The busy pace of the summer (and the heat) continued through August! Thanks to everyone for your extra efforts completing TxDOT reports, getting TxDOT IACs signed and ready to go in September, and working on proposals.

As noted in the newsletter, congratulations to Stacey Bricka, Joe Zietsman, and Matt Sandidge for their recent appointments to TRB leadership positions, and to Nick Norboge for his selection to author the annual William P. Eno Paper. Congratulations also go to Inek Sener, Linda Cherrington, and the Urban Mobility team. And, please join me in a big Howdy welcome to Phil Lasley.

A special thanks goes to Ginger Goodin, who has served as one of the TTI TAP 2 representatives for six years. Ginger, along with Patti Ellis, has coordinated problem statements and other input from TTI staff to RMC 2. Karen Lorenzini has taken Ginger’s place on the RMC 2 TAP.

I hope you have had the opportunity to meet Lauren Othold, the new Development Specialist in Human Resources. Lauren is working on a variety of training and professional development activities. For example, she is working with Joe and other Division Heads and Communications staff on a report writing workshop.

Lauren is also organizing sessions on “Funding Opportunities in a Troubled Economy — Proposal Logic: How to Begin Proposal Development” on September 15 and September 20. I am looking forward to attending the workshop and I hope you will be able to participate.

Lauren is taking over organizing the Research Development Seminars, which were initiated in 2007 to foster sponsor diversification, encourage communication, and enhance coordination. A total of 33 seminars have been held since 2007 on a wide range of topics.

Please let Lauren know if you have any suggestions for future Research Development Seminars, professional development sessions, or training activities. I hope you will take advantage of the upcoming workshops and sessions.

Thanks!

Katie
Ipek Sener had a paper, “When, Where, How Long, and with Whom are Individuals Participating in Physically Active Recreational Episodes?” published in the Transportation Letters: The International Journal of Transportation Research. Co-authors on the paper were Chandra Bhat, University of Texas at Austin, and Ram Pendyala, Arizona State University.

Linda Cherrington spoke at the Transportation Innovation Series hosted by the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) at the U.S. DOT Building in Washington, D.C. on August 17. Linda’s presentation was on Challenges and Opportunities for Transit in Rural America.

Karen Lorenzini is a new TTI representative on the TxDOT RMC 2 Technical Advisory Panel (TAP). Karen takes over for Ginger Goodin, who has served for six years on the TAP and also helped coordinate the problem statements.

Phil Lasley has joined the Mobility Analysis Program as an Assistant Transportation Researcher. Phil received his Masters of Urban Planning (MUP), with a Certificate in Transportation, from Texas A&M University in August. He was the recipient of the AICP Outstanding Student Award. Phil has a B.S. in International Business from Oral Roberts University. He worked as the Special Project Assistant to the Afghanistan Information Management Services in Kabul as part of the United Nations Development Program and as a Graduate Aviation Planning Intern for the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. He is working on the Rider 42 project and assisting with other studies.

Urban Mobility Report
TTI Hubert H. Richardson Team Award Winners

The Urban Mobility Report team was recognized at a luncheon on August 30.

Front Row from Left: Bernie Fette, Tobey Lindsey, Sherie Ruter, Michelle Hoelscher, David Schrank, Shawn Turner, Michelle Young, Lauren Geng, and Justin Malnar.

Back Row from Left: Richard Cole, Mary Leven, Cliff Spiegelman, Tim Lomax, Dennis Christiansen, and Rick Davenport.

Photo by Jim Lyles
Stacey Bricka has been appointed chair of the TRB Task Force on Understanding New Directions for the Future of the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS). The new Task Force will organize sessions and workshops on the proposed survey modifications and explore potential impacts on various transportation data user communities.

Nick Norboge was selected by the Eno Board of Directors to author the annual William P. Eno paper. Nick’s paper will focus on establishing a methodology that will develop the process for determining the economic impacts associated with transportation. The paper competition is open to all attendees of Eno’s yearly Leadership Development Conference (LDC), which Nick attended in June. Nick will be awarded a $1,000 stipend and will present his paper at the 2012 LDC in Washington.

Joe Zietsman has been appointed chair of the TRB Transportation and Sustainability Committee. Joe has been a member of the committee, which focuses on how transportation can contribute to achieving sustainability for economic growth, social equity, and a healthy environment.

Matt Sandidge has been appointed to the new TRB Young Members Council. The Young Members Council will assist the Technical Activities Council (TAC) on enhancing the involvement or younger professionals in committee activities, the annual meeting, and other efforts. Matt is one of the two young members representing the Public Transportation Group.

Congratulations!
Calendar of Events

TRANSPORTATION SHORT COURSE, BRAZOS COUNTY EXPO CENTER, BRYAN — OCTOBER 11-12
THANKSGIVING — NOVEMBER 24-25,
CHRISTMAS-NEW YEARS — DECEMBER 23-30

Years of Service

Casey Dusza — 10 Years
Juan Villa — 10 Years

New Arrival

Casey Dusza, her husband Eric, welcomed their second child on August 10th. Dillon Harris Dusza weighted 8 lbs, 15 ozs. and was 21¼ inches long. Congratulations Casey and Eric!

September
Ginger Goodin 9/7
Joe Zietsman 9/16
Jimmie Benson 9/24
Todd Carlson 9/26
Phillip Lasley 9/30
Nick Norboge 9/30

October
Phillip Reeder 10/3
Ed Hard 10/11
Katie Turnbull 10/15
Patti Ellis 10/15
Janelle Turner 10/17
David Pearson 10/21
Bill Eisele 10/26