TTI and the SPP&E were well represented at the 2010 TRB Annual Meeting. SPP&Eer’s presented papers, presided at sessions, chaired committee and group meetings, and participated in committee, subcommittee, section, and group meetings.

SPP&Eer’s activities at TRB are highlighted on page 2. Special congratulations goes to Kay Fitzpatrick and Eun Sug Park, who received the Patricia A. Waller Award for the best paper in the safety area from the 2009 Annual Meeting.

In addition to the formal TRB activities, SPP&Eer’s took advantage of being in Washington, D.C. to schedule meetings with sponsors, potential sponsors, and other transportation professionals. As we all know, these networking opportunities are as important as the formal activities.

I always get energized from the Annual Meeting — even though I am also tired by the end from non-stop activities. I thought the energy level this year was higher than the past few years, even with the economic uncertainty facing the country.

I had the opportunity to meet with U.S. DOT staff from the Office of Transportation Policy on the new Transportation Economics Center (TEC) while I was at TRB. The topics they discussed were also mentioned by top U.S. DOT officials at TRB sessions and in briefings to the TRB Executive Committee.

TTI was selected for the TEC through a competitive procurement. Our proposal also included faculty from the TAMU Department of Agriculture Economics and Civil Engineering. The TAMUS board of Regents approved the TEC at their January Board meeting.

The TEC will provide economic analysis capabilities, conduct research, provide technology transfer activities, and facilitate the sharing of information to address critical transportation problems, policies, and projects.

While the TEC has modest base funding from the U.S. DOT, we hope to leverage additional projects with new and traditional sponsors. In addition, it appears the TEC may be involved in some key U.S. DOT activities, providing visibility for TTI.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the TEC or TRB activities. In the “it is never too soon to start planning” mode, the dates for the 2011 TRB Annual Meeting are January 23-27. The submission date for papers continuous to be August 1.

2010 is off to a great start! I look forward to continuing to work with everyone in the SPP&E on new initiatives and ongoing projects.

Thanks!

Katie
Congratulations!

Kay Fitzpatrick and Eun Sug Park received the Patricia F. Waller Award for their paper Safety Effectiveness of HAWK Pedestrian Treatment. The award was presented at the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lecture and Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Papers on Monday night at TRB.

Tim Lomax has been appointed Chair of the National Transportation Data Requirements and Programming Committee.

Phillip Reeder has been appointed to the TRB Special Committee for Travel Forecasting Resources. This special committee is different from “normal” TRB standing committees. With funding from FHWA and FTA, TRB, with the assistance of the Special Committee, will develop and maintain a web-based travel forecasting resource.

Ginger Goodin has been selected for the 2010 Class of Leadership Texas.

Staff Activities


Bill Eisele presented two papers, Incorporating Driveway Density into an Arterial Corridor Travel Time Index Estimating Model (coauthors Yunlong Zhang, Eun Sug Park, Rachel Stensrud) and Conceptual Framework and Trucking Application to Estimate the Impact of Congestion on Freight (co-author David Schrank).

Shawn Turner chaired the Pedestrians Committee meeting. Shawn moderated the Improving Pedestrian Safety poster session and the podium session, Innovative Management and Applications of Archived ITS Data. He gave a presentation, Overview of Issues and Challenges with Pedestrian and Bicyclist Data.

Katie Turnbull chaired the Planning and Environmental Group meeting and moderated the Transportation in Mega-Regions session. She also presented the awards for the 2010 Competition on Communications with John and Jane Public

Scott Cooner gave a presentation on Safety Experience with Dallas HOV Lane Pylons and Shoulder Design.

Ginger Goodin chaired the HOV, HOT, and Managed Lanes Committee meeting. She moderated the Big Ideas — Make No Small Plans: Visions for Managed Lanes session. She co-authored two papers with Trey Baker.

Tim Lomax moderated the session, Options for Transportation Data: Non-Traditional Data Sources and chaired the Performance Measures for Management and Operations Subcommittee. He co-authored a paper with Sharada Vadali.

Trey Baker presented papers, Model for Projecting Revenues from a State Vehicle Miles Traveled Fee (co-authors Ginger Goodin and Mary Meyland) and Framework for Assessing Usage-Based Fee Program Requirements (co-author Ginger Goodin).

Sharada Vadali presented a paper, Transportation Finance: Public-Private partnerships, and Contingent Liabilities: Case Evidence from a Texas Value Venture (co-author, Rafael Aldrete) and Enabling Community Impact Assessment via Innovative Tools (co-author Tim Lomax).

Mohamadreza Farzaneh and Joe Zietsman co-authored and presented papers, Field Evaluation of Carbon Dioxide Emissions at High Speeds (co-author Bill Schneider ) and Evaluation of In-Use Emissions from Old Improved Light-Duty Vehicles.

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**Staff Activities, Continued**


Ming-Han Li, presented a paper, *Stabilizing Stream-Bridge Crossings with Soil Bioengineering Techniques: Texas Department of Transportation Demonstration Project* (co-author, Jett McFalls).

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**Years of Service**

The following SPP&Eers reached special anniversaries with TTI:

**December 2009**
Jeff Borowiec — 15 Years  
Ginger Goodin — 15 Years  
David Pearson — 20 Years

**January 2010**
Bill Eisele — 15 Years

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**Calendar of Events**

**March 18-19 — Spring Break**
MARCH 26 — DEDICATION OF THE TTI STATE HEADQUARTERS AND RESEARCH BUILDING

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**Birthdays**

**February**
Jeff Arndt  2/2  
Tammy Pietrucha  2/16  
Fannie Davila  2/19  
Bryan Keene  2/21  
Susan Adams  2/28  
Nick Vierus  2/28

**March**
Trey Baker  3/3  
Suzie Edrington  3/7  
Steve Farnsworth  3/10  
David Schrank  3/13  
Mary Levien  3/13  
Lauren Geng  3/23