Message from the Associate Director

As always, the Transportation Short Course was a great success. This year marked the 76th time the Short Course has been held on the TAMU campus.

The opening session and the concurrent sessions provided an excellent mix of speakers and topics. The two days were also a great opportunity to talk with TxDOT staff and other colleagues.

The success of the Short Course is the result of the hard work of TxDOT and TTI staff. Penny Beaumont does a great job of heading the TTI Short Course Team.

SPP&Eers acting as Session Coordinators included Bill Stockton, Carol Walters, Montie Wade, John Overman, Ginger Goodin, Steve Venglar, and Gordon Shunk. Steve Venglar also gave a presentation on the use of the simulation models for evaluating signal timing and planning at one of the sessions.

TxDOT announced the 2002 top research innovations and findings at the Short Course. Six of the seven selected projects involved TTI researchers. The Access Management Guidebook for Texas was one of the selected projects. Bill Frawley and Bill Eisele are the Co-Research Supervisors on the project.

The Friend of TTI Award was presented to Arnold Oliver at the Tuesday Luncheon. Mr. Oliver was recognized for his ongoing support of the research program.

Thanks to all the SPP&E Short Course Session Coordinators and congratulations Bill and Bill!

Thanks!
Katie

TTI Federal Initiatives

The National Mobility Institute is one of TTI’s federal initiatives. It is envisioned that the National Mobility Institute will serve as an umbrella organization for the Mobility and Safety National University Consortium. The Consortium would bring together universities and private foundations to examine critical safety and mobility issues. Funding for the National Mobility Institute is being sought within the TEA-21 Reauthorization.

TTI is also working to advance several initiatives through the FY 04 Transportation Appropriations Act. These initiatives include the East Harris County Rail Research Project, the Smart Border Innovations Initiative, the Multimodal Freight Initiative, and the National Maritime Transportation Research Program.

Staff Activities

TTI was well represented at the TRB 11th International HOV Conference in Seattle, October 27-30. Katie Turnbull spoke on 1991/2002 – That Was Then/This Is Now at the opening session and on HOV Challenges and Opportunities at the second plenary session. SPP&Eer’s giving presentations in breakout sessions included Tina Collier, Concept Marketing of Managed Lanes, Bill Stockton, Six+ Years of HOT Lanes: Where Are We Now?, and Bill Eisele, Managed Lanes Design Issues. Bill Stockton also moderated one of the managed lane sessions. Tina and Mike Martello helped record the sessions as TTI is doing the conference proceedings for FHWA. In addition, Beverly Kuhn gave a presentation on A Legislative Framework for Operating Managing Lanes and Dave Fenno participated in the poster session highlighting research on Weaving Lengths for Managed Lane Access and Egress, co-authored by Steve Venglar.
Most documents you create are likely to use portrait page orientation. However, when your document contains an oversized item like a table, chart, or diagram that’s wider than your document’s portrait-oriented pages, you might want to print that item using landscape orientation instead. When you’re working with drawing objects, you can often solve this problem by rotating the objects 90 degrees. However, if you’re working with text, tables, embedded objects, and other types of graphic objects, rotating isn’t always the best option, if it’s an option at all.

As an alternative, you can apply landscape orientation to a single item or selection without affecting the portrait orientation used in the rest of your document. Better yet, you can do it on-the-fly, without using the Break dialog box to insert section breaks! To do so, select the item(s) that you want to appear on a landscape-oriented page, and then choose File | Page Setup from the menu bar. Next, use the following procedures, according to the version you’re using.

**Word 97/2000/2002:** In the Page Setup dialog box, click on the Paper Size tab (Margins tab in Word 2002), and then choose the Landscape option in the Orientation panel. Next, choose Selected Text from the Apply To dropdown list. Finally, click OK.

**Word 2001:** In the Page Setup dialog box, choose the Landscape icon in the Orientation panel, and then choose Microsoft Word from the main dropdown list. Next, choose Selected Text from the Apply Size and Orientation To dropdown list, and then click OK.

Word automatically inserts Next Page selection breaks at the beginning and end of your selection and applies landscape orientation to the isolated section. When you print your document, your selection prints in landscape orientation, while the rest of your document prints in portrait orientation.

### New Additions

**Shawn Turner,** Mobility Analysis Program and his wife, Anne, welcomed their second daughter on October 9. Lauren Rebecca weighed 8 lbs 8 oz and was 21 inches long.

**Ming Han Li,** Environmental Management Program, and **Teresa Qu,** Transportation Planning Program, also welcomed a daughter on October 4. Catherine weighed 7 lbs 2 ozs and was 20 inches long.

**Ginger Goodin,** Austin Liaison Office, and husband, John, also welcomed a new addition to their family. Alexandra Grace Goodin was born October 28. She weighed 6 lbs 6 ozs and was 18 inches long.

Congratulations to all!

### Calendar

- **November 4-5** – TxDOT RMC 3, 4, & 5 Meetings, San Antonio
- **November 6-7** – TxDOT RMC 1 & 2 Meetings, San Antonio
- **December 11** – TTI Day, College Station

### Birthdays

**November**
- Jeremy Lindley 11/3
- Jonathan Turner 11/5
- Eun Sug Park 11/7
- Dennis Perkinson 11/13
- Bill Stockton 11/21
- Eric Lindquist 11/23

**December**
- Jason Crawford 12/5
- Erlinda Snodgrass 12/5
- Joan Hudson 12/9
- Poonam Wiles 12/17
- Terry Larsen 12/20
- David Staas 12/21
- Gordon Shunk 12/23
- John Overman 12/23
- Kimberley Phillips 12/30
- Heather Ford 12/30
- Juan Carlos Villa 12/30