It is a pleasure to announce the promotion of Phillip Reeder to Program Manager. Phillip takes over for Jim Benson as Program Manager of the Travel Forecasting Program.

Phillip joined TTI in 2001. He has extensive experience in travel demand forecasting. Prior to joining TTI, Phillip spent 7 years at Parsons Brinckerhoff and 17 years at TxDOT.

Phillip is a key part of TTI’s support to TxDOT’s Transportation Planning and Programming (TP&P) Division. He has also headed the Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) Technical Assistance Center. Phillip has initiated exploring research opportunities in other states, and has been successful on recent teaming efforts in Arizona and Mississippi.

I would like to thank Jim Benson for the outstanding job he has done as Program Manager for the past 11 years. Jim was promoted to head of the newly formed Travel Forecasting Program in 1997.

Jim is instrumental in providing critical support to travel forecasting at TP&P and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). He does an excellent job meeting the needs of sponsors and has developed a strong staff, which includes Phillip, Kevin Hall, and Andy Mullins.

Jim is well recognized at the state and national level for his expertise. His selection for the 2007 TTI Senior Researcher Award is an indication of the high esteem in which he is held.

Phillip’s promotion reflects a planned transition in the SPP&E. Jim continues to serve as the Principal Investigator on the TP&P and H-GAC IACs and he is not planning to retire in the near future. Making the transition allows time for Jim to mentor Phillip in his new position.

Again, please join me in welcoming Phillip as a new Program Manager and thanking Jim for is excellent service in 11 years as Program Manager.

Thanks,
Katie
SPP&E TTI Award Winners

Congratulations to the following SPP&Eer’s on receiving awards at All TTI Day.

Charles J. “Jack” Keese Career Achievement for Agency Support Award — Susan Adams

TTI Team Award — 2007 Transportation Short Course Committee Team Members (Pam Rowe, Toni Carelock, Brian Bochner, Bonnie Duke, John Overman, Montie Wade, Bill Stockton, and Katie Turnbull among team members)

Keese-Wootan Transportation Fellowship — Suzie Edrington

Special thanks for SPP&Eer’s, Lisa Nimocks, Bonnie Duke, Christy Harris, Toni Carelock, Ginger Goodin, and Ed Sepulveda for serving on the TTI Day Committees.
Staff Activities

Joe Zietsman gave a presentation, Expanding MOBILE6 Rates to Accommodate High Speeds, at the 18th Coordinated Research Council (CRC) On-Road Vehicle Emissions Workshop in San Diego, March 31–April 2.

Jim Schutt gave a presentation, Systems Integration Tool for Environmentally Sustainable Sites, at the American Society of Landscape Architecture State Conference in Fort Worth, April 3–4. Ming-Han Li gave a presentation, Streambank Soil Bioengineering: Texas Design Cases and Design References, at the same conference.

Shawn Turner, David Ellis, Teresa Qu, and Ed Seymour spent the end of April at the Beijing Transportation Research Center (BTRC) at Beijing Jisotung University. In addition to giving presentations and discussing research opportunities, the group was able to take in some of the local sites. It was the first trip to China for David, while Teresa was able to visit areas where she grew up and went to school.

Brian Bochner and Casey Dusza participated in the Congress on New Urbanism (CNU XVI) in Austin, April 3–6. Brian gave a presentation, the ITE/CNU Manual — User Initiated Changes and Implementation, and moderated the session on CNU and the ITE Manual. Brian also served as the discussion leader for the breakout session on Transportation Networks — Planning and Implementation Barriers. Casey was selected through a competitive application process to serve as an official volunteer for the conference. She received a complementary registration and was able to participate in numerous sessions in addition to helping with different activities.

Staff from the Environmental Management Program hosted the annual meeting of the Hydraulic, Sedimentation, and Erosion Control Laboratory Pooled-Fund Study group on April 11. Jett McFalls, Beverly Storey, Ming-Han Li, Derrold Foster, Cynthia Lowery, and others made the meeting a success. The meeting included presentations, discussion of critical issues, and a tour of the laboratory.

Jeff Borowiec organized a meeting with John Happ, Director of Aviation/Easterwood Airport, on April 11. TTI researchers attending the meeting included Jeff, Gene Buth, Curtis Morgan, Katie Turnbull, Bob Brydia, Bob De Roche, Beverly Storey, and Jett McFalls. In addition to discussing research topics, John provided a tour of the airport facilities.
Staff Activities (cont)

**Jeff Arndt** presented the Research Development Seminar Just Tryin’ to Keep the Customers Satisfied on April 10. Jeff highlighted the importance of maintaining a customer focus in research and support activities.

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**Goodbye**

**Toni Carelock**, Research Development Office, is leaving the SPP&E, but not the TTI family. Toni will be taking a position as a Lead Office Associate with TTI Communications. We wish Toni the best of luck in her new position.

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**Birthdays**

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

**June**
Beverly Storey 6/5  
Derrold Foster 6/7  
Mark Ojah 6/20  
Manual Solari 6/27  
Larry White 6/30