MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The All SPP&E Day on June 1st is rapidly approaching! I hope you will all be able to participate. Laura Higgins and the All SPP&E Day Planning Committee have done a fantastic job of planning a fun and exciting day.

What’s in store for you? Well, how about team building facilitated by Leadership on the Move from Denton. There will also be trivia and skill contests (are you old enough to remember hula hoops?)

SPP&Eer’s will also be asked to bring donations to support our troops in Iraq and returning soldiers. More information on needed items will be available soon, but phone cards, t-shirts, and grooming items are at the top of the list.

Most of all, the day provides a great opportunity to meet new SPP&Eer’s and to interact with others you do not see on a regular basis.

Online registration will be available soon. So, start practicing the limbo now and get ready for the All SPP&E Day on June 1st!

Thanks,

Katie

All SPP&E Day

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

Carleen Bright Arboretum

Woodway, Texas

(South of Waco)

9:00 a.m. – Registration Starts
9:30 a.m. – Program Starts
2:30 p.m. – Activities Conclude

The registration website will be available soon!

Staff Activities

The following SPP&Eer’s participated in the 12th International TRB HOV Systems Conference, Improving Mobility and Accessibility with Managed Lanes, Pricing, and BRT, held April 18-20 in Houston.

Bill Stockton – Toll Revenue Estimation Tool and Is Occupancy Important

Scott Cooner – Update on HOV Lanes in the Dallas Area

Ginger Goodin – Enforcement of Managed Lanes with HOV’ Preference

Casey Toycen – Design and Operations Associated with Single Lane Directional Managed Lane

Jeff Arndt – The Evolution of Houston’s Express Bus System
Katie Turnbull – Opening Session Welcome – That was Then/This is Now – Changes Since the 1987 HOV Conference in Houston; ILEVs, Hybrids, and HOVs, and responsible for planning the conference.

Tim Lomax, Bill Eisele, Linda Cherrington, Tina Collier, and Katie Turnbull served as session moderators.

Other TTIer’s, Beverly Kuhn, Sue Chrysler, Marcus Brewer, and Rob Benz also gave presentations and Dennis Christiansen introduced TxDOT Commissioner Johnson at the Monday Luncheon.

Mark Ojah, John Wikander, and Heather Ford provided support in each of the breakout sessions. Bonnie Duke loaded all the presentations onto laptops, Bonnie and Pam Rowe helped prepare the program, and Pam, Bonnie, and Courtney Mounce wrapped bandanas around Texas hot sauce bottles for the speaker gifts.

The following SPP&Eer’s gave presentations at the 10th TRB Transportation Planning Applications Conference held April 25-28 in Portland, Oregon.

David Pearson – Work Place Surveys

Ed Hard – Evaluation of the Influence of Income on Trip Rates in Texas

Stephen Farnsworth – GPS-Based Travel Time and Delay Studies in Texas (Tim Forrest, co-author)

David Pearson – GPS on Vehicles for Survey Data Collection (Tim Forrest, co-author)

Montie Wade moderated a session.

Welcome!

Jeff Arndt joined the Transit Mobility Program in April as a Research Specialist. Jeff spent 25 years with Houston METRO, most recently as Senior Vice President of Operation. Prior to joining METRO, Jeff worked for Barton-Aschman and Associates in San Jose and Houston. Jeff has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and is pursuing a an MBA at the University of Houston.

Welcome Jeff!

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MAY 30 – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

**JUNE 1 – ALL SPP&E DAY, WACO, TX**

**JUNE 6–9 – RMC MEETINGS, AUSTIN, TX**

**JUNE 8 – SUPPORT STAFF RETREAT, COLLEGE STATION**

**JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

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**Birthdays**

**May**

Kevin Hall 5/5
Mark Middleton 5/6
Cliff Spiegelman 5/15
Montie Wade 5/20
Diana Wallace 5/30

**June**

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