TRB Visibility Symposium

The Transportation Research Board recently held its 18th Visibility Symposium. The meeting was held on April 17-19, 2007, in College Station, Texas. TTI hosted the meeting, marking a return to the location of the first Visibility Symposium in 1968. The Symposium brings together researchers, practitioners, consultants, transportation agencies, and industry to present and review contemporary research on issues related to the visual communication of information within the general transportation infrastructure. Participants included attendees from five countries.

Besides a technical session, and mid-year TRB committee meetings, demonstrations of new technologies and research equipment, field demonstrations of work zone visibility concerns, and tours of various research experiments were highlighted.

Freeway and Tolling Operations Conference

The Freeway and Tollway Operations in the Americas Conference was held in Houston, Texas, May 20-23, 2007. Christopher Poe, Director for the Center on Tolling Research was pleased with the attendance bringing together professionals from 22 states and 9 countries, representing a number of transportation specialty areas.
Sangita Sunkari attended a one-day workshop called *Begin with the End in Mind* based on Stephen Covey’s book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* on April 20th in College Station.

The workshop taught how one can be more proactive & use goal-setting to achieve positive results both at work & in personal life. It demonstrated how character ethic, as opposed to personality ethic, leads to character growth.

For more details go to [http://capso.tamu.edu/all-programs/franklincovey](http://capso.tamu.edu/all-programs/franklincovey)
Recent Travels

**Michael Davis**, Houston Office traveled to El Paso to collect data for TxDOT Project 0-4813 on April 2-6.

**Gary Thomas** was in Tyler, Texas to teach the Basics of Wireline Communications class to TxDOT staff on April 11. He was in Helena, Montana to teach the NHI Intersection Safety Workshop to the Montana DOT later in the month.

**Robert Benz** traveled to Prairie View A&M to attend the Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting on April 20.

**Bob Brydia** traveled to Cedar Park, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division for mid-year meetings on projects 0-5586, 5-4969-01, and 0-5292. Bob said it took a bit of coordination, but it was nice to get them scheduled all in one trip!

**Kevin Balke, Bob Brydia, and Praput Songchitruksa** took the NHI Incident Management Training Course, on May 1, 2, courtesy of the TxDOT Bryan District. While TTI Day was missed, the opportunity to participate in the training course and interact with local operational agencies working to solve incident management issues was too good to pass up.

**LuAnn Theiss** traveled to Austin to attend a 5475 project panel meeting on April 20.

**Jerry Ullman** traveled to Baltimore, MD to make a presentation and facilitate breakout sessions Spring 2007 Safety, Operations, Engineering, and Enforcement Forum hosted by the Maryland State Police, Maryland State Highway Administration, and NHTSA.

**Beverly Kuhn** attended an RMC 4 TAP meeting on April 5, in Austin. She also attended the 18th Biennial TRB Visibility Symposium in College Station, April 17-19, and was one of the keynote speakers at the TRB Freeway and Tolling Operations Conference in Houston, May 20-23. Beverly attended a vendor pre-proposal conference for the Automated Speed Notification Demonstration in Austin on May 9th.

**Shamanth Kuchangi** and **LuAnn Theiss** (Houston Office) traveled to Beaumont to collect project data on April 11. Shamanth, LuAnn, and **Tony Voigt** traveled to Beaumont again to meet with the Beaumont District of TxDOT regarding the interagency contract work.

The **Houston Office** hosted a Motorcycle Safety Campaign Focus Group on April 10.

FTOA Conference - cont.

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Below, Darren Henderson (PB) is shown presenting a national overview of HOV/Managed Lanes. **Beverly Kuhn** presented an international overview of active traffic management.

Pictured above; Conference attendees toured the Houston TranStar Transportation & Emergency Management Center.
TOG Is Hiring

New positions and positions filled are listed below. Continue to share this information with your contacts. You can also forward potential names to the hiring supervisors so they can make personal contact. Applicants interested in applying for a position should go to https://tamujobs.tamu.edu choose "create an application" on the left side, and follow the instructions on the site to apply for the position.

**New Positions**

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**Birthdays**

May 02 Mark Burris
May 08 Justin Jackson
May 10 Bob Brydia
May 11 Jeff Shelton
May 15 Jim Carvell, Jr.
May 15 Sunil Patil
May 16 Steve Venglar
May 18 Brooke Ullman
May 19 Jerry Le
May 20 Robert De Roche
May 20 Melanie Waltman
May 23 Adam Perdue
May 26 Jeff Miles
May 26 Gabriel Torres
May 28 Jonathan Tydlicka
May 29 Kenneth Giusti, Jr.
Jun 02 Manessh Mahlawat
Jun 04 Aldo Gallegos
Jun 10 Gary Barricklow
Jun 15 Yuanchang Xie
Jun 24 Shamant Kuchangi
Jun 25 Sangita Sunkari
Jun 27 Gary Thomas
Jun 28 Liang Ding
Jun 29 Edgar Kraus
Jun 29 Kwaku Obeng-Boampong
Jun 29 Cameron Williams
Jun 30 Ganesh Karkee