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President's Message

By Steve Gendler, IALEP SW Chapter President

In your planner capacity, have you ever found a publication, question, or correspondence, which doesn't neatly "fit" any of the operating or admin functions in the agency on your desk? (Usually with a notation that this falls under the "other duties as assigned" clause in your job description).

One of the things that distinguishes a planner from an ordinary admin employee is that we see this as an "opportunity" to look

through the professional journals, federal publications, newspapers, and list-serve printouts piled high on the desk to find nuggets of info that can make the R&D staff look like heroes. There are grant announcements, training articles, admin rules, various notices, and assorted studies which are of actual interest.

On the IALEP list server alone you will find inquiries being made for research projects on

topics that may eventually impact your agency. Check it out, you'll find leads that can help in your trend analysis and strategic planning duties. The list-server is one of the many advantages of your membership in IALEP. Another advantage is coming up at our August 12th meeting, which will comprehensively brief us on this year's new legislative laws and statutes.

Look forward to seeing you in Glendale next month.



Leaping into Light Rail

By Zach Patton

<http://www.governing.com/articles/0807rail.htm>

The following is an excerpt from July 2008's Governing. Follow the link above for the full article.

Owing to the heat, light-rail stations in the **Valley of the Sun** may look/feel a little different than those in other cities. Still, the story of another light-rail grand opening has a familiar ring. That's because cities around the country have been investing in new systems like never before.

That's especially true in the land of Sun Belt, where "public transportation" has historically been an oxymoron. Austin and

Norfolk will launch their own light-rail lines joining recently opened systems in Charlotte, Denver, Houston and Salt Lake City. Add **Phoenix** to the list and you could argue that this pack of cities form something of a graduating class. They're all simultaneously moving beyond a car-bound past for a new future with light rail.

The current spate of light-rail openings represents the culmination of a decade of both new and recycled ideas about urban planning, transportation choices and how to finance big infrastructure projects. All

federal money for light rail is approved through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program. Unlike road projects, light-rail systems seeking federal funds must compete against one another — and against other forms of transit that federal criteria have tended to favor, such as bus rapid transit.

That may well change in 2009, depending upon the priorities of the next president. For now, though, cities must rely very heavily on their own funds, and on asking voters for more money.



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And
Upcoming Meetings*

**Lack of Planning,
Random Wisdom**

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IALEP Training and Conference

When: September 14-19,
2008

Where: Sioux City, IA

2008 Advanced Training Topic:

POPULATION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The topic of this year's advanced training seminar will be "Population Impact Assessment" (using demographic and land use planning data to forecast calls for service and police service demand).

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**In a continuing effort to showcase why we need
planners, take a look at these items.**

**Obviously the people designing these signs are not
members of IALEP!**



See you at the IALEP SW Quarterly Meeting

August 12, 2008

Glendale Regional Public Safety Center

11550 W. Glendale – Room 222

Glendale, AZ

623-930-3153 (Bruce Kline)

Agenda

Reconnect	8:30a – 9:00a
Call to Order	9:00a – 9:10a
2008 Legislative Overview	9:15a – 10:15a
Break	10:15a – 10:30a
Overview Con't.	10:30a - 11:15a
Roundtable/Business	11:15a – 12:15p
LunchWestgate	12:15p – 2:00p
Tour	2:00 – 3:00p