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From the Chair

Hello, TPD Members!!

Welcome to the Summer 2007 issue of the TPD Newsletter. This past spring brought the American Planning Association's 2007 National Planning Conference to Philadelphia PA and biennial elections for TPD officers.

2007 National Planning Conference

The National Planning Conference was held from April 14th to 18th at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. Attendees enjoyed 200-plus conference sessions, mobile workshops, training seminars, and networking opportunities.

The TPD was involved in a variety of conference activities. Noël Comeaux, past Chair of the TPD Membership Committee, represented the Division in Student Facilitated Discussions held on Sunday, April 15th at 2:30PM. The discussion, organized by the APA Students Representative Council, focused on the professional planning experience, contrasting that of Noël in the private sector with Dale Powers from the public sector. The same conclusions were reached – map your career! This means do your own strategic plan.

Also, on Tuesday, April 17th in the Pavilion of the Exhibit Hall, Todd Ashby, TPD Treasurer, stood in and presented to potentially new TPD members the current division activities and benefits. Todd noted there was quite a bit of interest in our activities!

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*APA National Conference:
April 27 - May 1, 2008*

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Newsletter Changes

The division's past newsletter editor, Ruth Fitzgerald, has decided to end her tenure as editor. The Executive Committee would like to thank Ruth and her staff for all the great work they have done over the years putting together the division's newsletter! This issue of TPD News serves as a transition between editors and formats. Kerry Walter-Ashby, the newsletter's new editor, has helped with this issue and will take over in full with the next issue. Kerry looks forward to working with the TPD and welcomes article submissions and ideas! Contact Kerry with comments and submissions at tpdnews@yahoo.com. For submission guidelines, please see page 7.

The newsletter itself will have some changes as well. One you may have already picked up on is the name, TPD News. Various formatting changes will also be made in upcoming issues.

Ruth Fitzgerald and her staff worked to make this newsletter electronic; as a result, this publication is now distributed solely via e-mail (and may be downloaded from the TPD website: www.apa-tpd.org). Therefore, it is necessary for all TPD members to keep their e-mail addresses updated with APA National. Only members can update this information, so please keep your e-mail address current.

TPD Election Results

TPD's 2007/2008 Executive Committee was determined in elections held in early 2007. Congratulations to the following people for having been elected to the Executive Committee for 2007/2008:

Chair: Noël P. Comeaux, AICP
 Vice-Chair: Hilary Perkins, AICP, GISP
 Secretary: David Fields, AICP
 Treasurer: Todd Ashby, AICP
 Immediate Past
 Chair: Larry Lennon, PE, AICP

The Executive Committee promises an exciting year for the TPD and its members!

Call for Sessions

What innovative transportation planning activities have you been part of this year? What Great Streets have you seen flourish in your community? What plans are struggling to get completed, but will, by the determination of planners and the community? What processes have you worked on that make things just work better?

The TPD invites you to share these kinds of projects with the rest of the planning community as part of the national APA conference to be held in Las Vegas, NV on April 27 – May 1, 2008.

The Transportation Planning Division has two By-Right sessions at each annual APA

conference. We encourage you to submit session ideas for one of these two sessions. Send your ideas in quickly! The deadline is August 17 for us to review and turn them into the national committee.

By-Right Proposals should be submitted on-line via the following link: <http://www.planning.org/2008conference/sessionproposal/division.htm> Scroll down to the "Division Members — Submitting a Proposal to Your Division" section for further instructions. Note that both APA members and TPD members who are not APA members may submit via this site.

We can also submit proposals for sessions and mobile workshops to the general selection committee.

Larry Lennon, our Past-President, is our 2008 Conference Coordinator. Contact Larry (lennon@pbworld.com) or myself (contact info below) with questions or comments. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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*Submit your APA National
 session idea by
 August 17th!*



April 27 – May 1, 2008

Legislative Committee Kick-Off

APA's TPD Legislative/Policy Committee

This committee originated from the initial discussions about the reauthorization of ISTEA, and the committee provided excellent direction to APA during the process of creating SAFETEA-LU. APA has a Legislative & Policy Committee (LPC) established by the Board of Directors, and the TPD committee exists to provide support to APA staff, the national LPC, and the soon-to-be reinvented Policy Advisory Committee with transportation expertise.

Currently, there are several key transportation issues that may need our members' guidance over the next year, including the FAA reauthorization, early discussions about reauthorizing SAFETEA-LU (the law expires in 2009), the Farm Bill (which has several transportation provisions), AMTRAK funding and Congressional budget negotiations.

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Student Paper Competition Winners

First Prize: "Structured and Spontaneous: Informal and Formal Influences on Traffic Safety in Ha Noi, Viet Nam" by Wendy Tao at UC Berkeley

Second Prize: "Transportation Implications of 'Towne Centre' Redevelopment in Hunt Valley, MD" by Heather Strassberger at Rutgers University

Honorable Mentions:

- "Spatial Methodology for Assessing the Distribution of Transportation Impacts Using an Environmental Justice Framework" by Nicholas Klein at U Penn
- "SAFETEA-LU Earmarks in Minnesota: A Rural Advantage: Minnesota's Other Growing Pork Industry" by Michael Smart, former U Penn student and now a Ph.D student at UCLA

New Member Benefit

TPD in conjunction with Elsevier transportation journals is proud to offer members discounted rates on a variety of transportation related journals. Visit www.elsevier.com/transportation for more information to order. Additional information may be found on the TPD website as well. General rates are shown in parentheses; member rates are shown last for one-year subscriptions. Number of issues varies per year; please see the website for more details about this exciting offer.

Sample Journals

-Accident Analysis and Prevention--	(\$320)	\$240
-Journal of Air Transport Management-----	(\$158)	\$120
-Journal of Transport Geography---	(\$94)	\$72
-Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice-----	(\$314)	\$236
-Transportation Research Part B: Methodological-----	(\$314)	\$236
-Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies-----	(\$209)	\$157

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Wendy Tao accepts her 1st place check from Larry Lennon



Heather Strassberger accepts her 2nd place check from Larry Lennon

TPD awarded \$1,750 during its annual student paper competition in April. Fifteen papers were submitted for judging. Thank you to all of the students who submitted and to their faculty advisors. Students, start thinking about submitting to next year's competition! Watch upcoming issues for the call for submissions.

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Business Meeting

The TPD held its bi-annual Business Meeting / Reception on Monday, April 16th at 5:45PM. Larry Lennon, 2007 past-Chair of the TPD Executive Committee, described TPD activities and announced both the winners of TPD's elections and the 2007 Student Paper Competition. Larry also covered the TPD's two By-Right sessions held on Monday, April 16th. The sessions were respectively entitled, "Transportation Development Partnerships" and "Thinking about Congestion."

Finally, the meeting was wrapped up with a review of the 2006 Membership Survey and a look forward by Noël, incoming Chair of the Executive Committee, on the upcoming year for the TPD and its members. The goals for 2007 are to ensure all members are receiving communications (e-mails/newsletter) and to increase TPD benefits to its membership.

Thank you!

Noël P. Comeaux – Chair
Larry Lennon, Immediate Past-Chair

...tracking legislation on the following topics: Freight, Airports, Supply Chain Security...

Submit articles, ideas for article topics, and queries for TPD News to: tpdnews@yahoo.com

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As a result, the Legislative/Policy Committee for the TPD is being re-established, and the initial tasks are to track current bills and other pending authorizations and to provide white papers division-wide on current legislation. Updates on the committee's progress will be reported quarterly in the TPD newsletter, TPD News.

We have just recently begun tracking legislation on the following topics:

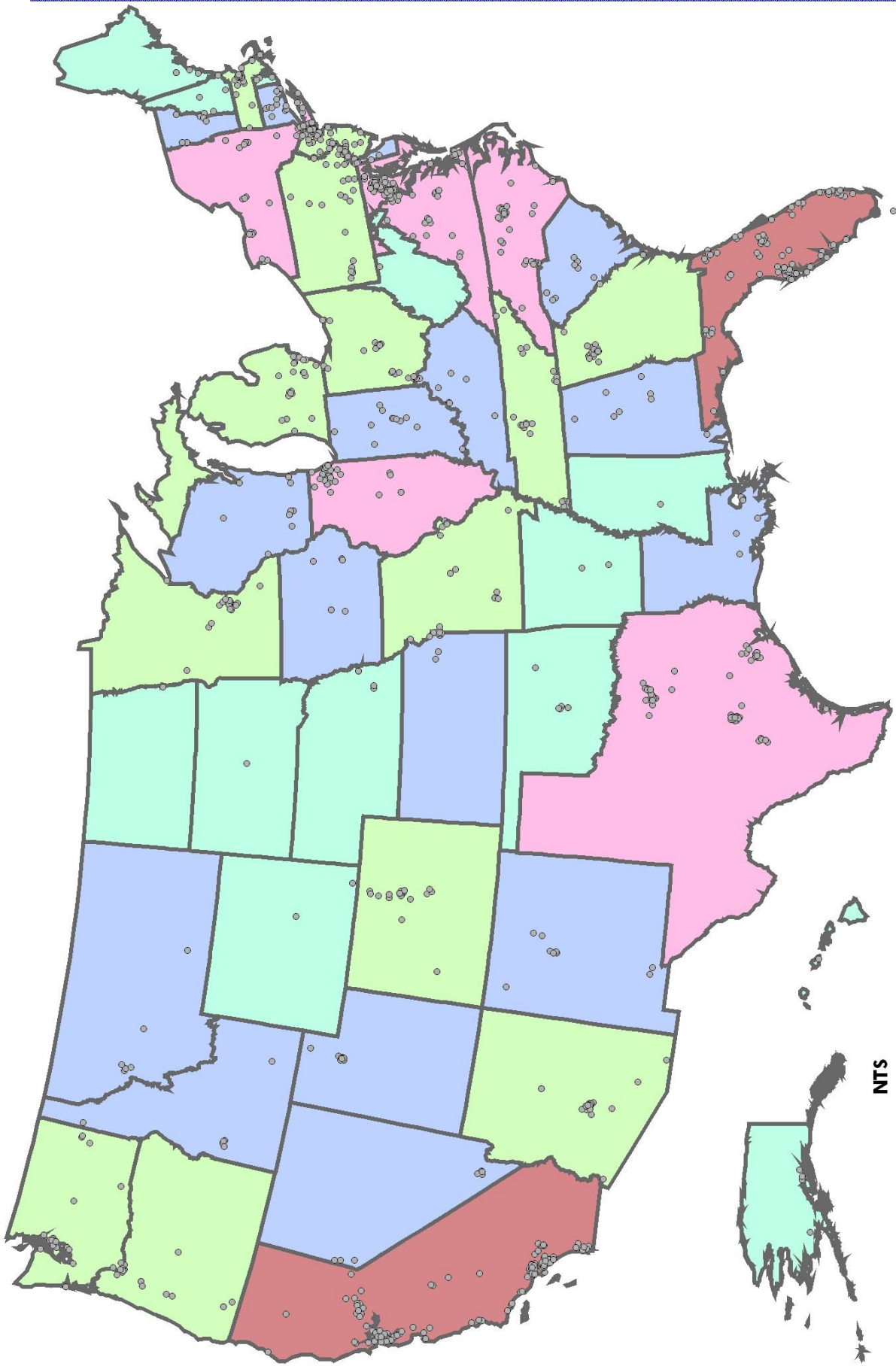
- Freight
- Airports
- Supply Chain Security/Commerce Restart
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Land Use/Transportation Integration

If you are interested in serving on this committee or if you have any additional ideas on pertinent transportation-related legislation, please contact Kim Burton at kburton@mecompanies.com.






TPD Members in the News

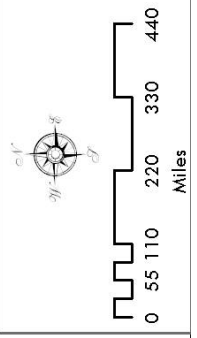
A new feature in TPD News will be member profiles. Since TPD members represent a diverse range of interests, the Executive Committee thought that it would be advantageous to include member profiles in TPD News. Starting on page 6 you will find our first member profiles of Noël Comeaux, division chair and Hilary Perkins, division vice chair. Other executive board member profiles will follow, but we would like to hear from everyone, so please send in a short bio and picture to tpdnews@yahoo.com. Additionally, to show the geographic diversity of the TPD a member distribution map was prepared. The map can be seen on page 5. Thanks to Hilary Perkins for preparing the map.

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Transportation Planning Division
United States
Membership Distribution

	17 - 44
	45 - 71
	72 - 173
	1 - 6
	7 - 16



TPD Members in the News

Noël P. Comeaux, AICP
TPD Chair

I was born in New Orleans, LA, where I initially took an interest in urban planning from an urban economics course during my Bachelor of Arts at Tulane University. I completed my Bachelor degree in 1991 in Political Economics (Major) and Economics (Minor).

I continued my education with a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning in 1997 from the College of Public Affairs (CUPA) at the University of New Orleans, focusing on transportation yet working with the Center for Economic Development in the University of New Orleans on an independent study for a Strategic Plan for the Town of Franklin, LA. (I contributed to a Target Industry Analysis based on commodities being handled at local ports such as West St. Mary and Port Fourchon in South Louisiana.) During my tenure at CUPA, I became a student intern at the Port of New Orleans and later a full-time employee in the Planning Department, concentrating on landside access to the Julia Street Cruise Terminal for pedestrians, personal vehicles, and buses.



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Hilary Perkins, AICP GISP
TPD Vice-Chair

I have been in the GIS industry for about 20 years – in fact, my first experiences with GIS were on a Macintosh! In January of 2007, I joined Data Transfer Solutions as the Regional Manager for the Midwest. In this role, I have been focusing on planning and GIS-based solutions to complex transport and environmental planning projects. Prior to joining DTS, I worked as a Transportation Planner and Project



Manager with Jacobs Engineering Group. There, my work focused on environmental issues as they relate to transportation and transit.

I have worked as the project manager or lead planner on a number of projects for various entities including the federal government, state departments of transportation, local and regional governments, transit agencies, and the private sector. I have managed projects that have included applications to assist in preferred alternatives for roadway projects ranging from new interstates, bypass studies, regional transportation and growth management plans, station area planning and route selection for light rail, and bus rapid transit. I have also had the opportunity to work with various branches of the military, preparing studies aimed at easing utility privatization efforts and facility expansions within existing bases and facilities.

Previously, I worked as a Senior Systems Engineer and GIS Coordinator for Intergraph. There my work focused on

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TPD News Article Submission Guidelines --Guidelines for Authors

TPD News: The Transportation Planning Division Newsletter of the American Planning Association

We are always looking for well-written, interesting articles that will appeal to our readership--transportation planners. Below are guidelines for the submission of TPD News articles. Previous issues can be seen on the TPD website (www.apa-tpd.org).

*We publish many types of articles, including

- Case studies
- Articles highlighting a particular transportation mode
- Articles on transportation policy or funding
- Innovative ideas or approaches
- Opinion or "soapbox" articles

*In general, articles should fall within the range of 500-2000 words, but we can be flexible. If an article is very long but interesting, we may consider breaking it into two pieces and running it in a two-part series.

*A picture (or other illustration) is worth a thousand words. All articles should be illustrated by photographs or graphics; exceptions may be made, on occasion, but most likely we will ask that illustrations be added. Please provide captions for all photos and graphics.

*Authors should provide a "bio" of 1-2 sentences; please end the bio with "[Your name] can be contacted at [your e-mail address]."

*One final note to authors: Please avoid using your article as a means of actively marketing your firm. Mention your business association in your bio, of course, within the text of the article itself; then it's fine if you mention the firm's name in passing--but please don't overdo it.

Thank you for your interest!

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Larry Lennon, Past Chair, opens the TPD business meeting at the 2007 APA Conference.

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From the Port, I entered the private sector for Frederic R. Harris, Inc., completing various projects such as The El Camino Corridor Feasibility Study (economic justification), a traffic management study for the Terrebonne General Medical Center (TGMC) in Houma, and Volume IV, Public Impacts, for the Port of New Orleans' conceptual Millennium Port. From Frederic R. Harris, Inc., I took a position in the Washington, DC area helping with quasi-public deep and shallow water port development in the United States for TranSystems Corporation. I then took a position with The Louis Berger Group working on further maritime projects such as a shipper's study for expansion of the

Panama Canal for the Panama Canal Authority. I was even able to return to Louisiana to help justify deepening the Atchafalaya for offshore supply vessels based on USACE NED benefits.

I was later offered a position with URS Corporation, working again with the USACE as well as for FEMA in the Hazard Mitigation Program. In completing my tasks, including the creation of a Hazard Mitigation CD-ROM tool for state and local communities, I was offered an opportunity to work for Earth Tech, Inc. (Tyco Infrastructure Services) on various projects for FHWA, DDOT, VDOT, the City of Fairfax, and again FEMA in the Public Assistance Program.

This combined experience has contributed to what I believe is a unique insight into recovery in the transportation sector and my ability to become a defense contractor, now working for the US Coast Guard, DHS, and the US Navy. I have been able to help determine policy at the national level for maritime security. And I have aspirations to ultimately become a leading national policy analyst on the national

transportation network on and off the water.

PS Please send food - coffee, beer, and Zapps chips - from New Orleans ASAP!

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member can do so!

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assisting state, local, and regional governments in the design and implementation of GIS applications for a variety of purposes.

At Intergraph, I also worked on the development of methods for facilitating inter-departmental cooperation within project stakeholders during design and procurement of GIS and related technologies. I also helped with the development of local government, transportation, and utility GIS projects for prototyping applications; and software design specifications for planning, redistricting, dynamic segmentation, environmental, and address-matching applications.

I also have worked for the Maricopa County (AZ) Department of Transportation; Michael Baker Jr., Inc.; and the City of St. Louis Community Development Agency, where I coordinated a variety of planning and GIS projects including watershed-scale ecological inventory to support future growth, GIS systems development, database administration, programming, and management of systems and major reports.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a certified Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP). Besides serving as the Vice-Chair of the TPD, my other professional activities include serving as the President-elect of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) and as a co-chair of the federal address standard working group.

I have a Master of Environmental Planning from Arizona State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

I was born and raised in St. Louis (which means I like toasted ravioli, Bud Light, and Imo's pizza; I went to Clayton High - but you have to be from here to know why that's funny). I am married

and have two gorgeous daughters, one rescued greyhound (two speeds: on and off), and one small black cat. In my free time, I make jewelry and am a pretty good cook.

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