MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

A special thanks goes to the RDO staff – Susan Adams, Mary Levine, Jason Malnar, Toni Carelock, Erlinda Olivarez, Denise Pineda, Nancy Stratta, and Shannon Tipton – for the great job they did processing 62 TxDOT RMC proposals in March! In addition, RDO’ers kept up with their regular workload.

Thanks also goes to the researchers writing the proposals and others participating in brainstorming sessions, providing ideas, and reviewing drafts.

With this round of RMC proposals in, it is now time to start thinking about project statements for the FY 06 program, which will be due to TxDOT in August.

As in the past, project statements will be submitted through the TTI RMC TAP members. TxDOT staff can also submit project statements.

While there is no best way to develop good project statements, working with your TxDOT contacts to identify their key issues and problems is a good way to start. Building on current research projects and national research efforts is another good approach.

More information will be coming soon on the project statement process.

Thanks,

Katie

RMC Meeting Schedule

TxDOT has provided the following schedule for the June RMC meetings at the Lion Hotel in Austin. More information will be coming on the agendas for each RMC.

RMC 1 – Wednesday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, June 9, 8:00 a.m.

RMC 2 – Monday, June 6, 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 7, 8:00 a.m.

RMC 3 – Wednesday, June 8, 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 9, 8:00 a.m.

RMC 4 – Monday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, June 7, 8:00 a.m.

RMC 5 – Monday, June 6, 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 7, 8:00 a.m.
Staff Activities

The following SPP&Eer’s presented papers at the ITE 2005 Technical Conference and Exhibit held February 27 – March 2 in Las Vegas.

Scott Cooner – Using Photogrammetry for Expediting Incident Clearance.


Tim Lomax gave a presentation on Communicating Mobility and Reliability Information at the Louisiana Planning Council Annual Statewide Conference, March 9-11.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 1 – ALL SPP&E DAY, WACO, TX
JUNE 6–9 – RMC MEETINGS, AUSTIN, TX
JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

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
Jett McFalls 4/30

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

Departures

Claire Fazio, Urban Analysis Program, has taken a job with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. Claire will be greatly missed, but we wish her the best of luck with her new position, which fits with her work towards an MBA.