Ian and Mark –

See note below from Steve Maher about renewal of the GeoSeismic subcommittee. I believe it should continue for another three years. I would suggest a focus on LRFD methods for seismic design of bridge foundations over the next three years, including a workshop on the new NCHRP 12-70 recommendations at next year’s TRB. I hope you both will support this as a collaborative endeavor of the two committees.

I suggest the objective of the subcommittee for the next three years be stated as:

To facilitate implementation of new AASHTO guide specifications for seismic design, including LRFD methods for seismic design of bridge foundations and appurtenant earth structures.

Action items would include:
2. Sponsor a workshop on the new NCHRP 12-70 report on “Seismic Analysis and Design of Retaining Walls, Buried Structures, Slopes, and Embankments” at the 2009 or 2010 TRB meeting (schedule depends upon NCHRP approval of the final report).
3. Solicit papers for a session on “Effects of Pore Pressure Generation on Site Response – Practical Design Approaches” for the 2009 meeting
4. Solicit papers for a session on “LRFD Methods in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering” for the 2010 TRB meeting.
5. Co-sponsor a workshop on the two new FHWA Seismic Design of Bridges training courses (on structural and geotechnical issues) currently under development for the 2011 TRB meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information. I do expect to get additional input on these items at the subcommittee meeting, but it will not be until Wednesday evening at the end of the meeting.

Ed K.

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From: Maher, Stephen [mailto:SMAHER@nas.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 10:22 AM
To: Edward Kavazanjian; Ian G Buckle
Cc: Jayaprakash, G.P.
Subject: RE: TRB Session 398

Ed,

I remember the Editor sending me queries about this title. She couldn't understand the original and I consider her a litmus indicator for participants in general. I believe that I changed it with her, sorry if we did not query you or Ian at the time. It is set in the program now. I can change back on-line if you still want.

BTW...
AFF50(1) completes its first 3-year term on April 14, 2008. At the 2008 meeting of the subcommittee as well as the parent committee, the future (to sunset or continue) of this subcommittee should be discussed. The parent committee Chair needs to bring this recommendation to the AFF00 meeting or discuss with the section chair immediately afterward if timing of meetings does not allow. If the recommendation is to continue for another 3 year term, the parent committee Chair should provide justification why. The justification should have information on the objectives and action items that are included in the requested extension time period.

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From: Edward Kavazanjian [mailto:Edward.Kavazanjian@asu.edu]
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I was just looking at the interactive program and it seems the title to our session got mangled. It should be “Seismic Site Response at Non National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Sites” not “Seismic Site Response at Bridges Not on National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program”

I suspect it is too late to change anything in the printed matter, but can it be changed in the electronic program on the web site?

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