



The Texas Lyceum

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters to address Texas Lyceum Public Conference

(HOUSTON) U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters will be the featured keynote speaker at the upcoming Texas Lyceum public conference on Transportation and Infrastructure on **Wednesday, December 3rd, 12:30 pm at Reliant Center**. Mrs. Peters, who was appointed to DOT in 2006 by President Bush, has spent more than twenty years in both the public and private arenas crafting innovative solutions to some of our nation's toughest transportation challenges.

Credentialed members of the media wishing to cover the conference are welcome to register today online at texaslyceum.org and go to "Public Conference."

"We want to thank Secretary Peters for agreeing to address our public conference," said Lyceum President John Boettiger. "She will be an excellent keynote speaker because of her unique insight after years of public service and private business expertise in the transportation industry on both the state and national levels; a great compliment to our line-up of experts and policy makers."

In addition to Secretary Peters, the conference will feature Texas Senator Kirk Watson, Vice Chair, Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, former Texas Department of Transportation Commissioner and current Texas Senator Robert Nichols, Houston Mayor Bill White, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and a number of officials from both the private, public and non-profit sectors with expertise and knowledge in the area of

transportation infrastructure. The day-long conference will be held at Houston's Reliant center and is open to the public. A complete agenda can be viewed at www.texaslyceum.org.

About The Texas Lyceum

The Texas Lyceum, a non-profit, non-partisan group, is the premier statewide leadership organization. The Lyceum consists of 96 men and women from throughout the state, who begin their six-year term while under the age of 46, and have demonstrated leadership in their community and profession, together with a deep commitment to Texas.

In 2008, the Lyceum conducted the second annual Texas Lyceum Poll, an independent survey of Texan's attitudes about issues facing the state and the nation, and will hold its 23rd annual public conference in Houston on the topic of Transportation Infrastructure in Texas.

The Lyceum has an impressive list of former members who are serving or have served in the public office including: President George W. Bush, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Governor Rick Perry, former Texas Comptroller John Sharp, Texas State Senators Rodney Ellis and Kirk Watson, Houston Mayor Bill White, Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett, and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

The Texas Lyceum acts as a catalyst to bring together diverse opinions and expertise to focus on national and state issues, and seeks to emphasize constructive private sector, public sector, and individual responses to the issues.

To accomplish these purposes, the Lyceum conducts periodic public forums, publishes the Lyceum *Journal*, produces The Texas Lyceum Poll, and convenes programs for the Directors to explore and discuss key economic and social issues of the state and nation. For more information visit:

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