Message from the Associate Director

A subgroup of the TTI management team is reviewing TTI’s Internet site and considering possible enhancements to maximize its use as an effective communication tool. We started this effort by discussing the audiences and the purposes the Internet site should serve. Your thoughts and ideas are needed to help with this process.

A number of audiences for the TTI Web Site were identified. These user groups included current sponsors, potential sponsors, transportation professionals, elected officials and their staff, the media, potential employees, students, conference attendees, the general public, and regulatory compliance entities.

The following purposes or uses of the site were also identified.

- Define and highlight TTI – communicate who/what we are, areas of expertise and research capabilities, state service, and promote capabilities with existing and new sponsors.
- Serve as resource by providing research results and publications, providing a tool to find TTI researchers and expertise, and transfer technology.
- Provide project management/support for researchers to highlight projects and areas of expertise.
- Meet government mandated requirements.
- Conference registration.

The group is reviewing how well the current site serves these audiences and purposes. Possible redesigns and enhancements are being discussed.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or ideas on TTI’s Internet site and ways to enhance its use as an effective communications tool.

Thanks!

Katie

SWUTC FY 03 Projects Selected

The TAMU SWUTC Executive Committee has completed selection of the FY 03 research projects. The following SPP&E researchers had proposals selected for FY 03.

Bill Eisele, Larry Rillett, and Bill Frawley – Quantifying Access Management Performance Measures and Incorporating Them Into the Transportation Planning Process

Juan-Carlos Villa – Framework for the Development of US/Mexico Driver and Vehicle Databases

Harlow Landphair and Shawn Turner – Correlates of Environmental Constructs

and Perceived Safety in Pedestrian Corridors Adjacent to Urban Streets

RMC FY 03 Projects

TxDOT has released the preliminary selection of universities on FY 03 RMC research projects. The ROC will be taking formal action on the selections on July 2. SPP&E researchers took the lead on developing the following proposals on the preliminary selection list.

SPP&E researchers also helped with other selected projects.

Ed Hard – TxDOT Involvement in the Local Development Process

Katie Turnbull – Guidelines for TxDOT - Regional Tollway Authority Cooperation

David Pearson – A Comprehensive Commodity/Freight Movement Model for Texas

Brian Bochner – Innovative Transportation Financing for the Future

Jim Schutt – Minimizing Impacts to Existing Vegetation and Sensitive Landforms During Roadway Construction

Harlow Landphair – Alternatives to In-Kind Wetland Mitigation in Texas (or Evaluation of Wetland Mitigation for TXDOT)

Scott Cothran – Safety Evaluation of HOV Lane Design Elements

Scott Cooner – Development and Testing of Effective Countermeasures for
Wrong-Way Movement on Freeways

Harlow Landphair, David Pearson, and Katie Turnbull gave presentations on research projects at the TxDOT RMC meetings in San Antonio.

Cynthia Lowery received her 10 year TTI pin this month. Congratulations Cynthia!

Claire Roth participated in the 2002 Power Pipeline Seminar sponsored by the Foundation for Women’s Resources. Claire spent the weekend of June 28-30 learning leadership skills, goal setting, and development for emerging women leaders.

Bill Eisele gave presentations on Design Issues Regarding Managed HOV Lanes and Raised Medians - An Update on Research at the 2002 Annual meeting of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Design, June 14 in Savannah, Georgia.

2002 TAPSS Conference

Pam Rowe, Toni Carelock, Ethel Bunton, Nancy Stratta, Heather Ford, and Bonnie Duke attended the 12th Annual Texas A&M Association of Professional Support Staff (TAPSS) Conference held in College Station on June 21. The theme of the conference this year was “Creating an Opportunity for Victory.” The conference offered a variety of workshop sessions geared toward the interests of support staff including, estate planning, time management, stress management, and management and change.

Calendar

August 4-7 – ITE Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

September 5 – All SPP&E Meeting, Texas Ranger Museum, Waco

October 22-23 – TxDOT Transportation Conference, College Station

Birthdays

July
Juliani Nasution 7/8
Omega Bean 7/2
Juliani Nasution 7/8
Shawn Turner 7/15
Cynthia Lowery 7/20
Casey Toyden 7/22
Doug Skowronek 7/24
Tim Lomax 7/25
Gary Lobough 7/26
Korey Curtis 7/26

Staff Activities

A number of SPP&E staff participated in the Texas Transportation Planning Conference in San Antonio, June 4-7. Tim Lomax gave a presentation on the Urban Mobility Study. Bill Frawley spoke on the proposed access management design guidelines, and Jason Crawford gave a presentation on mobile source emission reduction strategies.
P2 July 2002
Teresa Qu 7/30

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