MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

A big thanks to everyone involved in the TxDOT RMC proposal process. TTI submitted a total of 52 proposals this year, worth a total of some $11.4 million.

SPP&Eer’s took the lead on 12 proposals, with a total value of some $2 million and assisted on others. Thanks to researchers and support staff for getting proposals in to RDO on time. Also, thanks to the numerous SPP&Eer’s who provided input and suggestions on the projects and reviewed draft proposals.

The biggest thanks goes to the RDO staff – Susan Adams, Nancy Stratta, Denise Pineda, Toni Carelock, Mary Levien, Erlinda Olivarez, and Justin Malnar – who made sure all 52 proposals were submitted to TxDOT on time.

The Spring RMC meetings will be held in Austin the first week in June. The call for project statements for the FY 08 research program is just around the corner. Please start thinking about ideas for possible project statements. The TTI TAP members will be providing more information on the call for project statements.

The RMC proposal process is just one example of the great team work at TTI! Thanks again to everyone for another outstanding effort!

Thanks!
Katie

Director's Research Champion Award Lecture

Bill Millar, President of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), presented the first TTI Director’s Research Champion Award Lecture on March 30. Approximately 80 TTI staff, TAMU faculty, and students listened to Bill discuss the state of U.S. public transportation. In addition, TTI researchers had the opportunity to discuss recent transit research projects and transit research needs with Bill before and after the lecture.

Spring RMC Meeting Schedule

The Spring RMC meetings will be held at the Omni Southpark Hotel in Austin the first week in June. TxDOT has provided the following preliminary schedule:

RMC 1, 3, 4 – Monday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (RMC 3 starts at 1:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, June 6, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
RMC 2 and 5 – Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Staff Activities

The following SPP&Eer's participated in the ITE Conference, Transportation Solutions for the Real World, in San Antonio on March 20-22.

**Brian Bochner** – Panel discussion participant, *Is High Density Smart Growth?,* and presided at session, Contact Sensitive Solutions in Designing Major Urban Thoroughfares for Walkable Communities.

**Linda Cherrington** – Presided at session, Transit Roles in Sustainable Communities.

**Scott Cooner** – Presented paper, Operational and Safety Guidelines Around Schools in Texas.

**Jeff Borowiec** and **Debbie Jasek** gave a presentation on Aviation Education Opportunities in General Aviation at the Texas Aviation Conference in Austin on March 23. Jeff also gave a presentation on Methods of Increasing Revenue for Your Airport.

Birthdays

**April**
- John Wikander 4/2
- Aruna Nathu 4/8
- Ryan Eurek 4/10
- Tim Forrest 4/13
- Sung Ho Chang 4/16
- David Ellis 4/20
- Geoffrey Chum 4/20
- Bonnie Duke 4/24
- Erin Eurek 4/28
- Jett McFalls 4/30

**May**
- Kevin Hall 5/5
- Cliff Spiegelman 5/15
- Montie Wade 5/20
- Diana Wallace 5/30

New Arrivals

David Ungemah, Austin Agency Liaison Office, and his wife Keri, welcomed a daughter, on March 15th. Cassandra Camille Ungemah weighed 8 lbs 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations David and Keri!