Message from the
Associate Director

As many of you know, George Dresser will be retiring from TTI at the end of August. Based on meetings with staff in the Transportation Planning Program, discussions with TxDOT personnel, and conversations with others in TTI, the Program will be reorganized based on George’s retirement.

The new structure reorganizes the current program into two programs and shifts one researcher into another program. The approach provides for leadership growth for TTI staff and a continued focus on sponsor interaction.

The reorganized programs and staff are:

Transportation Planning Program –
David Pearson, Program Manager
Patti Ellis
Stephen Farnsworth
Ed Hard
Charles Bell
Tim Forrest
Ethel Bunton

Transportation Modeling Program –
Dennis Perkinson, Program Manager
Debbie Spillane
Marty Boardman
Larry White
Teresa Qu
Gary Lobaugh

In addition, Jeff Borowiec will join the System Planning Program under the supervision of Brian Bochner. This move provides opportunities to enhance and expand TTI’s airport/aviation research.

The new structure will become effective September 1, 2003, with the transition starting June 1st. All programs will continue to work together, share resources, and coordinate on projects.

Ethel Bunton will also be retiring in August. A retirement party for both George and Ethel is being planned. More information will be available soon on the date, place, and activities.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the reorganization or the transition.

Thanks!
Katie

TTI Transportation Hall of Honor Induction

Four new members were inducted into TTI’s Texas Transportation Hall of Honor on April 14th. The induction ceremony was held in Austin at the TxDOT Greer Building. The following individuals join the eight current members of the Hall of Honor:

C Dolph Brisco, Jr. The Honorable Dolph Brisco, Jr. served in the Texas Legislature from 1949 to 1957 and was Governor of Texas from 1973 to 1979. He supported numerous highway and transportation funding programs in both capacities.

C Luther DeBerry. Mr. Luther DeBerry had a distinguished 43-year career with TxDOT. He served as Engineer-Director from 1973 to 1980.

C Charley V. Wootan. Dr. Wootan joined TTI in 1956 and served as the Institute’s Director from 1976 to 1993. TTI experienced tremendous growth under Charley’s leadership. He continued as Director Emeritus after his retirement.

C H. B. Zachry. Mr. H. B. Zachry founded the H. B. Zachry Company in Laredo in 1924. He led the company for six decades, serving as President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board. Under his direction, the company undertook some of the largest transportation projects in the state, as
well as the world.

Staff Activities

The SPP&E was represented at the 9th TRB Conference on the Application of Transportation Planning Methods. David Pearson presented a paper, *Texas Border Crossing Travel Surveys: Overview of Survey Methods, Results, and Lessons Learned*. Ed Hard co-authored the paper. Bill Eisele presented a paper, *Lessons Learned While Implementing a Program for Access Management in Texas*. Bill Frawley and Grant Schultz were co-authors. Bill Eisele presented a paper, *Lessons Learned While Assessing the Impacts of Access Management Treatments Using Vissom*. Bill Frawley, Larry Rilett, Kristen Turner, and Anna Griffin were co-authors. Bill also presented a paper authored by David Schrank, *Travel-Time Index – A Versatile Tool for Mobility Measurement*.

Bill Stockton received his 20-year TTI pin this month and Steve Venglar received his 10-year pin. Congratulations Bill and Steve!

Departures

Doug Skowronek has left TTI to pursue other interests. Doug has been a key part of the Arlington Office for many years. He worked closely with DART and TxDOT on numerous HOV-related projects, as well as other activities. Doug will be missed and we wish him the best of luck.

Support Staff Retreat

TTI Administration will be hosting a Support Staff Retreat on June 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott in College Station. The theme of the retreat this year is “Taking Care of Business.” The guest speakers are Jan Richards, Assistant Director of the Office of Distance Education at Texas A&M University; Gail Vermillion, Director of the TAMU Placement Office, and a guest from the University Police Department.

New Arrivals

Kevin Hall, Travel Forecasting Program, and his wife Jackie, welcomed their second child on April 2, 2003. Kathryn Ann Hall weighed 9 lbs, 10 ozs.

Congrats Kevin and Jackie!

Birthdays

May
Kevin Hall 5/5
Mark Middleton 5/6
Cliff Spiegelman 5/15
P2 May 2003
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