MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The 2005 SPP&E meeting was a great success! A special thanks goes to Laura Higgins, and members of the Planning Committee – Pam Rowe, Mark Ojah, Jason Crawford, Debbie Spillane, Jennifer Barry, Bonnie Duke, Heather Ford, Aruna Nathu, and Justin Malnar – for the great job they did of organizing a fun and informative day.

If you were not able to attend, you will need to find out what color personality your co-workers are, and what the color means. I am blue, with a fair amount of red (Impatient-R-US) and a little green and yellow.

You will also need to find out the inner-secrets of SPP&Eer’s. Like, who has been to the Academy Awards, who is shy, who was an exchange student in Brazil, and who sometimes plays keyboard for an Elvis impersonator.

A congratulations and a thanks goes to everyone involved in the preparation of FY 06 RMC proposals. The SPP&E and TTI did well in RMC 2, 3, and 4. Thanks for the extra effort research supervisors, co-research supervisors, researchers, support staff, and RDO staff put into the proposals this year.

Thanks,
Katie
Staff Activities

The following SPP&Eer's gave presentations at the June TxDOT RMC meeting in Austin:

- **Ginger Goodin** – Case Study Analysis of Urban/Rural Area Toll Road Options
- **Ed Hard** – Design of External Survey Methodologies for High Volume Locations
- **Tim Lomax** – Implementing the Texas Congestion Index
- **Francisco Olivera** – GIS Status Storm Model Development
- **Scott Cooner** – Development of Guidelines for Ramp Reversal Projects

**Linda Cherrington** chaired a panel on Managing Congestion and Mobility at the Leadership Texas Session in Houston on June 14. **Tim Lomax** was one of the speakers on the panel, discussing the mobility index and methods to address traffic congestion.

**Pam Rowe**, **Toni Carelock**, **Cynthia Lowery**, **Christy Harris**, **Jennifer Barry**, **Heather Ford**, and **Bonnie Duke** attended the TTI Support Staff Retreat held at the Riverside Campus Chapel in College Station on June 1. Guest speakers were Dr. Kem Bennett, Vice Chancellor of Engineering for TAMUS and Diane Breeding of the Recreation Parks & Tourism Department at TAMU. Dr. Bennett’s presentation, *Nine Days at Ground Zero*, provided his personal experience with Texas Task Force One’s rescue efforts in New York City after 9/11. Diane Breeding’s presentation, *Texas Friendly on the Job*, offered tips on better communication in the workplace.

Calender of Events

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

October 11-12 – TxDOT Transportation Short Course, College Station,

**Birthdays**

**July**
- Shawn Turner 7/15
- Cynthia Lowery 7/20
- Casey Toyceen 7/22
- Tim Lomax 7/25
- Gary Lobough 7/26
- Korey Curtis 7/26
- John Willey 7/26
- Teresa Qu 7/30

**August**
- Marty Boardman 8/10
- Ming Han Li 8/16
- Craig Shupee 8/16
- Jeremy Snow 8/20
- Ed Sepulveda 8/23
- Jeff Borowiec 8/28
- Justin Malnar 8/28