Message from the
Associate Director

Two additional changes are occurring in the SPP&E management structure. These changes will continue to help position TTI at the forefront of transportation research.

Linda Cherrington has joined TTI as the Program Manager of the new Transit Mobility Program. Linda has an extensive background in transit planning and operations, policy analysis, and public involvement.

Linda will be working out of TTI’s Offices in Galveston and Houston. Initially, she will be assisting on the Houston QuickRide project and the study examining the effects of increased development inside the I-610 Loop. She will be working with current and potential sponsors to develop a long-term transit research program.

With the retirement of Gordon Shunk at the end of August, Montie Wade will become the Program Manager for the Urban Analysis Program in the Arlington Office. Montie has been with TTI for 11 years, following a distinguished career with TxDOT. The Urban Analysis Program provides support to TxDOT’s TP&P Division. It also conducts research on topics including access management, air quality, and statewide planning.

Please join me in welcoming Linda to TTI and the SPP&E and congratulating Montie on his new responsibilities as Program Manager.

Thanks!
Katie

TTI Service Pins

The following SPP&E’ers recently received TTI service pins.

Stephen Ranft – 20 Years
Susan Adams – 15 Years
David Schrank – 15 Years
Laura Higgins – 10 Years
Pam Rowe – 10 Years

Congratulations Stephen, Susan, David, Laura, and Pam!

Welcome

Mary Hewitt has joined the Transportation Planning Program as an Office Associate. Mary replaces Ethel Bunton, who will be retiring this month. Mary has a B.A. in Accounting/Business Administration from University of Texas, San Antonio. Prior to joining TTI, Mary worked for the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

Linda Cherrington has joined TTI as a Program Manager in the newly established Transit Mobility Program. Linda joins TTI after running her own consulting firm, LKC, Inc., for 17 years. She also worked for Houston METRO for 10 years. Linda has a B.A. in Political Science from Rice University and a Masters of Public Affairs and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Texas, Austin.

Derrold Foster joined the Environmental Management Program in July as a Research Associate. Derrold is the on-site manager of the Program’s Riverside Facility. Derrold has a B.A. from TAMU in Political Science, with a minor in Agricultural Economics. He has nine years experience with the TAMU Food Protein Research and Development Center.

Welcome Mary, Derrold, and Linda!
Staff Activities

Harlow Landphair participated in the TRB Mid-Year Workshop for Partnership for Environmentally Sensitive Transportation in Wilmington, North Carolina, July 16-17. Harlow spoke at the opening session, presented a paper, Safety Performance of Urban Freeways and U.S. Urban Parkways, and chaired the mid-year meeting of the TRB Committee on Landscape and Environmental Design.

The following SPP&E researchers presented papers at the TRB 2nd Urban Street Symposium in Anaheim, California July 28-30.

Harlow Landphair – Comparison of Safety Performance of Urban Streets Before and After Landscape Improvements.

Bill Frawley – Grand Avenue in Odessa, Texas: A Downtown Streetscape Success.

Bill Frawley and Bill Eisele – Implementing a Program for Access Management in Texas: Lessons Learned.

Scott Cooner – Traffic Operations and Safety at Schools: Review of Existing Guidelines

Bill Eisele also moderated a session on Intersections.

Ming Han-Li attended the 2003 American Society of Agriculture Engineers Annual International meeting in Las Vegas July 27-30. He presented two papers, Refrigerating Woody Cuttings Helps Extend Plant Dormancy and Comparison of Field and Laboratory Experiment Test Results for Erosion Control Products. He was also elected as a member of the Erosion Control Group Committee and the Pollution by Sediment Committee.

2003 All TTI Day

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 11 for All TTI Day 2003! Volunteers are needed to help with all parts of planning the day. Please let Katie Turnbull know if you are interested in helping.

FY 04 Holidays

The following holiday schedule has been approved by the Board of Regents for FY 2004.

Thanksgiving – November 27-28
Christmas-New Years – December 24 - January 2
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19
Spring Break – March 18-19
Memorial Day – May 31

Calendar

August 11 – SPP&E Retirement Reception, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Gilchrist Bldg., Rm 102
October 13-15 – 2003 Transportation Short Course, College Station, TX
November 3-6 – Fall RMC Meetings, Austin, TX
November 27-28 – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 11 – All TTI Day, Brazos Center, College Station, TX

Birthdays

August
Claire Roth 8/7
Robert McLain 8/15
Ming Han Li 8/16
Craig Shuppee 8/16
Jeremy Snow 8/20
Ed Sepulvada 8/23
Jeff Borowiec 8/28
Mike Martello 8/29
Marty Boardman 8/30

September
Ginger Goodin 9/7
Nester Mendoza 9/8
Nancy Stratta 9/8
Fernando Rodriguez 9/9
Melissa Quatmann 9/9
Joe Zietsman 9/16
Scott Cooner 9/20
Sterling Robertson 9/20
Jim Benson 9/24
Todd Carlson 9/26
Laura Higgins 9/28