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**Texas Freight
Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**October 1, 2013
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Amarillo, Texas




8:30 A.M. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



Edward M. Emmett
*Harris County Judge
Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee*

Judge Emmett has served as Harris County Judge since March 6, 2007. Judge Emmett is director of Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, chairman of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) and chairman of the HGAC Transportation Policy Council. He also is chairman of the Harris County Juvenile Board. Judge Emmett served as a member of the Texas House of Representative from 1979 to 1987, where he was chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the state on numerous national committees on energy and transportation policy. In 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Judge Emmett as a Commissioner to the Interstate Commerce Commission where he served for three years.



Carlos H. Cascos
*Cameron County Judge
Vice Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee*

Judge Cascos served as a Cameron County Commissioner from 1991-2002. Judge Cascos was elected to office in November 2006 and re-elected in 2010. Judge Cascos was appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2004 to serve as a director on the Department of Public Safety Commission; after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to a task force to address the evacuation needs of Coastal area; and in 2007 to serve as Chairman of the Border Security Council to provide input regarding Border Security. He has served or currently serves on numerous boards including the United Way of Southern Cameron County, Sunrise Rotary Club, Leadership Brownsville, Cameron County Appraisal District, Brownsville Economic Development Council, Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization, and many other civic organizations.

8:45 A.M. REMARKS



Marc D. Williams, P.E.
*Texas Department of Transportation
Director of Planning - Administration*

Mr. Williams oversees Transportation Planning and Programming and Environmental Affairs Divisions. Mr. Williams's career experience in transportation planning and programming efforts includes public and private-sector organizations involving state, county and local jurisdictions. He has served in leadership positions with two state departments of transportation as well as worked with national private-sector transportation engineering organizations.



Caroline Mays, AICP
*Texas Department of Transportation
Interim Freight Planning Branch Manager*

Ms. Mays is charged with developing and managing TxDOT's comprehensive and multimodal Freight Planning Program including the Texas Freight Advisory Committee and developing the first comprehensive and multimodal Texas Freight Mobility Plan. Ms. Mays was recently appointed as Chair of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Agriculture Transportation Committee and is a member of the Intermodal Freight Committee.

**9:00 A.M. TEXAS FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN: PRELIMINARY FREIGHT NETWORK
10:00 A.M. TEXAS FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN: PRELIMINARY FREIGHT PERFORMANCE MEASURES**



Mark Berndt
*Freight Program Leader, Olsson Associates
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Consultant Team*



Craig Secrest
*Partner, HighStreet Consulting
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Consultant Team*

11:00 A.M. TEXAS TOP 50 MOST CONGESTED FREIGHT CORRIDORS



David Schrank, Ph.D.
Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Dr. Schrank has been extensively involved in urban mobility research for over 20 years. He has focused on research that has developed and applied a methodology to assess areawide traffic congestion levels and congestion costs. The Urban Mobility Report includes information on 101 cities throughout the U.S. from 1982. Dr. Schrank has also been involved in research to develop methods to incorporate GPS-based speed data from several different sources into mobility analysis projects. Dr. Schrank has also been involved in many additional projects involving freight mobility.

11:30 A.M. NETWORKING BREAK

11:40 A.M. COMMITTEE WORKING LUNCH



Jorge Ivan Cárdenas Castillo
*General Director
Terminal Maritima Mazatlán SA de CV - México*

Jorge Cárdenas Castillo is the General Director of the Port of Mazatlán, México. He is a former Merchant Marine Officer. Mr. Cárdenas oversees development and management of port and inland projects. Mr. Cárdenas handles multinational negotiations for merging, sales, purchasing, participation and formation of companies for investment in port businesses. He also facilitates administration of services and human resources management. Mr. Cárdenas career includes academic experience for different institutions.



Dave Quest
*Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
Strathcona-Sherwood Park, Canada*

Dave Quest was elected to his second term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Strathcona-Sherwood Park on April 23, 2012. He was appointed chair of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and to the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services and is a member of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future. Mr. Quest is Alberta's Government's representative on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Board of Directors; the Council of State Governments-WEST; and the Northlands Board of Directors. Mr. Quest was also the general sales manager and shareholder of two GM dealerships and also served with the Better Business Bureau of Northern Alberta for 10 years.

1:30 P.M. NETWORKING BREAK

1:40 P.M. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES



Melissa Meyer
*Texas Department of Transportation
Federal Affairs Division*

Melissa Meyer is a Federal Affairs representative with TxDOT and she is based in Washington, DC. Ms. Meyer covers a wide variety of federal issues for TxDOT, including freight, aviation, maritime, safety and environmental policies.

2:10 P.M. OVERVIEW PORTS-TO-PLAINS



Michael Reeves
*President
Ports-To-Plains Alliance*

Michael Reeves has been President of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance since 2004. As President, Mr. Reeves has focused on strengthening relationships with state departments of transportation and building partnerships in Canada and Mexico. Under his leadership, the Alliance is working on decreasing America's dependence on Middle East oil by providing needed infrastructure to support the region's diverse energy production industry. Mr. Reeves served as Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and also led the Chamber's legislative programs and conducted communications efforts. He is a lifelong Lubbock resident.

2:30 P.M. LOCAL PERSPECTIVES: AGRICULTURAL SECTOR



Steve Amosson, Ph.D.
*Professor, Extension Economist and Regents Fellow
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services
Amarillo, Texas*

Dr. Amosson has served as an Area Economist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in the Amarillo District for the past 20 years. Dr. Amosson is responsible for 22 counties of the Texas High Plains. He focuses on developing educational resources and conducting applied research in support of all segments of the agriculture industry. Dr. Amosson works with all levels of the agriculture industry to improve efficiency and profitability and to strengthen farm and ranch management. Dr. Amosson's recent contributions include the successful producer-oriented Master Marketer Educational Program, the Advanced Topic Series (ATS) of highly specialized seminars for Texas producers, and Personnel Management Seminars for Agribusiness.

- 2:50 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT - JUDGE ED EMMETT**
- 3:10 P.M. DISCUSSION - JUDGE ED EMMETT**
- 3:30 P.M. ADJOURN - JUDGE ED EMMETT**

**Next Committee Quarterly Meeting
December 5, 2013 – Laredo, Texas**