As Dennis Christiansen mentioned in his February 21 Director Q&A and described in his recent e-mails, TTI is beginning to implement changes in the organizational structure based on recommendations from the TAMU Mays School of Business. The SPP&E — make that the PP&E — is among the groups making changes.

Effective April 1, the PP&E will be organized into three divisions — Environmental and Air Quality, Mobility, and Planning. Joe Zietsman, Shawn Turner, and Ginger Goodin are being promoted to head these divisions.

To better coordinate projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the System Management Operations Program in the Arlington Office headed by Scott Cooner will move to the TOG. Jason Crawford, currently Program Manager of the Urban Analysis Program, will also move to the TOG as Program Manager for the North Texas Region. Bill Frawley is being promoted to the new Program Manager of the Urban Analysis Program.

While we may make some minor changes in program titles, the new PP&E divisions and programs are noted below:

**Environment and Air Quality Division** – Joe Zietsman
- Air Quality Analysis – Joe Zietsman
- Environmental Management – Beverly Storey
- Transportation Modeling – Dennis Perkinson

**Mobility Division**, Shawn Turner
- Mobility Analysis – Shawn Turner
- Transit Mobility – Linda Cherrington
- Urban Analysis – Bill Frawley

**Planning Division**, Ginger Goodin
- Austin Liaison Office – Ginger Goodin
- Travel Forecasting – Phillip Reeder
- Transportation Planning – Ed Hard

The Research Development Office and Juan Villa, Mexico City, continue to be in the PP&E.

These changes enhance the strengths and capabilities of the PP&E. The new structure also provides opportunities for new initiatives and future growth, while maintaining superior support to current sponsors and research areas. It also provides additional opportunities for career and leadership growth within the PP&E.

I am excited as we move forward with the new organizational structure. We will maintain ongoing communication and coordination through quarterly meetings with PP&E Division Heads and Program Managers. I will meet monthly with Division Heads and Division Heads will meet monthly with their Program Managers.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the new PP&E organization.

Thanks!

Katie

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Staff Activities

**Juan Villa** participated in the Greening Transportation at the Border Workshop held in San Diego on February 23-24. Juan spoke on *Sustainable Freight in North America* with Ben Teitelbaum from the Commission on Environmental Cooperation. He also gave a presentation on *US/Mexico Border Wait-times Studies* with Esther Hitzfelder from TXDOT. Steve Roop also gave a presentation at the workshop on the Freight Shuttle.

**Joe Zietsman** and **Tara Ramani** helped organize and participated in the Indo-U.S. Workshop on Transportation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions held in New Delhi, India February 10-11. TTI co-sponsored the workshop, along with the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) in New Delhi and the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum. Joe participated in the opening session, providing an overview of the U.S. perspective on transportation and greenhouse gas emissions. He also gave a presentation on Good Data for Informed Decision Making, and facilitated the closing discussion. Tara gave a presentation on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs and Strategies.

**Suzie Edrington** (pictured front row, 4th from the left) was recognized as the University Transportation Center (UTCM) Outstanding Student of the Year at the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) banquet on January 22. The 20th Annual University Transportation Centers Outstanding Student of the Year Awards were presented at the Transportation Research Board Annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations, Suzie!
Years of Service

The following PP&Eer will celebrate a special anniversary with TTI this month:
Marty Boardman — 10 Years

Calendar of Events

MARCH 18 — SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY
APRIL 13 — SUPPORT STAFF DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
APRIL 27 — ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS’ DAY
MAY 3 — TTI EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER, TBD
MAY 4 — ALL TTI DAY, EXPO CENTER, BRYAN
MAY 30 — MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
JULY 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Congratulations!

Brianne Glover, Mobility Analysis Program, has been promoted to an Associate Research Scientist.
Congratulations, Brianne!

March
Trey Baker 3/3
Suzie Edrington 3/7
Steve Farnsworth 3/10
David Schrank 3/13
Mary Levien 3/13
Lauren Geng 3/23

April
John Wikander 4/2
Reza Farzaneh 4/10
Jennifer Franklin 4/11
Sung Ho Chang 4/16
Yatin Rathod 4/16
David Ellis 4/20
Bonnie Duke 4/24
Jesus Palomo 4/26
Jett McFalls 4/30