TEXAS FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Houston TranStar
6922 Katy Road
Houston, TX 77024

July 20, 2017
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
8–8:30 a.m.  REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

8:30–8:45 a.m.  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Hon. Ed Emmett  
Judge, Harris County  
Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee

Victor T. Vandergriff  
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Laura Ryan  
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

8:45–9 a.m.  RECAP OF MAY 11, 2017, MEETING, FREIGHT STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS AND QUICK SUMMARY OF TODAY’S AGENDA OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Summary of May meeting, inputs and findings from the 12 stakeholder workshops around the state and discussion of what the committee plans to accomplish at this meeting

Judge Emmett, Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee  
Caroline Mays, Texas Department of Transportation  
Paula Dowell, Cambridge Systematics

9–10:15 a.m.  
1. DRAFT TEXAS MULTIMODAL FREIGHT SYSTEM  
2. DRAFT FINAL TEXAS HIGHWAY NETWORK  
3. DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL FREIGHT CORRIDORS

- Critical Urban Freight Corridors  
- Critical Rural Freight Corridors

Paula Dowell, Cambridge Systematics  
Caroline Mays, Texas Department of Transportation

10:15–10:30 a.m.  BREAK
10:30 a.m.–Noon  |  **1. FREIGHT NEEDS, PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, GAPS AND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA**  
|  |  Discuss Needs Assessment, Freight Plan project identification, Gaps and Project Prioritization Criteria and get feedback from the committee  
|  |  **2. DRAFT FREIGHT PLAN PROJECTS**  
|  |  Discuss draft project lists and get feedback from the committee  
|  |  Highway  
|  |  Rail  
|  |  Ports and Waterways  
|  |  Air Cargo Access  
|  |  **Paula Dowell**, Cambridge Systematics  
|  |  **Joe Bryan**, WSP  
|  |  **Caroline Mays**, Texas Department of Transportation  
|  |  **Lauren Garduño**, Texas Department of Transportation  

Noon–1 p.m.  |  **WORKING LUNCH: NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA (INFRA) GRANTS**  
|  |  Discuss Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grants and potential projects  
|  |  **Melissa Meyer**, Texas Department of Transportation  

1–2:30 p.m.  |  **DRAFT FREIGHT PLAN CHAPTERS**  
|  |  Discuss revised draft Freight Plan chapters 2, 4 and 9 and get feedback from the committee  
|  |  **Paula Dowell**, Cambridge Systematics  
|  |  **Caroline Mays**, Texas Department of Transportation  

2:30–3 p.m.  |  **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
|  |  Open discussion on key issues and next steps  
|  |  **Judge Emmett**, Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee  

3 p.m.  |  **ADJOURN**  
|  |  **Judge Emmett**, Chair, Texas Freight Advisory Committee  

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
- August 24, 2017, Dallas  
- September, 2017, Date and location TBD  
- October, 2017, Date and location TBD
FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Senator Sylvia R. Garcia – Texas State Senate, District 6
Representative Armando “Mando” Martinez – Texas House Member, District 39
Representative Sergio Muñoz Jr. – Texas House Member, District 36
Representative Poncho Nevárez – Texas House Member, District 74
Erin Ford – Retired Houston County Judge
Gerry Schwebel – IBC Bank
Mayor Pete Saenz – City of Laredo
Christopher Evilia – Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization
Clark Greer – Coca-Cola
Danny Smith – United Parcel Service
Paul Treangen – TNW Corporation
Matt Woodruff – Kirby Corporation