MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Thanks to the great work of everyone, the SPP&E is in good condition as we start the new Fiscal Year on September 1. We continue to build on our strong base of work for current sponsors, while starting projects for new and less frequent sponsors.

Most of the IACs with TxDOT districts and divisions are signed. A number of projects with FHWA are underway and continue to receive additional funding. We also have more TxDOT RMC projects this year, especially in RMC 2.

A number of SPP&Eer’s have new research projects with new or less frequent sponsors. These sponsors include the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

It appears that SAFETEA-LU will also provide additional research opportunities, including a new university transportation center at TTI.

Thanks again for the great job you continue to do with meeting the needs of current sponsors and exploring new opportunities!

Thanks!
Katie

Congratulations!

Promotions

The following SPP&Eer’s have been promoted effective September 1, 2005.

Tina Collier – Associate Transportation Researcher
Carol Court – Senior Office Associate
Stephen Farnsworth – Associate Research Scientist
Evelyn Pilgrim – Senior Office Assistant
Stephen Ranft – Assistant Research Specialist
Joe Zietsman – Associate Research Engineer

ITE Award

Brian Bochner has been selected to receive ITE’s 2005 Coordinating Council Special Recognition Award. The award recognizes Brian’s contributions to the Coordinating Council and his leadership on recent projects.

Leadership Arlington

Teresa Rogers has been selected to participate in the 2005-2006 class of Leadership Arlington.

Congratulations Tina, Carol, Stephen Farnsworth, Evelyn, Stephen Ranft, Joe, Brian, and Teresa!
Staff Activities

The following SPP&Eer’s spoke at the 8th Annual Texas Transportation Summit in Irving, August 9-12.


Tim Lomax – Mobility Index

Phillip Reeder – Multimodal Travel Forecasting

Katie Turnbull – The Benefits of Transportation Research

Cliff Spiegelman and Eun Sug Park participated in the JSM 2005 Conference in Minneapolis, August 7-11. Eun Sug presented a paper on Assessment of Modeling Uncertainty in Multivariate Receptor Modeling. Cliff was a discussant in that session and gave a presentation on the NRC Bullet Committee work.

Brian Bochner presented a paper, Context Sensitive Solutions for the Design of Major Urban Thoroughfares, at the ITE Annual Meeting, August 7-10 in Melbourne, Australia.

David Schrank gave a presentation on The Effects of Operational Improvements on Congestion in the U.S. at the National Conference of State Legislators in Seattle on August 16-20.

Tim Lomax gave a presentation on Congestion Trends in the U.S. at the Endicott Symposium on Vehicles and the Environment at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on August 3.

FY 06 University Holidays

The following holiday schedule has been approved by the Board of Regents for FY 2006.

Thanksgiving – November 24-25

Christmas-New Year’s Day – December 23-30

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 16, 2006

Spring Break – March 16-17, 2006

Memorial Day – May 29, 2006

Independence Day – July 4, 2006

Birthdays

September
Ginger Goodin 9/7
Nancy Stratta 9/8
Joe Zietsman 9/16
Alishia Churchman 9/16
Allison Hardy 9/17
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
David Pearson 10/21
Mike Teal 10/25
Bill Eisele 10/26
Tina Collier 10/29

Calendar of Events

October 5 – Texas A&M Association of Professional Support Staff (TAPSS) Conference, Reed Arena, College Station

October 11-12 – TxDOT Transportation Short Course, College Station

November 7-10 – Fall TxDOT RMC Meetings, Corpus Christi

November 24-25 – Thanksgiving Holiday