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Ron Beeson
Global Logistics Manager, The Lubrizol Corp.

Ron Beeson has worked for The Lubrizol Corp. for 28 years in manufacturing and logistics roles where he serves as the Global Logistics manager. He has served on the Gulf Coast Rail District board since its inception in 2007. In the past, he has chaired the Rail Committee for the Houston Economic Alliance and currently serves as the Logistics and Transportation advisor to East Harris County Manufacturers Association, representing 125 member companies. He is a Houston native residing in Clear Lake.



Michael A. Dyll
CE Manager of Texas International Freight

Michael Dyll owns and operates Texas International Freight, a turn-key logistics company based in Houston, serving domestic and overseas suppliers and their customers. He is a licensed customs house broker by US Customs and Border Protection, a licensed Ocean Transport Intermediary by the Federal Maritime Commission, and uses Texas highways to haul LTL, full van and flatbed loads, as well as permitted heavy hauls and wide loads. In addition, Texas International Freight serves the fundamental needs of the Texas oil and natural gas industry and the original equipment manufacturers that serve this industry.

Michael Dyll lives with his wife, Remi Dyll, (a curator at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts' Bayou Bend collection), and their two sons, Russell and Martin. He graduated with a Master's degree in International Affairs from American University; he presently serves as the Treasurer of the National Oil Equipment Manufacturers and Delegates Society (NOMADS). He spent a year working in Chile and the Dominican Republic, and he is semi-fluent in Spanish.



Todd Frease
VP Finance and Logistics, McLane Global Logistics

Todd Frease's 20 years of experience in finance and operations within the grocery industry allow him to navigate the complex challenges of the business. Todd graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with a BA in Accounting and Finance. Earning his CPA in the state of Ohio in 1993, he joined The Kroger Co. and held positions in Audit, Tax, as well as Assistant Corporate Controller of The Kroger Co. In 1998, Todd moved to Texas and held the roles of assistant controller and Director of Finance for the Southwest Division of Kroger. In 2001, Todd accepted a position with McLane Global, a premier international trade management service provider, global sourcing and logistics company that supplies end to end solutions for retail and distribution clients within the international consumer products arena. Todd's responsibilities include both finance and operations, which encompasses oversight of their warehouse facility in Houston as well as coordination of transportation for both ocean and inland freight.

FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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Representative Poncho Nevarez
Texas House Member
District 74

Senator Sylvia R. Garcia
Texas State Senate
District 6

2014 Committee Quarterly Meetings

August 14 – Midland/Odessa

September/October – TBD

November 13 – Houston



**Texas Freight
Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**May 8, 2014
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

Ellen Trout Zoo
Jaguar Room
402 Zoo Circle
Lufkin, Texas 75901



8:30–8:45AM 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**



**Honorable Bob Brown
Mayor, City of Lufkin**



**Honorable Roger Van Horn
Mayor, City of Nacogdoches**

8:45–9:00AM I-69 ALLIANCE TEXAS



Judge John Thompson, Polk County

John Thompson has served as Polk County Judge for the last 23 years, with a special interest in developing and utilizing regional partnerships to address local, state and national issues. He has chaired the Legislative Committee for the County Judges and Commissioners Association since 1997. He has served as President of Texas Association of Regional Councils, President of Deep East Texas Councils Of Governments, President of the North & East Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association and President of the National Association of Regional Councils. Judge Thompson has dedicated much of his energy to working for transportation solutions in Texas and throughout the nation. He currently serves as President of “Alliance I-69 for Texas”, and as Chairman of the “Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition (Strategic I-14)”. In 2000, the Texas Department of Transportation honored him with the “Road Hand Award” and in 2004 he received the Department’s Russell H. Perry Award—recognizing his interest and efforts in the improvement of transportation. In 2009, Judge Thompson became the second ever to receive the Giles W. Dalby Award for Judicial Leadership by the Texas Judicial Academy and the Texas Association of Counties.

9:00–9:15AM I-45 FREIGHT CORRIDOR STUDY

**Kim Sachtleben, P.E., Transportation Project Manager, Atkins
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Consultant Team**

9:15–10:00AM TxDOT UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND PROJECT FUNDING OVERVIEW



Jessica Butler, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation

10:00–11:45AM TEXAS FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN – DRAFT STRATEGIES & RECOMMENDATIONS



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



**Vince Mantero, Planner, CDM Smith
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Consultant Team**

11:45–NOON NETWORKING BREAK

12:00–1:00PM WORKING LUNCH & SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – GATEWAY CITIES FREIGHT TECHNOLOGY PLAN FOR GOODS MOVEMENT



Mark Jensen, Principal, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Mark Jensen, PMP, a Principal with Cambridge Systematics, has 27 years of years of experience, and has successfully managed and delivered multiple ITS research and freight transportation technology projects; and has fostered the development of public-private partnerships to support these types of systems. For the USDOT, he recently led the successful development of the Freight Advanced Traveler Information System (FRATIS) Concept of Operations, and is now leading two FRATIS prototype testing projects in California and Florida. He is also currently involved in two projects related to truck Connected Vehicle technologies, including the development of a test program for Los Angeles METRO to conceptualize and plan for a multi-year test program of truck platooning vehicle-to-vehicle technologies with trucking fleets in Southern California. Mr. Jensen holds advanced degrees from Georgetown and The Mineta Institute, and is a member of the TRB committees on International Trade and Transportation, and Freight Terminal Operations and Design.

1:00–1:15PM NETWORKING BREAK

1:15–2:15PM TEXAS FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN – DRAFT FREIGHT PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

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

2:15–2:30PM FREIGHT ADVANCED TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM (FRATIS) PROGRAM



Randy Butler, Transportation Specialist, U.S. Department of Transportation

Randy Butler joined the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in November of 2003 as a Transportation Specialist on the Operation and Technology Team. Prior to joining FHWA, Randy completed a 35-year career in the private sector in managing freight transportation operations, engineering, customer service, business process reengineering, information systems, and project management. Previous positions included a 30-year career with Union Pacific Railroad and five years as a consultant in developing freight technologies. Randy currently leads the freight technology efforts at the FHWA's Office of Freight Management and Operations. He is currently the Program Manager for ITS Dynamic Mobility Applications Open Source Portal, Corridor Optimization for Freight, Freight Advanced Traveler Information System, and the Intermodal Freight Technology Working Group.

2:30–2:45PM PROJECT 21



Nelson Balido, Chairman & CEO, Border Commerce and Security Council

Nelson Balido is one of the leading authorities on the U.S. borders for trade, travel, energy and security issues. He is the Vice President for Public Affairs for SecureOrigins and Founder of the Border Commerce and Security Council. Prior to assuming his current role he was the President of the Border Trade Alliance. Nelson was a Presidential pick to lead the private sector division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency where he earned the Secretary’s Award for Excellence. He was also appointed by Secretary Michael Chertoff to serve on the Homeland Security Advisory Council where he was awarded the department’s highest civilian award—the Outstanding Public Service Medal.

His experience spans public and private sectors at the local, state, and federal levels. Nelson has worked closely with the governments of U.S., Canada, and Mexico on policy initiatives designed to improve border affairs, trade and security relations, and cultural understanding. In 2014, Nelson was re-appointed to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Industry Trade Advisory Council by United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of Commerce.

Nelson has worked at SBC Communications (AT&T), has served on the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board, and various other positions within municipal agencies and non-profit boards. Nelson holds a B.S. in International Economics and a B.A. in Spanish from Texas Tech University and a Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs from the Bush School at Texas A&M University. He is an active U.S. Navy Reserve Public Affairs Officer.

2:45–3:00PM FREIGHT SHUTTLE



Gary Kuhn, President, Piccolino Consulting

Gary Kuhn has been involved in the engineering and construction of major projects since 1975. Currently, he is President of Piccolino Consulting where he provides ‘hands-on’ background in the areas of Business Development, Project Management, Contract Management, and Design Engineering through effective supervising, coaching, mentoring, and training.

Before starting his consulting business, Gary was involved in a number of first of their kind projects where he developed a comprehensive understanding of Public Private Partnership project development and procurement; contracting delivery methods: DBFOM, Design Build, Project Management, ‘Not-to-Exceed’ and Lump Sum. Over the last decade, he has focused on surface freight transportation including rail/trucking business models and the commercialization of the Freight Shuttle.

Gary has a B.S. in Civil Structural Engineering from the University of New Mexico. He also worked with Black & Veatch Consulting Engineers, Brown & Root, Inc., Koch Industries, and Zachry American Infrastructure.

3:00–3:15PM TUBULAR RAIL



Robert Pulliam, President, Tubular Rail, Inc.

Robert Pulliam is an inventor and entrepreneur. Nearly 50 years ago, he had his first exposure to logistics, working the final piece of the distribution (and then, information) system for the Detroit News and Free Press. It was then that he first realized that the freight has to move, no matter the weather or the time. Ten years later the US Navy demonstrated for him that freight can move from one ship to another, even at 20 knots and in 30 foot seas and in the coldest of weather. Those lessons learned and the benefits of an Honorable Discharge allowed him to study Urban Planning and Economics. Eventually settling on the Texas Gulf Coast and raising children, he began working with Industrial Hazardous Waste and realized the importance of on-site minimization, reduction, and treatment to contain transport and disposal costs. He developed several successful methods for low cost, on-site treatment.

During this period, casual observation and understanding of the mobile cantilever beam led to his development of the Tubular Rail passenger concept and its related Drive-On Drive-Off Truck Ferry (DDF). His company, Tubular Rail, holds several patents on his inventions and is dedicated to development of the intellectual property associated with these patents.

Robert believes there are cost effective and achievable engineering solutions to many community concerns, and that these solutions can be market-based and profitable.

3:15–3:30PM OPEN DISCUSSION

Judge Ed Emmett, Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee

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