MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

All TTI Day 2004 is rapidly approaching. Wednesday, December 8th is the date, 9:00 a.m. is the time, and the Brazos Center is the place!

Nancy Stratta and the Planning Committee are doing a great job of organizing a fun, exciting, and informative day. The theme is Teamwork for Transportation Innovation. In addition to presentations by TTI staff, Jim Olson from the Bush School will talk about his experiences at the CIA.

Of course, the TTI staff awards will be presented and there will be updates on TTI activities. Be prepared for some unique views of TTI employees at work and play!

To ensure you can make it through the day, kolaches, donuts, and caffeinated and non-caffeinated beverages will be available in the morning. Lunch will be catered by Outback, so save room for grilled chicken, steak, pasta, salad, and cheesecake.

Yes, there will be cool (hint-hint) giveaways for all staff and drawings for some neat-o-keen prizes throughout the day.

A TTI pick-up truck will once again be serving double duty as Santa’s sled. Please be sure to bring a toy – or two or three – to help brighten the holidays for kids being assisted by Child Protective Services.

What more could you ask for? Well, how about being able to visit with TTI’ers you don’t see on a regular basis, learning some new things about TTI activities, and just having fun!

See you on the 8th!

Thanks!

Katie

Happy Thanksgiving
Staff Activities

Jason Crawford has been certified as an official National Highway Institute (NHI) instructor. The certification is based on Jason’s previous participation in the NHI Instructor Development Course and his evaluations from instructing four sessions. Congratulations Jason!

Bill Stockton gave a presentation on the Development of a Toll Viability Screening Tool project at the TxDOT RMC 2 meeting in Austin during the first week of November. Other SPP&E researchers and RDO staff participated in RMC 2, 3, and 4 meetings.

Bill Stockton has been appointed to the TRB Taxation and Finance Committee. Katie Turnbull has been reappointed to the TRB Transit IDEA Panel.


Robin Rabinowitz and Shawn Turner are serving on the new Texas A&M University Bicycle System Task Force.

The SWUTC bicycle project that Robin and Debbie Spillane are working on was noted in the Regional Briefs Section of the November 16 edition of the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

Birthdays

December
Jason Crawford 12/5
Erlinda Snodgrass 12/5
Joan Hudson 12/9
Poonam Wiles 12/17
David Staas 2/21
John Overman 12/23
Grant Fisher 12/29
Kimberley May 12/30
Heather Ford 12/30
Juan Carlos Villa 12/30

January
Denise Pineda 1/3
Lisa Day 1/6
Bill Frawley 1/9
Brian Bohner 1/11
Sharada Vadali 1/18
Carol Court 1/21
Evelyn Pilgrim 1/21
Pam Rowe 1/24
Harlow Landphair 1/25
Jim Schutt 1/26
Stephen Ranft 1/30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 8 – TTI DAY, BRAZOS CENTER, COLLEGE STATION, TX
DECEMBER 24-31 – WINTER HOLIDAY
JANUARY 9-13, 2005 – TRB ANNUAL MEETING, WASHINGTON, D.C.
JANUARY 17, 2005 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY
FEBRUARY 3-5, 2005 – TEXITE WINTER MEETING, WACO
MARCH 18, 2005 – SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY