

SPOTLIGHT



K. Alan Russell
President and C.E.O. of the Tecma Group of Companies

Mr. Russell co-founded The Tecma Group of Companies in 1986 and serves as President and CEO. Tecma provides shelter, manufacturing support, and consulting services throughout Mexico for foreign companies across the world. The company has more than 4,000 employees in 19 industrial facilities, competing directly with the China low-cost manufacturing alternative for North America.

Mr. Russell is Chairman of one of Mexico's major Industrial Development Committees and he is the first American to hold this position. Mr. Russell serves on several Boards including: the Board of Directors of the Regional Economic Development Corporation for the northern region of Mexico; the board of TXL Group and the War Eagles Air Museum. Mr. Russell is a member of several organizations: he is a Regional Member of the Merida II Initiative between the U.S. and Mexico; member of the Southwest Maquila Association; member of the University of Texas at El Paso 2014 Centennial Commission; member and major investor in the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Russell and his wife Patty are financial sponsors of C.A.F.E., a college scholarship foundation, and are supporters of the University of Texas Athletics Programs. Mr. Russell is Past President of the Chamizal Foundation and the International Amigo Airsho, and a Founding Director of the El Paso Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure.

In recognition of his leadership in promoting aviation through education, Mr. Russell was inducted into the El Paso Aviation Hall of Fame. For the second straight year, Mr. Russell and his company have been recipient of the Mexican Federal Government award for the leadership in environmental achievements. He was also honored as their 2010 Distinguished Alumni for his Alma Mater, Southeastern Oklahoma University.



Kevin D. McIntosh
Assistant Vice President State & Local Relations

Kevin McIntosh is Assistant Vice President of State and Local Relations for Kansas City Southern (KCS). Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., KCS is a transportation holding company that has railroad investments in the U.S., Mexico and Panama. KCS' North American rail holdings and strategic alliances are primary components of a NAFTA Railway system, linking the commercial and industrial centers of the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

McIntosh has 17 years of transportation industry experience. He joined The Kansas City Southern Railway Company as a management trainee in 1996, and has held a variety of leadership positions in operations, accounting, safety and human resources. He holds a master of business administration from Rockhurst University and a bachelor of science in business management from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

McIntosh has three kids, Isaac, Aaron and Alexis and resides in Lee's Summit, Missouri with his wife, Lia.



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**TEXAS
FREIGHT
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COMMITTEE**

**Texas Freight
Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**December 5, 2013
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**IBC Bank, IBC Annex 2nd floor,
2416 Jacaman Rd.
Laredo, Texas 78041**





8:30-8:45 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Judge Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge, Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee
Judge Carlos Cascos, Cameron County Judge, Vice Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee
Gerald Schwebel, IBC Bank Executive Vice President
Russell Zapalac, P.E., Chief Planning and Project Officer, Texas Department of Transportation

8:45-9:00 AM WELCOME TO THE CITY OF LAREDO

Honorable Mayor Raul G. Salinas, Mayor, City of Laredo

9:00-9:20 AM TXFAC 2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

Marc Williams, Director of Planning - Administration, Texas Department of Transportation
Caroline Mays, Interim Freight Planning Branch Manager, Texas Department of Transportation

9:20-9:50 AM TFMP- TRENDS AND ISSUES ANALYSIS

Mark Berndt, Freight Program Leader, Olsson Associates

9:50-10:20 AM TFMP- ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Melissa Ziegler, Principal Planner, CDM Smith

10:20-11:15 AM RIDER 42 LEGISLATIVE ACTION-HIGHEST PRIORITY MOBILITY NEEDS



Tim Lomax, Ph.D., Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Dr. Lomax has been extensively involved in urban mobility research for more than 30 years. He developed and applied a methodology to assess area wide traffic congestion levels and congestion costs. The Urban Mobility Report examines trends in urban area mobility in 101 cities throughout the U.S. Dr. Lomax experience includes developing and evaluating a wide range of solutions to mobility problems, including high-occupancy vehicle facilities, and in improving decision-making processes and performance measurement. He also played a role in the regional and statewide congestion analyses and in developing principles and performance measures to evaluate and communicate solution strategies. He lead a project to examine the benefits of transportation improvements and the cost of addressing congestion in major Texas metropolitan regions for the Texas Governor's Business Council, the Texas 2030 Committee and a joint working group of Texas DOT and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

11:15-11:25 AM NETWORKING BREAK

11:30 AM -12:30 PM WORKING LUNCH - SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



Caitlin Hughes Rayman, Director of the Office of Freight Management and Operations, Federal Highway Administration

Caitlin Hughes Rayman serves as the Director of the Office of Freight Management and Operations for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In this role, she directs FHWA's work on federal freight programs and input to freight policy, including the implementation of many elements of "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21). Caitlin also served as the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and Freight at the Maryland Department of Transportation and as the Federal Legislative Programs Coordinator for the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Her freight focus has included working with the Port of Baltimore and North Carolina State Ports Authority; with Amtrak, Class I and short line railroads; and with the trucking industry on infrastructure and operational improvements; as well as freight planning and the pursuit of state and federal funding.

12:30-12:40 PM NETWORKING BREAK

12:40-1:20 PM PRESENTATION OF LAREDO BORDER CROSSING ISSUES



Mario Maldonado, Bridge Manager, City of Laredo

Mr. Maldonado has worked with the City of Laredo for 22 years. Since his appointment as Manager for the City of Laredo Bridge System, he has been responsible for managing and supervising the entire bridge operations to ensure the safe crossing points for all Bridge patrons and provide accountability of approximately \$45 million dollars collected yearly. Laredo being the #1 inland port in the nation, it is also Mr. Maldonado's responsibility to facilitate expedient and convenient crossing of all freight and import-export trade that utilize the Port of Laredo. Prior to becoming Director for the Bridge System, Mr. Maldonado was Assistant Bridge Director for 4 years. Mr. Maldonado also worked as director of the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation Department for 10 years. Mr. Maldonado holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and International Trade from Laredo State University. He is also certified as a Public Housing Manager by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and City of Laredo Leadership Program.

Jose R. 'Joe' Uribe, Assistant Port Director, Laredo Trade Operations

Mr. Uribe has over 30 years of U.S. Government Service. He currently serves as the Acting Port Director of Laredo, Texas, and is also the Assistant Port Director for Trade Operations at one of the largest inland ports in the United State. Mr. Uribe manages two large commercial cargo facilities, one rail bridge, one international airport; and oversees the monitoring of numerous bonded warehouses and foreign trade zones. In addition, Joe oversees direction of the Laredo Entry Section and Import Specialists at Laredo, Los Indios and Pharr Ports of Entry. Mr. Uribe holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Animal Science from the Texas A&M University College Station, Texas.

1:20-1:40 PM FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENTS ISSUES

Rafael Silva, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Laredo Field Office

Mr. Rafael Silva is a safety auditor with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. He began his career with FCMSA in 2002 as a safety inspector conducting commercial vehicle inspections at the Laredo Ports of Entry. He has extensive experience with commercial vehicle inspection procedures. Mr. Silva conducts safety audits on new entrant motor carriers including Canadian and Mexican carriers to ensure they are operating in compliance with Federal Regulations. He has traveled to various states in the US, Canada and Mexico to conduct these audits.

1:40-2:00 PM STATEWIDE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Major Chris Nordloh, Department of Public Safety/Texas Highway Patrol Division/Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Major Chris Nordloh is the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Coordinator for the Texas Department of Public Safety, which is the lead CVE agency for the State of Texas. He is responsible for developing policies related to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement for DPS and local agencies, oversees the Motor Carrier Bureau and the Compliance Review and Safety Audit programs, and supervises the Schoolbus Safety and CVE Training Units. He is responsible for oversight of federal grants related to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. Nordloh is responsible directly to the Chief of the Texas Highway Patrol Division and is his liaison to the field with respect to CVE operations. Major Nordloh is also responsible for updating the Texas Administrative Code relating to commercial and Schoolbus vehicle regulations and enforcement.

2:00-2:15 PM BORDER WAIT-TIME STUDY



Esther Hitzfelder, Texas Department of Transportation

Esther Hitzfelder has worked as a Special Projects Coordinator in TxDOT's International Relations Office since 2000. She participates in the US - Mexico Joint Working Committee and has collaborated with other states and agencies in both countries on a number of border related studies. She has worked extensively with FHWA, the Texas Transportation Institute, and local, state and federal stakeholders in both countries, on Border Wait Time studies at several border crossings in Texas.

2:15 -2:30 PM TEXAS CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION POLICY



Jolanda Prozzi, Research Scientist and Program Manager, Environment and Planning Program, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Ms. Prozzi has more than 20 years of professional and research experience in freight planning and freight policy analysis. Since 2001, Ms. Prozzi has been collaborating on and managing more than 25 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) research projects and studies. Ms. Prozzi was also the Assistant Director at the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas at Austin, a Transportation Analyst at Cambridge Systematics, Inc., a Consultant Transportation Economist at the World Bank, and a Project Leader at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). Ms. Prozzi has also served as a consultant for the PEW Foundation, National Cooperative Highway Research Program, US Agency for International Development, and the CSIR. Ms. Prozzi has authored and contributed to over 50 publications.

2:30 -3:20 PM OPEN DISCUSSION

3:20 PM ADJOURN-JUDGE EMMETT, CHAIR

2014 Committee Quarterly Meetings

February 20 - Dallas/Fort Worth

May 8 - East Texas, Nacogdoches or Lufkin

August 14 - Midland/Odessa

November 13 - Houston