This column is much different from the one I started to write at the beginning of the month. The focus changed Sunday morning, February 6th, when I learned Cynthia Lowery has passed away.

Cynthia was a very special and remarkable person. She was always looking to learn more, take on new responsibilities, and help others.

She began her career with TAMU Custodial Services. Cynthia joined the TTI support staff in May 1992.

Not content to stop there — she went to Blinn College and earned a Certificate in Information Technology in 2004 and an Associate Degree in Information Technology in 2005.

Cynthia was key member of the Environmental Management Program. She was responsible for numerous activities associated with the Hydraulics, Sedimentation and Erosion Control Laboratory (HSECL), including reserving tests, handling billings and payments, and handling all the arrangements for the multi-state Pooled Fund Study Project and other tours of the Facility.

Cynthia did an outstanding job with all her responsibilities. She was well liked by everyone within TTI and received numerous compliments from sponsors, vendors, and co-workers. She was awarded the TTI Division Administrative Support Award in 2007.

Please join me in remembering Cynthia and give an extra hug to family members, co-workers, and friends and remind them how special life is.

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Ipek Senek had a paper entitled “A Copula-Based Sample Selection Model of Telecommuting Choice and Frequency” published in the Environmental and Planning A. She was also the primary author on a paper, *On Jointly Analyzing the Physical Activity Participation Levels of Individuals in a Family Unit Using a Multivariate Copula Framework*, published in the Journal of Choice Modeling. Ipek was the primary author, her co-authors were Naveen Eluru and Chandra R Bhat.

The SPP&E was well represented at the TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., January 23-28, 2011.

Trey Baker presented a paper *Exploratory Study: Vehicle Mileage Fees in Texas* and co-authored two papers, *Reaction to Value Pricing by Different Suburban Populations* and *Findings from the National Symposium on Mileage-Based User Fees* (co-author Ginger Goodin).

Stacey Bricka presented two papers, *Regional Travel Surveys and Analysis of Factors Influencing Differences in Survey-Reported and GPS-Recorded Trips*. She also moderated the session *Modeling Discretely: The Latest in Discrete Choice Modeling*.

Linda Cherrington presented and co-authored the paper *Development of the TCRP G-11 Transit Agency Peer-Grouping Methodology* (co-authored with Jeff Arndt).

Bill Eisele co-authored and presented the papers *Developing and Applying Arterial Corridor Travel Time Index Estimation Models for Transportation Planning in Small to Medium-Sized Communities* (co-author Eun Sug Park), *Evaluating the Michigan Access Management Program: Findings and Lessons Learned* (co-author Bill Frawley), and co-authored *Developing and Applying Fluidity Performance Indicators in Canada to Evaluate International and Multimodal Freight System Efficiency* (co-authors Juan Villa, David Schrank, and Tim Lomax).


Reza Farzaneh presented and co-authored a paper *Corridor-Level Air Quality Analysis of Freight Movement: North American Case Study* (co-authors Juan Villa, and Joe Zietsman) and co-authored a paper *Characterization of On-Road Emissions of Compressed Natural Gas and Diesel Refuse Trucks* (co-authors Joe Zietsman, Doh-Won Lee, and Jeremy Johnson.)

Tina Geiselbrecht presented and co-authored the papers, *Predetermining Performance Based Measures of Managed Lanes* (co-authors Mark Burris and Ginger Goodin), *Obtaining Public Perceptions on Pavement Quality and Mobility: Focus Group Approach* (co-authors Tim Lomax and Joan Hudson), and *Predetermining Performance-Based Measures for Managed Lanes* (co-authors Mark Burris and Ginger Goodin).

Ginger Goodin chaired the HOV, HOT, and Managed Lanes Committee meeting. She moderated the *Road Pricing and Managed Lane Showcase: Lesson from Projects and Case Studies* session, presented and co-authored the papers, *Reaction to Value Pricing by Different Suburban Populations and Findings from the National Symposium on Mileage-Based User Fees* (co-authors Mark Burris and Tina Geiselbrecht), and *Predetermining Performance-Based Measures for Managed Lanes* (co-authors Mark Burris and Tina Geiselbrecht). She also gave a presentation on Enforcement Challenges at the Sunday Managed Lanes Workshop.

Ed Hard moderated the *Current and Emerging Practice in Collecting and Estimating External Travel Workshop* on Sunday.

Joan Hudson presented and co-authored a paper *Obtaining Public Perceptions on Pavement Quality and Mobility: Focus Group Approach* (co-authors Tim Lomax and Tina Geiselbrecht).

Doh-Won Lee presented and co-authored a paper *Characterization of On-Road Emissions of Compressed Natural Gas and Diesel Refuse Trucks* (co-authors Joe Zietsman, Mohamadreza Farzaneh, and Jeremy Johnson).


Teresa Qu presented and co-authored the paper *The Worst Are Always the Worst: Why Congestion Threshold Speeds Don’t Matter as a Decision-Making Input* (co-author Tim Lomax).


Matt Sandidge presented a paper, *Achieving Sustainability Goals Through University-Transit Partnerships*.


Katie Turnbull, chaired the New Chair Orientation, the Planning and Environment Group Young Member Council, and the Planning and Environment Group Executive Board meetings. She organized and moderated the session *Mega-Makeover: Tyson’s Corner — From Edge City to Smart Growth*. Katie presented the John and Jane Q. Public Communication Contest Awards.

Shawn Turner gave a presentation on *Benefactors: TTI Experience with Private-Sector Speed Data for Performance Monitoring* at a Sunday workshop. He gave presentations on *Bicycle and Pedestrian Data, Research on Transportation for Livable Communities, and Network Stratification Method to Classify Links by Travel Time Variation*. He chaired the Pedestrians Committee meeting.

Juan Villa gave a presentation on *Truck Transportation at the U.S./Mexico Border: Trade Facilitation Implications* at a Sunday workshop. He co-authored papers *Developing and Applying Fluidity Performance Indicators in Canada to Evaluate International and Multimodal Freight System Efficiency* (co-authors Bill Eisele, David Schrank, and Tim Lomax), *Deployment of Radio Frequency Identification System on U.S.-Mexico Boarder to Measure Crossing Times of Commercial Vehicles and Corridor-Level Air Quality Analysis of Freight Movement: North American Case Study* (co-authors Mohamadreza Farzaneh, and Joe Zietsman), and *Freight Transportation and Greenhouse Gases in North America* (co-author Annie Protopapas).

Joe Zietsman co-authored a paper *Landfill Gas as a Fuel Source for Refuse Trucks: Study of Economic Feasibility*, co-authored the paper *A Generally Applicable Sustainability Assessment Framework for Transportation Agencies* (co-author Tara Ramani), and moderated the session *How Do We Measure Livability and Sustainability*. He also co-authored the papers *Characterization of On-Road Emissions of Compressed Natural Gas and Diesel Refuse Trucks* (co-authors Jeremy Johnson, Reza Farzaneh, and Doh-Won Lee) and *Corridor-Level Air Quality Analysis of Freight Movement: North American Case Study* (co-authors Mohamadreza Farzaneh, and Juan Villa).

The following SPP&Eer’s contributed to papers, but did not attend the Annual Meeting.

Jeremy Johnson co-authored a paper *Characterization of On-Road Emissions of Compressed Natural Gas and Diesel Refuse Trucks* (co-authors Joe Zietsman, Reza Farzaneh, and Doh-Won Lee).

Tim Lomax co-authored the papers *Obtaining Public Perceptions on pavement Quality and Mobility: Focus Group Approach* (co-authors Tina Geiselbrecht and Joan Hudson), co-authored *Developing and Applying Fluidity Performance Indicators in Canada to Evaluate International and Multimodal Freight System Efficiency* (co-authors Bill Eisele, David Schrank, and Juan Villa), and *The Worst Are Always the Worst: Why Congestion Threshold Speeds Don’t Matter as a Decision-Making Input* (co-author Teresa Qu).

Eun Sug Park co-authored the papers, *Guidelines for Spacing Between Freeway Ramps* (co-authors Kay Fitzpatrick, Geza Pesti, and Chi-Leung Chu), *Developing and Applying Arterial Corridor Travel Time Index Estimation Models for Transportation Planning in Small to Medium-Sized Communities* (co-author Bill Eisele), and *Detection Distances to Crosswalk Markings: Transverse, Continental, and Bar Pairs* (co-authors Kay Fitzpatrick, Susan Chrysler, Vichika Iragavarapu).

David Schrank co-authored *Developing and Applying Fluidity Performance Indicators in Canada to Evaluate International and Multimodal Freight System Efficiency* (co-authors Bill Eisele, Juan Villa, and Tim Lomax).

The following SPP&Eers will celebrate a special anniversary with TTI this month:

Eun Sug Park — 10 Years

**Calendar of Events**

**MARCH 18 — SPRING BREAK**

**MAY 4 — ALL TTI DAY**

**JULY 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

**February**

Karen Lorenzini 2/7
Tammy Pietrucha 2/16
Fannie Davila 2/19
Susan Adams 2/28

**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