Message from the Associate Director

A special thanks to everyone involved in the TxDOT RMC proposal development and submission process. The extra time and effort by RDO staff, researchers, and support staff is both recognized and greatly appreciated.

RDO processed the submission of 64 proposals. Susan Adams, Nancy Stratta, Mary Levien, Erlinda Olivarez, Joanna Rakes, Denise Pineda, and Toni Carelock did a great job, especially given the large number of proposals and the tight schedule.

SPP&E researchers and support staff also did a great job developing proposals. SPP&E researchers took the lead on 10 proposals. SPP&E researchers acting as RSs and Co-RSs include Ed Hard, Stephen Farnsworth, Brian Bochner, Joe Zietsman, Linda Cherrington, Patti Ellis, John Overman, Scott Cooner, Bill Stockton, and Ming-Han Li. Thanks to these researchers and the many other individuals who contributed to the proposals.

The TxDOT selection process should be completed in June, with universities notified in July. With this set of proposals in, it is time to start working on project statements for the FY 06 program.

Ongoing discussions with TxDOT personnel provide the best way to identify possible issues and topics for problem statements. The RMC meetings in June are also a good opportunity to talk with TxDOT staff. Please let me or the TTI RMC TAP’ers know if you have any ideas or questions on the project statements.

Thanks again to everyone involved in the TxDOT RMC proposal process!

Thanks!

Katie

SWUTC

FY 05 Project Idea Request

The request for project ideas from the Southwest Region University Transportation Center (SWUTC) research program has been issued. Project ideas should address the SWUTC theme of Transportation Solutions to Enhance Prosperity and the Quality of Life. The four focus areas are supporting economic growth and trade; enhancing mobility, accessibility, and efficiency; promoting safety and a safe environment; and developing the transportation workforce. Please check the Website at http://swutc.tamu.edu/ProjectSelection.html for more information.

Project ideas are due to Tim Lomax by Friday, May 28th.
**Staff Activities**

Jeff Borowiec participated in the Annual Conference of the South Central Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives in Corpus Christi on March 29. Jeff gave a presentation on Revenue Opportunities at General Aviation Airports in Texas at a session on Maximizing Airport Revenues.

Brian Bochner gave a presentation and participated in committee meetings at the Spring ITE Technical Conference in Irvine, California, March 29-31. Brian’s presentation was on Design of Intersections for Smart Growth.

**Correction**

The information on the number of proposals for the Safety Center grants in last month’s newsletter came from the memo issued by the Center. The number of proposals submitted by researchers from the SPP&E should have been four, not two.

**Annual TAPSS Conference**

The Texas A&M University Association of Professional Support (TAPSS) will be holding their 14th Annual Support Staff Conference on June 11th on the Texas A&M University Campus. The theme for this year’s conference is “Soaring to New Heights.” The keynote speaker will be Dr. Rick Rigsby. If you are interested in attending the conference please let your program manager know.

**Birthdays**

**April**

- John Wikander 4/2
- Aruna Nathu 4/8
- Tim Forrest 4/13
- Sung Ho Chang 4/16
- David Ellis 4/20
- Robin Rabinowitz 4/22
- Bonnie Duke 4/24
- Charles Bell 4/25

**May**

- Kevin Hall 5/5
- Mark Middleton 5/6
- Cliff Spiegelman 5/15
- Montie Wade 5/20
- Diana Wallace 5/30