

# John LaPlante, P.E.

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John LaPlante, P.E., PTOE, is currently the Vice President and Chief Transportation Planning Engineer for T.Y. Lin International, Inc. Since joining the firm in 1992, Mr. LaPlante has worked on such projects as the relocation of Lake Shore Drive west of Soldier Field, McCormick Place West Expansion, Southwest Michigan Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, O'Hare intermodal station study, and several bikeway and pedestrian projects for the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District, and the Villages of Wilmette and Downers Grove and the City of Evanston.



Mr. LaPlante has previously worked for the City of Chicago for 30 years in various positions in the transportation engineering area. This included Engineer of Traffic Planning, Chief City Traffic Engineer, First Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, and most recently, Acting Commissioner of Transportation, where he was responsible for the planning, design and construction of all roads, bridges and mass transit facilities in the City of Chicago. Some of the special projects Mr. LaPlante has worked on while with the City were the reconstruction of Lake Shore Drive, the State Street Transit Mall, the planned McCormick Place expansion, the proposed Third Airport for Chicago, the Chicago Lakefront Plan, the City's bicycle route system. He was chairperson of the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force and the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council.

Mr. LaPlante has been active in many professional organizations, including being a Fellow member of the Institute of transportation Engineers, where he has served as a member of six national committees, and as President of both the Illinois Section and District IV Board. He now serves as an alternate ITE delegate to the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, where he chairs the newly-formed Pedestrian Task Force. He is also the American Public Works Association representative on the AASHTO Geometric Design Task Force charged with preparation of the Green Book and was Chair of the Subcommittee that prepared the most recent edition of the AASHTO Bike Guide. He was also in charge of the preparation of a similar Pedestrian Facility Design Guide, which is scheduled to be published this fall. He was President of the Illinois Engineering Council and the Western Society of Engineers, and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Transportation Research Board, Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, and Women's Transportation seminar. In October 1986, he was part of a four person teaching team that went to China to teach and advise on traffic management techniques.