Message from the Associate Director

Congratulations to all the SPP&E staff working on TxDOT and SWUTC proposals! As noted in the accompanying article, TTI and SPP&E researchers did very well in the TxDOT RMC project selection process.

All the proposals represent team efforts involving numerous staff in addition to the PIs listed. The help of other researchers and support staff contributed to the success on all the proposals.

The TxDOT ROC will finalize the preliminary selection of proposals at its July 9 meeting. It is also anticipated that up to ten more proposals may be awarded based on the availability of additional funding.

TTI has received the official call for Project Statements for the FY 2003 RMC research program. TTI TAPers will coordinate the development and submission of Project Statements to TxDOT. Project Statements are due to TTI TAPers on July 20.

Congratulations again to everyone involved in the TxDOT and SWUTC proposals!

Thanks!

Katie

New TxDOT RMC Projects

TxDOT has announced the preliminary selection of RMC projects for FY 2002. Overall TTI did very well in the project selection process. SPP&E researchers developed and assisted on many of the selected proposals. The TxDOT ROC will be meeting on July 9 to finalize the selection process.

SPP&E PIs selected projects are:

Benefits of Access Management (4221) – Bill Frawley

Best Practices in Rural Transportation Planning (4230) – Gordon Shunk, with TSU and WTAMU

Coordination of Transit Services in Texas (4233) – Cinde Gilliland

Smart Growth Texas Style (4238) – Brian Bochner, with TSU

Estimating Travel Time of Direct Run-Off in Areas of Flat Terrain (4404) – Ming Han Li

Operational and Safety Guidelines for Roadway Facilities Around Schools – Scott Cooner

Advanced Warning of Stopped Traffic – Poonam Wiles

New SWUTC Projects

Three problem statements submitted by SPP&E researchers were selected by the TAMU SWUTC Executive Committee for FY 2002. The following projects and researchers are part of the FY 2002 SWUTC Research Program.

Public Transit and Livable Communities: Corpus Christi After Evaluation – Laura Higgins

Dissemination of Data and Training in the Analysis of Critical Transportation Planning Information for Small Texas Cities and Counties – David Ellis

Estimating the Impacts of Speed Limits on Emissions – Teresa Qu, Sias Zietsman, Larry Rillett
Staff Activities

Scott Cooner and Jerry Ullman, TOG, were in Columbia, South Carolina the week of June 18th teaching the NHI Freeway Traffic Operations Course.

The 2nd Bi-Annual Support Staff Retreat was held June 7 at The Veranda in Bryan. SPP&E Support Staff attending were Pam Rowe, Ethel Bunton, Cynthia Lowery, and Bonnie Duke.

Cinde Gilliland moderated and gave a presentation at a session on Transit Safety Operations at the Texas Transit Conference in Austin on June 11. The session focused on developing transit system safety program plans and other safety initiatives in Texas.

Pam Rowe, Ethel Bunton, and Bonnie Duke attended the 11th Annual Texas A&M Association of Professional Support Staff (TAPSS) Conference held at Rudder Theater Complex on June 22.

Kay Fitzpatrick, TOG, and Kevin Hall had an article on Bus Bulbs in the June 22 issue of The Urban Transportation Monitor.

Katie Turnbull authored an article, Evolution of the HOV Facilities: Maximizing Efficiency and Effectiveness, in the May-June issue of TR News.

Congratulations

Grant Schultz has been awarded an American Public Transit Foundation (APTA) Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year. He received the Jack R. Gilstrap Award, which is named after the former APTA President. Grant is a Ph.D. student in Civil Engineering and a Graduate Research Assistant in the Mobility Analysis Program.

Congratulations Grant!

Carol Court, Urban Analysis Program, has been accepted into the 2002 class of Leadership Arlington. Carol continues the tradition of TTI staff participating in Leadership Arlington. Bill Frawley, Urban Analysis Program, has completed the 2001 Leadership Arlington Program.

Congratulations Bill and Carol!

Bill Stockton was elected to the TexITE Section Representative Office at the TexITE Summer meeting in Midland. Bill will assume the new responsibilities on January 1, 2002.

Congratulations Bill!

Calendar

August 19-22 – ITE Annual Meeting, Chicago

October 15-17 – TxDOT Short Course, College Station

November 5-8 – TxDOT Fall RMC Meetings, San Antonio

December 5 – All TTI Day, College Station

Birthdays

July
Omeiga Bean 7/2
Juliani Nasution 7/8
Shawn Turner 7/15
Cynthia Lowery 7/20
Doug Skowronek 7/24
Tim Lomax 7/25
Gary Lobaugh 7/26
Corey Curtis 7/26
Teresa Qu 7/30

August
Claire Roth 8/7
Robert McLain 8/15
Ming Han Li 8/16
Ed Sepulvada 8/23
Vicki Romine 8/27
Jeff Borowiec 8/28