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**Joint Minnesota Section ASCE/
Minnesota Chapter of APWA
*Luncheon Meeting***

Date	Wednesday, December 16, 2009
Location	Holiday Inn Metrodome - 1500 Washington Avenue S, Minneapolis
Registration	11:45 am
Lunch	12:15 pm Grilled Chicken Breast <u>or</u> Stir Fry (choice of chicken, beef or vegetarian) <u>or</u> Italian Lasagna All luncheons include salad, chef's choice of starch and vegetable, fresh rolls/butter, dessert and coffee or tea (\$25/person; \$15/students)
Presentation	12:45 pm See article below

*Please RSVP by Friday, December 11.
Reservations can be made online at www.ascemn.org.*

Public Infrastructure In Minnesota: A Panel Discussion

Minnesota Section of ASCE and the Minnesota Chapter of American Public Works Association (APWA) will jointly sponsor a short exploration of the state of public infrastructure in Minnesota.

Many in Minnesota, engineers and other public works professionals in particular, are troubled about the present state and future condition of roads, bridges, utilities, wastewater treatment facilities, and other public infrastructure.

ASCE has produced a report card on the condition of national infrastructure: giving it all a "D" average. How does Minnesota compare?

The Minnesota Chapter of the APWA initiated Minnesota 2050, an 'umbrella' initiative involving over a dozen Minnesota organizations with concerns about the future ability of our public infrastructure to continue serving the state.

How can we deliver a comprehensive message that clearly defines the challenges we are facing now and in the future?

A panel of well-informed public and academic officials will offer their perspectives on the condition of our state's public facilities, known costs, what is being done, and...what could or should be done.

Panel

Moderator: Honorable George Latimer, former Mayor, City of St. Paul
State Representative Alice Hausman, Chair Capital Investment Finance Division
Dr. Roberto Ballarini, U of M Civil Engineering Department
Margaret Donahoe, Executive Director, Minnesota Transportation Alliance
Dave Sonnenberg, P.E., Stanley Consultants, former Minneapolis Director of Public Works

COMING UP

January 13. Minnesota Section Luncheon Meeting. Hosted by Transportation Committee. Topic: Midwest High Speed Rail. Speaker: Randy Wade, Director of Midwest Regional Rail from HNTB.

December 19: ASCE YMG Flat Earth Brewery Tour. Come check out the Twin Cities newest microbrewery! We will be touring Flat Earth Brewing Co. on Saturday, December 19 at 4 p.m. Check out their website at: www.flatearthbrewing.com. DON'T FORGET YOUR VALID ID.

January 13. Minnesota Geotechnical Society Dinner Meeting. Rose Vine Hall at Grumpy's

Bar & Grill, Roseville. Presentation by Carrie Jennings of the Minnesota Geological Survey on "Glacial Tectonics." Social hour at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM, presentation at 8 PM. Visit <http://www.mngeotechnicalsociety.com/eventsmpls.asp> for further details.

January 28. ASCE YMG PE Exam Prep Session. Room 150S of the Court International Building in St. Paul. The session will be led by YMG officers and members who have recently taken the PE to tell you what to expect on exam day, give words of advice on studying and review courses, and answer any questions you may have on preparing for the exam. Watch for an email with more details!