



# Program

**April 12-14, 2023**

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Michelle Burcham .....	Director, Grant Management and Administration
Becky Vick .....	Conference Coordinator

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

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12:00 p.m.

Texas Airports Council Annual Golf Tournament

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Setup (*Expo C*)

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration/Check-In

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

New Participant Orientation (*Floral A*)

Facilitator: Becky Vick, TxDOT Aviation

If you are attending for the first time, traveling solo, or want the chance to meet other attendees before the Get Acquainted Reception begins, we urge you to attend the New Participant Orientation. Attending a conference for the first time can be a bit overwhelming. This orientation will provide an opportunity for attendees to meet friendly faces before the conference begins. This is an informal event on Wednesday evening, before the opening reception in the exhibit hall.

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Exhibits Open (*Expo C*)

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Get Acquainted Reception –  
Exhibit Hall (*Expo C*)

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner and Networking (on your own)

**Note: Please take belongings with you when you leave the room each day. Also, for security purposes, please wear your badge at all times, especially for events.**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

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**7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration Desk Open**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall** (*Expo C*)

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Opening Session** (*Expo B*)

**Presentation of Colors**

**National Anthem**

Amy Larison

**Welcoming Comments**

Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division

Brian Maxwell, Galveston City Manager

Marc Williams, Executive Director, TxDOT

**Introduction of Aviation Advisory Committee**

**State of the Aviation Division Address**

Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**A Conversation with Chairman Sam Graves**  
(*Expo B*)

U.S. Representative Sam Graves (R-MO-06),  
Chairman of the House Transportation and  
Infrastructure Committee

**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Break** (*Exhibit Hall*)

**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Washington Update**

Greg Pecoraro, President and CEO, National  
Association of State Aviation Officials

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Keynote Address** (*Expo B*)

Dr. Lloyd Potter, Texas State Demographer



**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Luncheon: Tex-Mex Buffet** *(Expo B)*

Art Contest Award Winners

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Texas Airport System Plan Update**

Moderator: Jim Halley, Director of Planning and Programming, TxDOT, Aviation Division

**2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Break** *(Exhibit Hall)*

**2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Breakout Session I**

**I: Aviation Education** *(Expo A1)*

Preparing the workforce of tomorrow is critical to the continued success of the aviation industry. Our panel of experts will share insights on various aviation educational and outreach programs as well as initiatives designed to cultivate interest and talent in aviation and aerospace. During this session, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn from our panelists' experiences. We will explore current and future workforce needs and how aviation education aims to meet those demands.

Dr. Shelly deZevallos, Ed.D

Tom Chandler, Regional Manager, Central Southwest, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

Nicole Johnson, Transportation Planner, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

Chuck Tackett, Executive Operations, FAA

**II: Airport Construction from a Contractor's Perspective** *(Expo A2)*

This session will examine the construction project process from the perspective of the contractor. This panel discussion will cover a broad range of topics that will surely be of interest to both airport consultants and airport sponsors. Understanding various projects from different perspectives enables the stakeholders to better understand them, minimize delays and other issues, and ultimately results in a better finished project. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and participate in this session that brings together contractors, consultants, and airport sponsors.

Moderator: Ed Mayle, Project Manager, TxDOT, Aviation Division  
AGC Panel

### **III: Help Us, Help You! (Expo B)**

Got questions? We have answers! This session provides attendees with an open forum to ask questions and engage with TxDOT in a variety of areas. Eusebio “Chevy” Torres, the Engineering Project Management section director, and Jim Halley, the Airport Planning and Programming section director, will be available to answer questions.

Jim Halley, Director of Planning and Programming, TxDOT, Aviation Division  
Eusebio Torres, Director of Engineering, TxDOT, Aviation Division

### **IV: Non-Primary Entitlement Program (Expo A3)**

This breakout session will focus on the details and intricacies of the Non-Primary Entitlement Program. This session will address any questions you may have about the about the program and help you navigate the best path to utilize these funds at your airport.

Allison Martin, Grant Manager, TxDOT, Aviation Division  
Andrew Tamanaha, FAA, ADO

**3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Break (Exhibit Hall)**

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Breakout Session II**

### **I: RAMP (Routine Airport Maintenance Program) Session (Expo A1)**

TxDOT’s Aviation Division administers the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP), which matches local government expenditures up to \$50,000 for eligible maintenance at publicly owned general aviation airports. This session will provide more information on RAMP grants including funding and eligibility requirements.

Fernando Hernandez, RAMP Coordinator, TxDOT, Aviation Division

### **II: Consultant and TxDOT Session (Expo A2)**

This session will provide an opportunity for the consultant community to hear updates from the Engineering Project Management team. Eusebio “Chevy” Torres, the Engineering Project Management section director, and his team of project managers will also be available to answer questions. “To B or not to B - Discussion on Attachment B”

Moderator: Eusebio Torres, Director of Engineering, TxDOT, Aviation Division  
TxDOT Engineering Section



### III: The Future of Fuel *(Expo B)*

How we power transportation is changing across the board – but what does that mean for aviation? This session will explore the changing landscape of fuels in aviation from sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) to electrification. Speakers will discuss local supply chains for SAF as well as ongoing research into new and emerging fuels.

Moderator: Ben Breck, Project Manager, TxDOT, Aviation Division  
Tom Chandler, Regional Manager, Central Southwest, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

Dr. Ed Yu, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics,  
University of Tennessee

Randy D. Cortright, Ph.D., Senior Research Advisor, Strategic Lead for  
Electrons to Molecules Initiative, National Renewable Energy  
Laboratory (NREL)

### IV: Advanced/ Emerging Technologies *(Expo A3)*

From drone delivery to electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft (eVTOL), technological development is advancing the aviation industry and airports of all sizes should be prepared for the changes these advancements will bring. This session will explore ongoing work at Amazon in the aviation space as well as how one Texas region is preparing, and promoting, advanced aviation technologies in their area.

Moderator: Jim Halley, Director of Planning and Programming, TxDOT,  
Aviation Division

Danielle Rinsler, Amazon Aviation Policy

Ernest Huffman, Program Manager, Aviation Planning and Education,  
NCTCOG

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Texas Airports Council Meeting *(Expo B)***

- Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Election of 2024 Officers
- TAC Goals for 2024
- General Discussion

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Exhibit Hall Open**



**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Annual Banquet** (*Moody Ballroom*)

**TxDOT Aviation Awards Program**

- National/Regional
  - Airport of the Year
  - Project of the Year
- Local/Basic/Unclassified
  - Airport of the Year
  - Project of the Year
- State
  - Airport of the Year
  - Project of the Year
- Airport Professional of the Year
- Most Improved
- RAMP Coordinator of the Year
- Aviation Educator of the Year (K-12)

**8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**Evening Social** (*Moody Foyer*)





## FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

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**8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Exhibits and Registration Desk Open**

**7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast Buffet** (*Exhibit Hall*)

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Airport Compliance Session**

Jim Halley, Director of Planning and Programming,  
TxDOT, Aviation Division

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Aviation Section Directors Townhall**

This session provides a new twist on the Aviation Section Directors' Forum. Come to this townhall-style session with Aviation section directors to ask questions, hear about upcoming initiatives, and provide input and feedback.

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**FAA Update and TxDOT/FAA AIP Program and Listening Session**

Ignacio Flores, Airports Division Manager,  
FAA Southwest Region  
Jesse Carriger, Manager, Texas Airports District  
Office, FAA  
Kim Brockman, Assistant Manager, Texas Airports  
District Office, FAA  
Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division

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