



TEXAS TRANSPORTATION FORUM

Sunday, February 9, 2020

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration and Information Desk

Crockett A & B, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception hosted by HNTB Corporation

Lonestar Ballroom, 2nd Floor – Grand Hyatt

Monday, February 10, 2020

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration and Information Desk

Crockett A & B, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast: Opening Remarks and Road Hand Awards

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

As the 2020 Texas Transportation Forum gets underway, we will receive a welcome from TxDOT Executive Director James Bass and hear from Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Robert Nichols about key transportation topics of importance in the legislative arena. We will also recognize several transportation leaders who have contributed in a meaningful way over time to advance transportation priorities in their communities.

Featuring:

- James M. Bass, *TxDOT*
- Veronica Beyer, *TxDOT*
- Bill Hale, *TxDOT*
- The Honorable Robert Nichols, *Texas Senate*

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Break

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Panel A: Federal Perspective

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Much of the transportation work and success that Texas achieves hinges on working closely with partners in the federal government. While relationships are strong throughout, Texas still tends to get shortchanged in how dollars are distributed among states from the federal Highway Trust Fund. ENO Editor and federal transportation funding expert Jeff Davis joins us to share some insight and perspective.

Moderator: Andrea Lofye, *Texas Parks and Wildlife*

Panelist:

- Murphie Barrett, *AGC*
- Jeff Davis, *Eno Center for Transportation*
- Marc Williams, *TxDOT*

10:30 – 10:55 a.m.

Presentation: Texas Counts Initiative – The Benefits of the 2020 Census

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Not only do we have a presidential election in 2020, but it also is the year for another census count. And in Texas it is more important than ever for the state to not only understand the meaning of who is here now, but also what it means to the future of infrastructure planning and delivery. Texas state demographer Lloyd Potter provides us an interesting preview of what's to come and why it counts.

Presenter: Dr. Lloyd Potter, *UTSA*

10:55 – 11:40 a.m.

Interview: Moving Texas Forward

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Thanks to Propositions 1 and 7 that provided additional transportation funding in Texas, TxDOT has had some remarkable years of letting a record number of new contracts and turning dirt to keep Texans moving. And there's much more to come. Texas Transportation Commission Chairman Bruce Bugg sits down for a meaningful chat to discuss some of TxDOT's tremendous progress in recent years and his vision for the road ahead.

Featuring:

- Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., *Texas Transportation Commission*
- Bob Kaufman, *TxDOT*

11:40 – 12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Keynote: The Permian Promise

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Don Evans, the 34th U.S. Secretary of Commerce under President George W. Bush, has a unique understanding of many opportunities surrounding the oil and gas boom in West Texas and beyond. In recent years he has taken a keen interest in needed improvements in the Permian Basin and now serves as Chairman of the Permian Strategic Partnership. Secretary Evans will share his views on why this area is not only critical to the continued success of the Texas economy, but to the United States and our national security as well as markets across the globe. His work is focused on various issues that have a direct impact on the health of the economy there, including housing, education, the workforce, health care and infrastructure.

Featuring: The Honorable Don Evans

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Panel B: Urban Mobility in Texas

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Congestion is a real issue costing Texas commuters millions in lost time and productivity, and the challenge is even worse in many other parts of the country. Hear from experts on traffic congestion and those on the frontline in Texas addressing this largely urban issue to improve quality of life.

Moderator: Brian Barth, *TxDOT*

Panelist:

- The Honorable Andy Eads, *Denton County*
- Ashby Johnson, *CAMPO*
- Tim Lomax, *TTI*

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Panel C: Texas State Legislature Perspective on Transportation

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Within the context of more than \$20 billion in construction projects currently underway in Texas, a distinguished panel of legislators with decades of combined transportation experience will discuss the relationship between TxDOT and the Legislature and what might be key topics for discussion and consideration by the 87th Texas Legislature. Discussion will include everything from funding to technology and what members are hearing from constituents.

Moderator: Jerry Haddican, *TxDOT*

Panelist:

- The Honorable Terry Canales, *Texas House of Representatives*
- The Honorable Ed Thompson, *Texas House of Representatives*
- The Honorable Donna Campbell, M.D., *Texas Senate*

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Panel D: The Great State of Freight – Connecting You to Texas and Beyond

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

A critical topic amongst any gathering of transportation leaders is the movement of goods from border crossings to ports to all parts of Texas and well beyond. In this engaging panel discussion, hear from leaders such as Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, Texas Transportation Commissioner Alvin New and Port Freeport Executive Director Phyllis Saathoff about transportation successes and challenges in an increasingly global economy with Texas at the center.

Moderator: Caroline Mays, *TxDOT*

Panelist:

- The Honorable Ruth Hughs, *Office of the Secretary of State, Texas*
- Commissioner Alvin New, *Texas Transportation Commission*
- Phyllis Saathoff, *Port Freeport*

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Reception: Don't Mess With Texas

Pre-Function, Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Keynote

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Federal Highways Administrator Nicole Nason will provide an update on vital transportation priorities from a federal perspective. From safety to trade to funding, this breakfast keynote will be useful and informative for any transportation professional.

Featuring: Nicole Nason, *FHWA*

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Break

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Panel E: Safety – On the Road to Zero

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Hear from dedicated leaders who are committed to helping TxDOT achieve its bold Road to Zero goal of no fatalities on Texas roadways by 2050. Panelists such as Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan will provide perspective on how to reduce roadway deaths by deploying engineering improvements, increasing driver education and coordinating enforcement. Learn more about TxDOT's safety task force and priorities underway in 2020 to dedicate additional resources and funding to keeping Texans safe.

Moderator: Michael Chacon, *TxDOT*

Panelist:

- Maggie Gunnels, PhD, *NHTSA*
- Commissioner Laura Ryan, *Texas Transportation Commission*
- Chief Hank Sibley, *DPS*

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Panel F: TechDOT – Coming to a Road Near You

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

In addition to engineering, education and enforcement, intriguing technology enhancements are potential gamechangers in helping Texas "End the Streak" of daily deaths on Texas roadways. Wrapping up the 2020 Texas Transportation Forum with an innovative and forward-looking perspective, this panel will look at current and future technology and its impact on a safer system with better outcomes on our roads.

Moderator: Darran Anderson, *TxDOT*

Panelist:

- Jeff Adler, *Kapsch*
- Quincy Allen, *TxDOT*
- Dr. Katie Turnbull, *TTI*

11:30 – 11:40 a.m.

Closing Remarks

Texas Ballroom, 4th Floor – Grand Hyatt

Featuring: Marc Williams, *TxDOT*

Note: The agenda is subject to change without notice.

