All TTI Day is rapidly approaching!

Sue Chrysler and the Planning Committee have a fun and informative day in store for you (or should that be in “story” for you?). In addition to hearing about the State of TTI from Director Dennis Christiansen, you will get updates on other activities throughout the Institute. You will also have the opportunity to hear from the new Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, Dr. Mike McKinney.

Recognizing the TTI award recipients is always great part of the day. The opportunity to visit with TTI’ers from other offices, programs, and locations is also a key part of the day. With the change to May, there will be no ice storms to contend with, but watch out for the possibility of a thunderstorm or two.

As noted in the April Newsletter, and as you will hear more about on Wednesday, a number of initiatives are underway at TTI.

Chris Poe continues to examine ways to enhance communication at the Institute. He has formed a committee to help with this initiative. SPP&E’ers serving on the committee include Ed Hard, Bill Frawley, Juan Villa, Heather Ford, and Lisa Nimocks. Please let any

of these individuals know if you have thoughts or ideas on ways to enhance internal communication.

Russell Henk and Becca Simmons are heading a group to explore possible additional ways to recognize years of service, including approaches used by TxDOT and other agencies. Suzie Edrington is the SPP&E representative on this group. Please pass along any ideas on ways to recognize years of service to Suzie.

The first of a series of research development seminars will start in May. The first seminar will be on the TxDOT RMC program. It will be offered twice. The tentative dates and times are Friday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. and Monday, May 21, at 12:00 noon. Both sessions will be in 102 of the Gibb with links to other offices. More information will be coming soon on the seminars.

See you at All TTI Day on Wednesday!

Thanks!

Katie
Staff Activities

Brian Bochner, Joe Zietsman, and Ginger Goodin gave presentations at the TAMU College of Architecture International Conference on Sustainable Urbanism, April 1-3. Brian’s presentation was on Using Mixed Use Development to Enhance Transportation System Sustainability. Ginger spoke on Using Managed Lanes to Enhance Sustainable Urbanism. Joe’s presentation was on Sustainable Transportation as it Applies to Transportation Corridors. Kay Fitzpatrick (TOG) also spoke on the TCRP/NCHRP Guidelines for Pedestrian Crossing Treatments. In addition, Brian introduced the luncheon speaker, John Norquist, the former Mayor of Milwaukee and the current President of the Congress for the New Urbanism.

Ginger Goodin gave a presentation on the National Perspective on Managed Lanes at the Team Texas meeting in Dallas on April 10. Chris Poe (TOG) also discussed the Dallas/Fort Worth Managed lanes Policy.

Jett McFalls, Ming-Han Li, Beverly Storey, and Cynthia Lowery, along with graduate students Arnes Purdy, Jae-Su Yi, and Aditya Raut Desai, hosted the annual meeting of the Hydraulics, Sedimentation, and Erosion Control Laboratory (HSECL) Pooled-Fund Study Advisory Group on Wednesday, April 25. In addition to TxDOT, personnel representatives from state transportation agencies in California, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, and Louisiana attended the meeting. The group spent the morning at the Gibb Gilchrist Research Building hearing presentations on research projects and discussing issues in the various states. In the afternoon, the group toured the HSECL at the Riverside Campus and discussed additional research opportunities.

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Congratulations!

Lauren Geng, Mobility Analysis Program, and her husband Richard, welcomed their first child on April 20th. Raymond Shengrui Zhu weighed 8 lbs, 8 ozs and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations Lauren and Richard!

TxDOT RMC Meetings

The agendas for the spring RMC meetings are available. As noted below, RMC 2 and RMC 3 are using a different format than previous meetings. Both start with the TxDOT Executive Session first on Monday and the Open Session with project presentations starting Tuesday.

RMC 2—Monday, June 4, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., TxDOT-only Executive Session.
Tuesday, June 5, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Open Session with project presentations.

RMC 3—Monday, June 4, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., TxDOT-only Executive Session.
Tuesday, June 5, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Open Session with project presentations.

RMC 4—Monday, June 4, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Open Session with project presentations.
Tuesday, June 5, 8 a.m.-12 noon, TxDOT-only Executive Session.

The RMC meetings are being held in San Antonio at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites Conference Center/Medical Center.

Calendar of Events

MAY 2 — TTI DAY, COLLEGE STATION
MAY 28 — MEMORIAL DAY, TAMUS HOLIDAY
JUNE 4-7 — TxDOT RMC SPRING MEETINGS, SAN ANTONIO
JUNE 14-16 — TEXITE SUMMER MEETING, AMARILLO
JULY 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY, TAMUS HOLIDAY
OCTOBER 17-20 — TEXAS APA CONFERENCE, ADDISON

BIRTHDAYS

May
Kevin Hall 5/5
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
Manuel Solari 6/27
Ed Pultorak 6/30
Larry White 6/30