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JUNE 15  WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Registration/Information Desk
Regency Preassembly

10:00 a.m. – Noon  FHWA Meeting
Regency Ballroom C

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Data Integrity, Planning Process and TxDOT Roadways — Houston District
Houston District TxDOT Office

9:00 a.m. – Noon  Managing the Travel Demand Modeling Process
Colonnade Salon A

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  STARS II — The Force Awakens
Colonnade Salon A

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Public Involvement: A 360-Degree Strategy
Colonnade Salon B

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Automated/Connected Vehicles and Transportation Planning
Regency Ballroom D

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  TranStar Facility Tour 1
Houston District

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  TranStar Facility Tour 2
Houston District

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  Reception
Regency Preassembly

JUNE 16  THURSDAY

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Registration/Information Desk
Regency Preassembly

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
Regency Preassembly

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Welcome Remarks
Colonnade Salon

Lauren D. Garduño, P.E., Director, Project Planning and Development, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Quincy Allen, P.E., District Engineer, Houston District, TxDOT, Houston, Texas

Alan Clark, Director, Transportation Planning, Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston, Texas

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  BREAK
Regency Preassembly

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  Plenary Session — Legislative Updates
Colonnade Salon

Federal Reauthorization Update and MAP-21 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Process

James Garland, Team Leader, Transportation Planning Capacity Building, Office of Planning, Environment and Realty, FHWA, Washington, D.C.

Federal Affairs
Melissa Meyer, Congressional Liaison, Federal Affairs, TxDOT, Washington, D.C.

State Legislative Affairs
Trent Thomas, State Legislative Affairs Section Director, Government Affairs Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Noon – 1:30 p.m.  LUNCH
Regency Ballroom

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Judge Ed Emmett, Harris County
Session I: Texas Planning Tools
Colonnade Salon A

**MODERATOR:** Jessica Butler, P.E., Programming Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Modernize Portfolio Project Management (MPPM)**
Erika K. Kemp, PMP, MPPM Project Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Project Tracker**
Shana Thomas, Transportation Planner; and
Grace Richey, GIS Business Analyst, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Central Portfolio Planning**
Colt Amberg, PMP, Project Development Manager – UTP Team Lead; and
Robert Ramirez, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, Austin, Texas

Session II: Environmental Affairs
Colonnade Salon B

**MODERATOR:** Sara Garza, CTPM, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Laredo, Texas

**Fundamentals of Planning and Environmental Consistency**
Catherine McCreight, MBA, Senior Transportation Planner, Houston District, TxDOT, Houston, Texas

**2015 Ozone Standard**
David Brymer, Director, Air Quality Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas

**TxDOT’s Tablet Revolution in Public Outreach in Archeology**
Mason Miller, M.A., Media Director/Archeology Principal Investigator, AmaTerra, Austin, Texas

Session III: Texas Freight Mobility Plan
Regency Ballroom C

**MODERATOR:** Caroline Mays, AICP, Director of Freight and International Trade Section, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**FAST Act Freight Provisions**
Melissa Meyer, Congressional Liaison, Federal Affairs, TxDOT, Washington, D.C.

**Texas Freight Mobility Plan Implementation from West Texas and Rural Perspective**
Gus Khankarli, Ph.D., P.E., PMP, Transportation Planning and Development Director, Amarillo District, TxDOT, Amarillo, Texas

**Texas Freight Mobility Plan Implementation from an Urban/Sea Port Perspective**
Andrew Mao, P.E., Director, Advance Transportation Planning, Houston District, TxDOT, Houston, Texas
Session IV: Right of Way
Colonnade Salon A

MODERATOR: Tim Juarez, Jr., MPO Coordinator, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

The New Normal in ROW — The Importance of Involving ROW at the Initial Design Phase
Gus Cannon, CTCM, Director, Right of Way Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

New Initiatives for Delivering ROW Projects
Kyle Madsen, Director, ROW Project Delivery, Right of Way Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

ROW Acquisition and Utility Relocation from the District to the Decision and Beyond
Bill Brudnick, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning and Development, Houston District, Houston, Texas; and
Bill Bucker, Esq., Attorney, Right of Way Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Session V: Data Management Tools
Colonnade Salon B

MODERATOR: Travis Scruggs, GIS Analyst II, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Geospatial Roadway Inventory Database (GRID)
Michael Chamberlain, Director, Data Management, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Data: From Collection to Sharing
Jessica Lane, GIS Analyst /Interim Data Analysis, Mapping and Reporting Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Straight Line Diagram (SLD)
David Freidenfeld, Roadway Records Branch Supervisor, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Session VI: Project Contracting and Management
Regency Ballroom C

MODERATOR: Lynn M. Isaak, P.E., PMP, Project and Portfolio Management Section Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

PEPS — Current Challenges
Gail Morea, P.E., Transportation Engineer Supervisor, Professional Engineering and Procurement Services, TxDOT, Houston, Texas

PEPS — Future Improvements
Martin Rodin, P.E., Director, Procurement Services, Professional Engineering and Procurement Services, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

Project and Portfolio Management
Camille Thomason, P.E., CTCM, CTPM, Field Operations Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas
**Session VII: Sustainable Transportation for the 21st Century**
*Colonnade Salon A*

**MODERATOR:** Kirk Fauver, P.E., Environmental Coordinator — Urban Transportation Planner, FHWA, Texas Division, Austin, Texas

**INVEST Panel**
- *Connie Hill,* Sustainable Transport and Climate Change Team, Office of Planning, Environment and Realty, FHWA, Washington, D.C.
- *Dan Lamers, P.E.,* Senior Program Manager, Transportation Department, North Central Council of Government, Arlington, Texas
- *Steve Olmsted,* Environmental Planning Group, Arizona Department of Transportation, Phoenix, Arizona

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**Session VIII: Local Government Planning**
*Colonnade Salon B*

**MODERATOR:** David Plutowski, P.E., Regional Mobility Coordinator, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**LG Projects Online Toolkit**
- *David M.Y. Millikan, P.E.,* Director, Local Government Projects, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Advance Funding Agreements**
- *Travis Milner, MBA,* Administrative Manager, Rail Division; and
- *Megan Campbell, AICP,* Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning and Programming Division; and
- *Tom Marrs, J.D., CTCM,* Deputy Director of Contract Services, Contract and Procurement Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

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**Session IX: Public Involvement**
*Regency Ballroom C*

**MODERATOR:** Jefferson Grimes, Public Involvement Section Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Check Up! Engagement Approaches from Texas and Beyond**
- *Greg Griffin, AICP,* Assistant Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Austin, Texas

**Go Viral and Get Beyond the Usual Suspects**
- *Dave Biggs,* Chief Engagement Officer, MetroQuest, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Out-of-the-Box Thinking in Transportation Public Involvement**
- *Shannon McCord,* Public Involvement Director, HNTB, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

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10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
*Regency Preassembly*
**Session X: Sustainable Transportation for the 21st Century**  
*Colonnade Salon A*

**MODERATOR:** Connie Hill, Sustainable Transport and Climate Change Team, Office of Planning, Environment and Realty, FHWA, Washington, D.C.

**Session XI: Corridor Planning**  
*Colonnade Salon B*

**MODERATOR:** Roger Beall, P.E., Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Planning for the Future**
Susan Chavez, Project Development Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Lessons Learned from Crash Analysis**
Cary Karnstadt, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Incorporating Freight into Planning**
Traffic Analysis Tools
Steve Linhart, AICP, Project Development Manager; and Caroline Mays, AICP, Director, Freight and International Trade Section, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

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**Session XII: Traffic Analysis Tools**  
*Regency Ballroom C*

**MODERATOR:** Chris Didear, Mapping Branch Supervisor, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**NCTCOG O-D Survey Using Passive Data**
Ed Hard, Research Scientist, Transportation Planning, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, College Station, Texas; and Arash Mirzaei, P.E., Senior Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Arlington, Texas

**STARS II**
Laura Dablain, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, Austin, Texas

**Integrated Demand Modeling System: TexPACK**
Kevin Hall, Research Scientist, Travel Forecasting, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Austin, Texas

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