MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The SPP&E wrapped up a very successful fiscal year in August. As we start a new fiscal year in September, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and extra effort throughout the year.

The summer is always busy with TxDOT project reports, other research projects, TRB committee mid-year meetings, and trying to squeeze in a little vacation time. The fall will continue to be busy with new projects starting and other activities.

The Transportation Short Course will be held on the TAMU campus October 12-13. Like last year, there will both morning and afternoon general sessions on the 12th.

The Short Course always provides a great opportunity to hear the latest on research activities and transportation issues. It is also a great opportunity to talk with TxDOT staff and other transportation professionals.

Thanks again for making FY 04 successful. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in an even more productive FY 05!

Thanks!
Katie

Congratulations!
The following SPP&E’ers were promoted September 1, 2004.

Harlow Landphair – Senior Research Scientist
Ginger Goodin – Research Engineer
David Schrank – Associate Research Scientist
Laura Higgins – Associate Research Scientist
Scott Cothron – Assistant Research Engineer
Ed Pultorak – Assistant Research Engineer
Beverly Storey – Assistant Research Scientist
Larry White – Assistant Research Specialist
Cynthia Lowery – Office Assistant

TxDOT Top Innovations
Three TxDOT research projects conducted by TTI were selected for the department’s 2003 Top Innovations and Findings awards. Two of these projects were in the SPP&E.

- Guidelines for TxDOT – Regional Tollway Authority Cooperation and Coordination. PI – Katie Turnbull, Researchers – Ginger Goodin, Joan Hudson, Juan Villa

- Smart Growth Texas Style Primer. PI – Brian Bochner, Researchers – Laura Higgins, Robin Rabinowitz, Joe Zietsman, Carol Lewis (TSU)
Staff Activities

The following SPP&E researchers participated in the ITE Annual meeting in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

**Bill Frawley** – Paper, *Findings of Crash Analysis Related to Raised Medians and Driveway Densities*.


**Brian Bochner** – Moderated Session on *Flexible Design Standards*, Paper, *Smart Growth Policy for State DOTs*.


**Bill Stockton** – Paper, *Development of a Toll Viability Screening Tool*.

The following SPP&E researchers participated in the TRB *Sixth National Conference on Access Management* in Kansas City, August 29-September 1.


**Tim Lomax** spoke at the TRB *Performance Measures to Improve Transportation Systems: Second National Conference* in Irvine, California, August 22-24. Tim’s presentation was on *Measuring Performance in Difficult-to-Measure Areas: Congestion/Reliability*.

Welcome!

**Justin Malnar** is a new Proposal Coordinator with the Research Development Office. Justin has a B.S. in Psychology from Texas A&M University. He has worked for the TAMUS Health Science Center, Office of the President.

**Alma Cooper** has joined the Urban Analysis Program in the Arlington Office as a temporary Technical Assistant II. Alma has been a student researcher with TTI since 2001. She recently received her B.S. in Biology from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Welcome Justin and Alma!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCTOBER 12-13** – TRANSPORTATION SHORT COURSE, COLLEGE STATION, TX

**NOVEMBER 25-26** – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**DECEMBER 8** – TTI DAY, BRAZOS CENTER, COLLEGE STATION, TX

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Birthdays

**September**
- Ginger Goodin 9/7
- Nancy Stratta 9/8
- Joe Zietsman 9/16
- Scott Cooner 9/20
- Jimmie Benson 9/24
- Todd Carlson 9/26
- Laura Higgins 9/28

**October**
- Phillip Reeder 10/3
- Toni Carelock 10/8
- Ed Hard 10/11
- Christy Harris 10/14
- Katie Turnbull 10/15
- Patti Ellis 10/15
- Jessica Lavy 10/19
- David Pearson 10/21
- Mike Teal 10/25
- Bill Eisele 10/26
- Tina Collier 10/29
- Clay Lipscomb 10/29
- Mike Mullone 10/30