Roger Guenther
Executive Director, Port of Houston Authority
Roger Guenther was named Executive Director of the Port of Houston Authority in January 2014. Since joining the Port of Houston Authority in 1988, Mr. Guenther has served in various capacities related to facilities management, including master planning of the Bayport Container Terminal, redevelopment of the existing Barbours Cut Terminal, and procurement of all container handling cranes and equipment over the last two decades.

Mr. Guenther earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A & M University and has an MBA in International Trade and Finance from the University of St. Thomas. Prior to joining the Port of Houston Authority, Mr. Guenther was an engineer with Emscor, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia.

A native Texan, Mr. Guenther currently resides in Pearland with his wife Fabiana and two children. He is actively involved with youth programs at his church, enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf, and is a dedicated supporter of Texas A&M sports.

Brenda Mainwaring
Vice President Public Affairs – Southern Region, Union Pacific Railroad
Brenda Mainwaring, Vice President of Public Affairs, leads the Union Pacific team that interacts with elected officials, media and communities in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee. She is based in Spring, Texas. She began her career with Union Pacific in government affairs, responsible for legislative analysis in UP’s 23 operating states. She was appointed Director of Corporate Relations in 2001 and subsequently managed UP’s role as supplier to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and developed Union Pacific’s museum and trademark licensing program. Before joining the railroad, Mainwaring was an intelligence analyst in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Mainwaring is an Iowa native and earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Anthropology at the University of Iowa.

Steve Stewart
Chairman & Co-founder, Gulf Winds International, Inc.
Mr. Steve Stewart served as President of Gulf Winds from 1996 to 2012. He currently serves as Chairman, acting as an advisor to the President and Leadership Team. Mr. Stewart also serves on a number of important industry related educational and community boards. These organizations support industry wide economic growth and development at the local, state and regional levels.

Mr. Stewart was honored as “Maritime Person of the Year” by the Greater Houston Port Bureau at their annual gala in August, 2011. After graduating from Lamar University with a BBA degree in Marketing, he spent the next 23 years in international shipping with responsibility in all areas of transportation and logistics, with primary emphasis on commercial development.

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Mr. Stewart held Senior and Executive level positions with large international transportation companies both in the U.S. and Europe prior to founding Gulf Winds International.

Mr. Stewart and his wife Brenda have been married over 42 years and are members of Humble Areas’ First Baptist Church.

TEXAS FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 20, 2014
10:00am to 3:00pm
TxDOT Houston District Office
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007
10:00-10:15AM  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Honorable Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge
Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee

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

10:15–10:30AM  FREIGHT PLAN
Chapter 1: Introduction
Chapter 2: Strategic Goals

Vince Mantero, CDM Smith

10:30–11:00AM  FREIGHT PLAN
Chapter 3: Economic Context of Freight Transportation Planning
Chapter 4: Freight Policies, Strategies, and Institutions

Eric McClellan, CDM Smith

11:00 AM–NOON  FREIGHT PLAN
Chapter 5: State Freight Transportation Assets
Chapter 6: Conditions and Performance of the State’s Freight Transportation System
Chapter 7: Freight Forecast

Vince Mantero, CDM Smith

NOON–1:00PM  LUNCH SPEAKERS

Thure Cannon, Texas Pipeline Association

Thure Cannon serves as President of the Texas Pipeline Association (TPA), a trade organization representing 50 gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators doing business within the State of Texas. TPA focuses its advocacy and educational efforts in primary areas such as the Texas Legislature, regulatory agencies within the State, Federal regulatory agencies and the United States Congress.

Prior to joining TPA in 2010, Mr. Cannon worked as Chief of Staff to State Representative David Farabee for 12 years managing his entire legislative and political agenda. Before joining the Representative, Mr. Cannon worked for other Legislators during three legislative Sessions.

Mr. Cannon holds a M.P.Aff. degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas and a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin. He’s been a guest lecturer on Texas campaigns at the LBJ School and has been a speaker at conferences and service clubs.

Mr. Cannon lives in Austin with his wife of 14 years, Shannon, and their two boys, Knox (7) and Nash (3).

Thomas Marian, Buffalo Marine Services, Inc

Thomas P. Marian serves as Buffalo Marine Service’s general counsel and administrative manager. Mr. Marian retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2005 as Commanding Officer of Vessel Traffic Service, Houston-Galveston and Judge Advocate after 21 years of commissioned service. As a Coast Guard attorney, he specialized in environmental law, regulatory compliance, administrative law, international law and military justice in his various tours with the U.S. Coast Guard from Key West, FL to Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mr. Marian has been active throughout the Houston port community and is currently Chairman of the Greater Houston Port Bureau Board of Directors, a member of the Board of Trustee for the Houston Maritime Museum, Towing Company representative for the Southeast Texas Waterways Advisory Council, member of the Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Committee, and an active member of the American Waterways Operators and the Texas Waterways Operator’s Association. Mr. Marian has written numerous articles on port security, port reconstitution and a host of port-related topics.

2:00–2:45PM  FREIGHT PLAN
Chapter 11: The State’s Freight Improvement Strategy
Chapter 12: Implementation Plan

Vince Mantero, CDM Smith

Kim Sachtleben, Atkins

2:45–3:00PM  OPEN DISCUSSION AND ADJOURN

Judge Emmett, Chair