Message from the Associate Director

Many people think that work slows down during the summer at TTI. As we all know, the reality seems to be just the opposite – the summer is often the busiest time of the year.

Data collection activities on many projects occur during the summer. TxDOT reports are due. TRB papers are due. TRB committee mid-year meetings and other conferences are being held. Proposals and reports for other sponsors have completion dates in the summer. And the list goes on.

Please remember a few key dates. Papers for consideration for presentation at the 2005 TRB Annual Meeting are due August 1. TRB continues to use an electronic paper submission process. A new TRB developed system will be used for the first time this year, however. Researchers planning to submit a paper may want to check out the new system on the TRB Website in late June or early July.

Reports on TxDOT RMC projects are due to TTI Communications no later than August 31. Getting reports in sooner is encouraged.

The formal request for project statements for the FY 06 TxDOT RMC program should occur in July and August. As in previous years, the submission of project statements from TTI will be coordinated through the TAP representatives.

More information on the FY 06 project statements process and schedule will be provided once official notification is received from TxDOT. As always, in addition to those officially transmitted from TTI, researchers can assist TxDOT staff in developing project statements.

Please let me or your Program Manager know if you have any questions on the TxDOT RMC report due dates or the project statement process. In addition to all the work activities, I hope you have a chance to also get a little time to enjoy the summer!

Thanks!

Katie
Staff Activities

Grant Fisher is working as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Austin Liaison Office this summer. Grant is in the Community and Regional Planning Masters Program at the University of Texas, Austin.

Bill Schneider has joined the Roadway Design Program in the Traffic Operations Group as an Assistant Research Scientist. Bill will also be working about 25% in the Center for Air Quality Studies. Bill holds a B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. all in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. Bill’s dissertation focused on analyzing the air quality impacts of different traffic management strategies used in the Borman Expressway (I-80/94) in Northwest Indiana, one of the heaviest truck routes in the country.

Welcome

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Linda Cherrington, Transit Mobility Program, spoke at the Annual Texas Transit Conference in El Paso on May 16-18. Linda’s presentation, Understanding Paratransit Costs, was part of a session on Managing Paratransit Costs.

Jeff Borowiec has been appointed to the TRB Aviation System Planning Committee.

The TRB HOV Committee took formal action at its mid-year meeting in June to establish a Joint Subcommittee on Managed Lanes. The committee elected Ginger Goodin to chair the new subcommittee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 1-4 – TxDOT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONFERENCE, HOUSTON
JUNE 7-8 – RMC MEETINGS (3, 4 &5), RED LION HOTEL, AUSTIN, TX
JUNE 9-10 – RMC MEETINGS (1 &2), RED LION HOTEL, AUSTIN, TX
JUNE 11 – TAPSS CONFERENCE, COLLEGE STATION, TX
AUGUST 1-4 – 2004 ITE ANNUAL MEETING, LAKE BUENA, FL

Birthdays

June
Beverly Storey 6/5
Derrold Foster 6/7
Darryl Puckett 6/16
Zack Graham 6/17
Mark Ojah 6/20
Boris Palchik 6/20
Ed Pultorak 6/30
Larry White 6/30

July
Omegia Bean 7/2
Shawn Turner 7/15
Cynthia Lowery 7/20
Casey Toycen 7/22
Tim Lomax 7/25
Gary Lobough 7/26
Korey Curtis 7/26
John Willey 7/26
Teresa Qu 7/30