Message from the Associate Director

There are only four months left in the TxDOT FY 02 research and IAC programs. Ensuring that projects are completed on time and to the sponsors’ satisfaction is critical to the ongoing success of PIs and TTI.

As always, reports and other deliverables on RMC projects are due to ITEC no later than August 31. ITEC will be ready to handle the extra work load, but early submission of deliverables is always appreciated.

Meeting these deadlines is important. TxDOT continues to monitor the submission of deliverables and notes PIs who are late. More importantly, research efforts are diminished when not completed on time.

Please let your Program Manager or me know if you have any concerns about meeting the report deadlines or if you need help.

Universities should be notified in July on the FY 03 RMC project selection process. The RMCs will be making final recommendations at their June meetings and the ROC meets in July to approve the overall program.

Thanks!
Katie

All SPP&E Meeting

Mark your calendars now for the All SPP&E meeting Thursday, September 5 at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Museum in Waco. The Planning Committee, chaired by Kimberly Phillips, is planning a fun and exciting day. Other members of the Committee include Robin Rabinowitz, Doug Skowronek, Jeff Borowiec, Claire Roth, Poonam Wiles, Scott Cooner, Scott Cothron, Gary Lobaugh, Christy Harris, and Carol Court.

Please contact Kimberly or any of the Committee members if you have ideas for the day. More information will be available soon!

SWUTC Appointment

Tim Lomax has been appointed the TAMU Associate Director for Research for the Southwest Region University Transportation Center (SWUTC). Tim will be responsible for the annual call for proposals. He will also help formulate SWUTC’s research agenda, provide guidance to researchers, and coordinate research activities with TSU and UT.

Late Breaking News

Tina Collier, Austin Liaison Office, was elected to the Cedar Park City Council. Tina received 54% of the vote in the May 4th election over the incumbent. She starts her duties immediately.

Congratulations Councilwoman Collier!
New Offices in Austin

The TTI Austin office has moved to a larger suite in the same building. The new offices are on the 3rd floor of the East Building of the Twin Towers Complex. The suite also has a conference room that is available for others in TTI to use, as well as temporary office space. Please contact Heather Ford at (512) 467-0946 to schedule the conference room or work space.

The new address is: Texas Transportation Institute, 106 Clayton Lane, Suite 300E, Austin, TX 78723. The phone and faxes numbers will remain the same.

Congratulations

Eric Lindquist, Mobility Analysis Program, has successfully defended his Ph.D. Dissertation. Eric will receive his Ph.D. in Political Science in August.

Congratulations Eric!

Welcome

Lauren Geng has joined the Mobility Analysis Program as a System Analyst. Lauren holds an MS in Computer Science from Sam Houston State University and a BA in English from the University of Chinese People’s Police Officers in Beijing. She has worked for Marconi Communications in Irving. Lauren is the new database guru and will be assisting on a number of research projects.

Welcome Lauren!

Departures

Sheri Smith, Mobility Analysis Program, has received her Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Science from Texas A&M University and has taken a teaching position at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. Sheri has been a Graduate Assistant and Research Associate with TTI since 1999.

Good Luck Sheri!

Calendar

June 4-7 – TxDOT Planning Conference, San Antonio
June 10-11 – TxDOT Spring RMC 3 & 4 Meetings, San Antonio
June 12-13 – TxDOT Spring RMC 1 & 2 Meetings, San Antonio
June 17-18 – TxDOT Spring RMC 5 Meeting, Camp Hubbard, Austin
June 21 – 12th Annual Texas A&M Association of Professional Support Staff Development Conference, College Station
June 27-29 – TexITE Summer Meeting, League City

Birthdays

May
Kevin Hall 5/5
Mark Middleton 5/6
Cliff Spiegelman 5/16
Steve Venglar 5/16
Tricia CoCo 5/20
Montie Wade 5/20
Ken Giusti 5/29
Diana Wallace 5/30

June
Beverly Storey 6/5
Darryl Puckett 6/16
Zack Graham 6/17
Mark Ojah 6/20
Sirisha Kothuri 6/25
Ed Pultorak 6/30
Larry White 6/30