



*American Society of Highway Engineers*  
*Old Dominion Section*  
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**A Meeting with VDOT Commissioner**  
**David S. Ekern, P.E.**  
Thursday August 9, 2007

David S. Ekern, P.E., was appointed commissioner by Gov. Timothy Kaine in September 2006. He had been director of the Idaho Transportation Department since July 2003. Before that, he served 33 years with the Minnesota Department of Transportation as assistant commissioner, assistant chief engineer, and as a district engineer. He also held positions in Environmental Policy, Project Development, Planning, and Operations.

From 2001-2003 he was on assignment to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). In that role, he focused on initiatives and policy development that are changing the face of our nation's transportation agencies.

He is a member of numerous professional associations and societies and has earned the standing of Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers. Ekern received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and his Masters in Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas.

**SECURITY:**

We are at our normal location for the ASHE meetings, the auditorium in the VDOT Central Office complex. This is a secure building so you **MUST** have a picture ID (VA driver's license preferred) or your VDOT identification card.

**PARKING:**

Parking is available at the metered and non-metered spaces along the city streets or at the pay lots in the area. State provided parking next to the VDOT Annex building is available for a few vehicles. Carpoolers have priority. To register for the state provided parking visit our web site at [www.asherichmond.org](http://www.asherichmond.org) (ends 7/31/07) and go to the "Next Meeting" link. **All those who register will need to report to the guard shack located behind the Annex building for their parking assignment.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
ASHE MEETING**

**Thursday August 9, 2007**

Lunch, social time and presentation of member certificates from Noon until 12:15pm; program from 12:15 - 1:00pm

**Location:**

Front Auditorium  
VDOT Building  
1221 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia

**Lunch:**

Lunch menu (\$8) and ordering instructions are on our web site [www.asherichmond.org](http://www.asherichmond.org) via the "Next Meeting" link (ends 08/07/07).