined the police force of the Delaware River and Bay Authority, bringing the police force to its assigned level of 53 and completing the planned expansion.

The new officers will be assigned to the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, according to William J. Miller, Jr., Executive Director of the Authority, and will assist in traffic control during boarding and leaving the ferry vessels. In addition, uniformed officers will ride the ferry.