



EDUCATIONAL MEETING #8

Thursday, March 11th, 2021 | 12:00 – 1:30 pm [CST]

[Registration link](#)

1. General Information

- This educational meeting will be held virtually. Please register for the meeting beforehand, using the [following link](#).
- A certificate for one (1) professional development hour (PDH) will be e-mailed to attendees shortly after the meeting.
- *Let's keep SimCap Louisiana active and engaged!*

2. Agenda

Time	Item/Description
12:00 – 12:15 PM	<p>Welcome and SimCap Updates</p> <p>Christopher Melson Program Manager LTRC</p> <p>Mr. Melson will provide general updates—which may include updates from the Chapter, ITE SimCap Committee, and/or the TRB Joint Simulation Subcommittee (SimSub). <i>Be sure to login on-time to participate in a fun, interactive exercise!</i></p>
12:15 – 1:00 PM	<p>Simulation in the '70s and Beyond – An Insider's Retrospective</p> <p>Mark Yedlin Director of Simulation Modeling Services GPI</p> <p>Mr. Yedlin will describe a world which was very different and likely unfamiliar to many contemporary simulation modelers. For 15 years from the 1970s to 1990s, Mr. Yedlin was part of the small team responsible for the original development of several of FHWA's major traffic simulation models. He provided technical support and a "help desk" for simulation modelers throughout the US in the 1980s and was one of the creators and instructors of the first NHI training course on NETSIM.</p> <p>As an active participant and eyewitness to this formative period in the history of traffic simulation modeling, Mr. Yedlin will share some of the background stories, decision making and challenges in creating and applying these tools. His story spans the migration of traffic simulation from the world's first supercomputer to desktop PCs. His presentation will examine the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was it like in the early days of traffic simulation modeling? 2. In what ways was it similar and how is it different today? 3. Despite the differences, what lessons can we learn from the 1970s to help modelers today?
1:10 – 1:30 PM	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Open discussion for all participants to share, discuss, and identify SimCap-related topics of interest. This may include upcoming events, identifying presentation topics for the next meeting, or any other topics members would like to discuss.</p>