

EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LUIS ESCOBAR, P.ENG.



Luis Escobar graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1996 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Luis was a manager of the Manitoba Highway Traffic Information System and worked on various local, provincial, national, and international projects with the University of Manitoba Transport Information Group.

Luis has been with the City of Winnipeg since 1999 and with the Traffic Signals Branch since 2004. During this time with the City, Luis has worked in the fields of traffic management, traffic operations, temporary traffic control, road safety, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) applications and commercial vehicle operations and over-dimension permits.

At the time Luis was nominated for this award, he was the head of the Traffic Signals Branch, responsible for the design, installation, operation, management and maintenance of traffic signals, pedestrian corridors and other traffic control devices. Luis was overseeing the deployment of a new traffic signals management system that is intended to improve the movement of traffic along the major corridors in the City.

At the beginning of this year, Luis became Manager of the Transportation Division and is responsible for all aspects of transportation in the City of Winnipeg, including traffic management on regional and local streets, traffic signals and street lighting, traffic impacts related to land use development, transportation planning and forecasting and development of current and future transportation facilities. Currently he is working on the Sustainable Transportation Strategy, which is the basis for the City's 25-year transportation master plan.

He is a member of the Transportation Association of Canada's Traffic Operations and Management Standing Committee and is working on many projects related to traffic signals and traffic operations.

Luis is also part of a joint International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) and The Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) committee for the development of a comprehensive traffic signals maintenance manual. Luis has been a member of ITE since 1998.

Luis has been registered with APEGM since 2001. He was member with the Experience Review Committee between 2003-2004. On numerous occasions, he helped the community through involving youth in sport, as well as helping with their education. Luis is involved with organizing conferences for the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC), ITE and Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP); and he helped the Transportation Engineering Courses at U of M. Luis is a significant contributor in improving and increasing traffic accessibility for pedestrians, the elderly, and active transportation users.

The Association is pleased to present the Early Achievement Award to an exemplary individual - Luis Escobar.