MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

With the rescheduled TTI Day and the TRB Annual Meeting, January was a busy month. Both events provided great ways to start the new year!

Congratulations to Sue James and the Planning Committee for organizing a fun, informative, and enjoyable TTI Day! SPP&Eer’s helping on the Committee included David Ellis (Activities/Speakers Subcommittee Chair), Bonnie Duke, Michelle Hoelscher, Pam Rowe, Heather Ford, Toni Carelock, and Casey Toycen.

Congratulations to all the TTI Award winners, including Gary Lobaugh, Harlow Landphair, and Ginger Goodin. Also, thanks to everyone who took the time to prepare nominations and letters of support.

The TxDOT FY 2007 RMC RFPs have been sent to universities. While the list of Research Supervisors is still being finalized at the management level, the schedule for developing proposals is outlined in this newsletter. Please let me or your Program Manager know if you have any questions on the RMC proposal process.

2006 is off to a great start!

Thanks!
Katie
SPP&E at TRB

The SPP&E was well represented at the 2006 TRB Annual meeting in Washington, D.C., January 22-26. The following SPP&Eer’s presented papers and posters, gave invited presentations, presided at sessions, and chaired meetings.

**Jeff Arndt** – Presented paper, METROLift: Case Study in Cost-Effective ADA Paratransit (Jim Laughlin and Suzie Edrington, co-authors).

**Brian Bochner** – Presentation on Traffic Engineering Consideration with Land Use and Context-Sensitive Transportation Design.

**Jeff Borowiec** – Presided at session, Airport Compatibility: Protecting the Airport.

**Scott Cooner** – Presented paper, Safety Evaluation of Buffer-Separated HOV Lanes in Texas (Stephen Ranft, co-author).

**Bill Eisele** – Presented paper, Developing and Applying Analytical Tools for Evaluating Adaptation of HOV Lane to HOT Lane (Mark Burris, Hannah Wilner, and Michael Bolin, co-authors).


**Harlow Landphair** – Chaired Landscape and Environmental Design Committee meeting.


**Mark Ojah** – Presented paper, Examination of Selected Safety Considerations in Development of HOV Facilities.

**Eun Sug Park** – Presented paper, Bayesian Approach for Improved Pavement Performance Prediction (Roger Smith, Tom Freeman, and Cliff Spiegelman, co-authors).

**David Pearson** – Presentation on Activities for TRB Committee Related to Commodity Flow Surveys. Chaired Freight Surveys Subcommittee meeting.

**Stephen Ranft** – Presented paper, Effects of Incidents on Buffer-Separated HOV Lanes in Dallas (Scott Cooner, co-author).

**Bill Stockton** – Presided at session, Truck Lanes and Road Pricing, Part 1: Reality of Today. Chaired Multimodal Pricing Implementation Subcommittee meeting.

**Casey Toycen** – Presented paper, Single-Lane Issues on Managed Lane Facilities (Ginger Goodin and Chris Poe, co-authors).
Katie Turnbull – Presided at session, Getting There from Here: Transportation Organizations 2025. Chaired Transportation System Policy, Planning, and Process Section Executive Board meeting.


The paper, Motorists Yielding to Pedestrians at Unsignalized Intersections: Findings from National Study on Improving Pedestrian Safety by Shawn Turner, Kay Fitzpatrick, Marcus Brewer, and Eun Sug Park was presented with the Pedestrian Committee Best Paper Award.

Congratulations Shawn and Eun Sug!

In addition, the following SPP&Eer’s have recently been appointed to TRB Committees:

Tina Collier – Environmental Justice in Transportation Committee
Bill Stockton – Transportation Pricing Committee
David Ungemah – Transportation Pricing Committee.

Congratulations!

Juan Carlos Villa became a naturalized U.S. citizen in January. As you can see from the above photo, SPP&Eer’s helped him celebrate in style.

Congratulations Juan!

Heather Ford was recognized as a HUBBER of the Month in December, 2005. Heather was recognized for her ongoing purchases of TIBH products.

Congratulations Heather!
**TxDOT RMC Proposal Process**

The SPP&E will follow the same process used the past few years in developing proposals for FY 2007 RMC projects. Complete proposals are due to RDO on March 13. Research Supervisors should start working with their RDO staff person well before that time, however.

Steps in the proposal development process are:

- Research Supervisors contact the TxDOT Project Director by **February 10** to let them know TTI will be proposing on the project.

- Research Supervisors hold brainstorming session with interested researchers to discuss ideas and approaches.

- Research Supervisors attend pre-proposal meeting, if scheduled.

- Research Supervisors develop concept and approach and submit to Katie by **February 22**.

- Research Supervisors submit draft proposal to Katie by **March 6** for review by at least two senior staff.

- Research Supervisors submit proposal to RDO by **March 13**.

Please let your Program Manager or Katie know if you have any questions on the proposal process.

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**Birthdays**

**February**
- Jeff Arndt  2/2
- Melissa Smith  2/7
- Tammy Pietrucha  2/16
- Scott Cothron  2/24
- Susan Adams  2/28

**March**
- Stephen Farnsworth  3/10
- David Schrank  3/13
- Mary Leven  3/13
- Lauren Geng  3/23
- Karen Eddleman  3/27