**Agenda**

**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

**Noon**  
Registration Opens – Lobby, Holiday Inn Emerald Beach

**2:00 p.m.**  
Opening Session – Intermodal Trends in Today’s Climate  
Welcome & Introduction: Ruben Bonilla, Chairman, Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Speaker: Joe Gurskis, Director, Intermodal Freight Planning, Wilbur Smith

**3:00 p.m.**  
General Session – TxDOT “Green Freight” Project  
Introduction: Russel Lenz, Corpus Christi District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation  
Speaker: Mark Tomlinson, Director, Texas Turnpike Authority, Texas Department of Transportation

**4:00 p.m.**  
General Session – New Economic Realities of Freight Movement  
Introduction: Greg Brubeck, Deputy Director of Engineering Services, Port of Corpus Christi  
Speaker: Dr. Ira J. Hirschman, Ph.D., AICP Principal Economist, PB Consult

**5:00 p.m.**  
Reception – Kokomos, Holiday Inn Emerald Beach

**Friday, February 13, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.**  
Registration Opens & Continental Breakfast – Lobby, Holiday Inn Emerald Beach

**8:30 a.m.**  
General Session – TxDOT Status Update  
Introduction: The Honorable Judy Hawley, Commissioner, Port of Corpus Christi  
Speaker: Amadeo Saenz, Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation

**9:30 a.m.**  
General Session – The Changing Dynamics in Trade with Mexico, Central and South America  
Introduction: Tim Clower, Chairman, Nueces County Rail District  
Speaker: Dr. Barry Lawrence, Ph. D., Director, Industrial Distribution Program, Texas A&M University

**10:30 a.m.**  
Simultaneous Breakout Sessions  
**Session I: Rail Freight** – Seabreeze Room  
Moderator: Tom Niskala, Director, Transportation Planning, Corpus Christi MPO  
Panelists: Gary Kuhn, Projector Director, Zachry American Infrastructure

**Session II: Shipping/Ports** – Catamaran Room  
Moderator: Dan Biles, Infrastructure Business Stream Manager, Maverick Engineering  
Panelists: Tom Moore, Business Development Director, Port of Corpus Christi Authority  
Kirk Fauver, Statewide Planning Engineer, FHWA Texas Division

**Session III: Trucking** – Sand Dollar Room  
Moderator: Billy Parks, Product Director, AECOM Transportation  
Panelists: The Honorable Judy Hawley, Commissioner, Port of Corpus Christi  
The Honorable John Thompson, Chair, Alliance for I-69 Texas  
Michael Reeves, President, Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition

**Noon**  
Luncheon and Keynote Address  
Introduction: Ruben Bonilla, Chairman, Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Keynote: The Honorable Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, Senate, District 20, Texas State Senate