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40th  
TEXAS AVIATION  
CONFERENCE

# Program

**March 2-4, 2022**

Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, San Marcos, Texas

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

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**2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Exhibitor Setup** (*Veramendi F-J*)

**2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Registration/Check-In**

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**New Participant Orientation** (*Veramendi A*)

Facilitator: Megan McLellan

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. This orientation will provide an opportunity for attendees to meet friendly faces before the conference begins. This is an informal event, on Wednesday afternoon, before the opening reception in the exhibit hall.

**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Exhibits Open** (*Veramendi F-J*)

**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Get Acquainted Reception –  
Exhibit Hall** (*Veramendi F-J*)

**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, MARCH 3, 2022

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**7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration Desk Open**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast in Exhibit Hall** (*Veramendi F-J*)

**8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**

**Opening Session** (*Veramendi A-E*)

**Presentation of Colors**

San Marcos High School ROTC

**National Anthem**

Ivy Cantu

**Invocation**

Rob Barber, RA Wiedemann & Associates

**Welcoming Comments**

**Introduction of Aviation Advisory Committee**

**State of the Aviation Division Address**

Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division

**8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Washington Update**

Krista Jeacopello, TxDOT-Federal Affairs

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**State Legislative Session**

Sen. Beverly Powell (SD 10, Burleson)

Rep. Ernest Bailes (HD 18, Shepherd)

Rep. David Cook (HD 96, Mansfield)

**10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Break in Exhibit Hall** (*Veramendi F-J*)

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Keynote Address** (*Veramendi A-E*)

**Dr. Leroy Chiao,**

Director and Professor, Baylor

College of Medicine, Center for Space Medicine

Former International Space Station Commander

and Space Shuttle Mission Specialist

CEO, OneOrbit, LLC



**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Luncheon** (*Veramendi A-E*)

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Texas Airports Council Meeting**  
(*Chautauqua Salon B*)

- Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Election of 2022-2023 Officers
- TAC Goals for 2022-2023
- General Discussion

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Breakout Session I**

**I: Airport Manager's Roundtable** (*Spring Lake Salon B*)

Got questions? We have answers! This session provides attendees with an open forum to ask questions and engage a panel of experienced airport managers. No formal presentations will be made during the session, but the panel members will share their experiences and thoughts on questions and issues brought up by the moderator and those attending this session. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions about any issues and concerns at their airports. This forum is designed to provide an exchange of information and ideas among airport professionals.

Moderator: Michael Van Vliet, Airport Planner, TxDOT-Aviation Division  
E.T. Page, Airport Manager, Cotulla–La Salle County Airport  
Missy Pillsbury, Airport Manager, Orange County Airport

**II: Airport Construction from a Contractor's Perspective** (*Spring Lake Salon A*)

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 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, airport sponsors, and TxDOT Aviation.

Moderator: Ed Mayle, Project Manager, TxDOT-Aviation Division  
Mike Brown, Texas Materials, Inc.  
Michael Bontrager, J. Lee Milligan, Inc.  
Mike Fowler, Austin Industries  
Mike Zanella, Flatiron  
Billy Prewitt, Brazos Paving, Inc.

### **III: Using Shade Hangars to Address Aircraft Storage Shortage** *(Spring Lake C)*

Aircraft storage continues to be a challenge for airports across our state and country. It continues to be a difficult, if not nearly impossible issue for airport planners to keep up. This is exacerbated by increasing demand and climbing hangar construction prices. Many states have already or are currently looking into alternative storage ideas that include shade hangars, Quonset huts, and others. One of the biggest concerns from airports seems to be “how do I manage those” and “will my tenants be okay with those?” This session will address these alternatives storage ideas and the questions that arise from airports that are considering them. The panel members assembled for this session have significant experience with these issues and are ready to engage you in a “how to do this” session that looks into the pros and cons and other myriad issues surrounding this topic.

Moderator: Ben Breck, Airport Planner, TxDOT-Aviation Division  
Sean Parker, Airport Director, Draughon-Miller Central Texas  
Regional Airport  
Cassidy Berenato, Texas Aviation Partners/ San Marcos Regional Airport  
Dave Byers, Ph.D., President, Quadrex Aviation, LLC  
Kevin Semien, Executive Vice President of Facilities and Maintenance  
Texas State Technical College

**3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Break in Exhibit Hall** *(Veramendi F-J)*

**3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Breakout Session II**

### **I: Airport Maintenance** *(Spring Lake Salon B)*

This session will address a wide range of topics that fall under the airport maintenance umbrella. The focus will be on the need for thinking about and performing airport maintenance on a regular and routine basis. This goes beyond the pavement to include drainage and herbicide and other issues. This session will take advantage of an experienced



panel of airport maintenance and operations professionals to share their experiences and best practices. This includes what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis and how to set up a meaningful airport maintenance plan/program so that you can proactively manage your airport.

Moderator: Sharlette Wright, Airport Manager, Cleburne Regional Airport  
Chase Patterson, Airport Operations/Maintenance Supervisor, Denton  
Enterprise Airport

Robert Vargas, Airport Manager, Andrews County Airport  
Garrett Watson, Operations Specialist, Cleburne Regional Airport  
Vickie Pumphrey, Airport Manager, Devine Municipal Airport

## **II: Non-Primary Entitlement Program**

*(Spring Lake Salon A)*

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.

Jim Halley, Director, Planning and Programming, TxDOT-Aviation Division  
Allison Martin, Grant Manager, TxDOT-Aviation Division

## **III: Texas Urban Air Mobility Advisory Committee** *(Spring Lake C)*

Last year, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 763 creating the Texas Urban Air Mobility Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is “to assess the current state law and any potential changes to state law that are needed to facilitate the development of urban air mobility operations and infrastructure” in Texas. This session will provide an opportunity for airport sponsors and other aviation stakeholders to learn more about the committee’s work and provide input to the committee before they provide their findings and recommendations to the Texas Legislature.

Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT-Aviation Division  
Chad Sparks, UAM Advisory Committee Vice Chair, Director, Strategy &  
Business Development, Bell

**4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Break in Exhibit Hall** *(Veramendi F-J)*

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**RAMP Session** (*Spring Lake Salon A*)

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.

**Amy Slaughter, RAMP Grant Program Manager, TxDOT-Aviation Division**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Airport Consultant Session** (*Spring Lake C*)

This session will provide an opportunity for the consultant community to hear updates from the Engineering section. Eusebio “Chevy” Torres, the Engineering section director, and his team of project managers will also be available to answer questions.

**Eusebio “Chevy” Torres, Director, Project Management, TxDOT-Aviation Division**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Annual Banquet** (*Veramendi A-E*)

**TxDOT Awards Program**

- General Aviation Airport of the Year
- Most Improved Airport
- General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year
- Reliever Airport or Reliever Airport Manager of the Year
- RAMP Coordinator of the Year

**8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**Evening Social** (*Ballroom Foyer*)





## FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

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**8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Exhibits and Registration Desk Open**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast Buffet** (*Veramendi F-J*)

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Airport Compliance: A Family Feud**  
(*Veramendi A-E*)

Host: Jim “Steve Harvey” Halley  
The Airport Sponsor Family vs.  
The Consultant Family

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Hold Short, Collaborate, and Listen: An  
Aviation Section Directors Townhall**

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

**Jim Halley, Director, Planning and Programming**  
**Eusebio “Chevy” Torres, Director,**  
**Project Management**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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

Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division  
Jesse Carriger, Manager, Texas Airports  
Development Office, FAA Southwest Region  
Ignacio Flores, Director, Office of Airports, FAA  
Southwest Region

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