

January– 2013

**I. 92nd Annual Transportation Research Board (TRB) Meeting, Washington D.C.
January 13 -16, 2013**

This meeting, which attracts thousands of transportation professionals each year, offers an unparalleled opportunity to share your knowledge and perspectives with others and to learn about the latest developments in transportation research, policy, and practice. The five day program includes 750 sessions and workshops on all aspects of transportation.



The program provided great discussion on the public law 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). MAP-21 provides needed funds and represents a milestone for the U.S. economy:

- The first multi-year transportation authorization enacted since 2005
- Funds surface transportation programs at \$105 B for fiscal years 2013 and 2014
- Transforms the framework for investments to guide the growth & development of the country's vital transportation infrastructure



Myself and several other conference attendees from the region took the new Northeast Regional Amtrak train from Norfolk up to TRB. The Amtrak train stopped at Union Station in Washington DC ; there is a Metro (subway) station on site as well and we took the Red Line Metro to our hotels at the TRB headquarters site. The service was quite good. Leaving on-time and arriving 20 minutes early. The total trip time is 4.5 hours , despite 7 scheduled stops along the way.



Northeast Region Amtrak service to Washington DC from Norfolk VA

II. IMSA Executive Director Visit, January 10, 2013

The new Executive Director of IMSA, Peter Gum, was visiting the Hampton Roads area on January 10-11 and stopped by the TMC. Pete wanted to see the work environments of IMSA's members and constituents, meet a few people and ask some questions about what they do and their thoughts about the role of IMSA.



Peter Gum (L) along with Lonnie Tebow (IMSA Director of Transportation & Traffic programs Office)

Pete toured the signal shop, sign shop and Traffic Management Center and spoke to staff at each location.

III. Diamond Springs Road/Bayside Drive Signal Rehabilitation, January 11-12, 2013

The aging span wire installation, was replaced with 2 dual mast arm structures. The work was done completely with in-house staff.



Signs & Marking Mechanic Charles Patterson bolting signal to new mast arm

Ten (10) staff members worked on the project. Staff gathered both nights at 12am and completed the project by 1pm on January 12.



IV. Traffic Management Operations Division Response Information
Some of the vital statistics we address each month

- 1. Number of Traffic Counts Scheduled/Completed – 10/10**
- 2. Number of Hits on the Traffic Data Database (at www.VBgov.com/TCDS)**
 - 207 hits for the month of January 2013
 - 8,026 hits since program inception (July 2009)
- 3. Number of Utility Locate Tickets (Miss Utility) Received/Checked/Marked – 2365/204/181**
- 4. Number of Traffic Signal Preventive Maintenance Actions completed –49**
- 5. Number of Traffic Signal Work Orders Received – 128**
- 6. Number of Traffic Sign Work Orders Completed – 498**
- 7. Linear feet of Thermoplastic Applied to Roadway – 1072**