

THE TEXAS LYCEUM
23rd Public Conference
Transportation Infrastructure: Establishing Public Policy Priorities
December 3, 2008
Houston, Texas

Wednesday, December 3

Texas Lyceum's 23rd Public Conference
Location: Reliant Center, Houston

7:00am
8:00am

Registration Opens
Opening Fishbowl
Moderator: John Boettiger, President of The Texas Lyceum
The Honorable Bill White, Mayor of the City of Houston
The Honorable Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge
Chairman James Edmonds, Port of Houston Authority
Introductions
Introduce Advisory Board - Paul Hobby, Advisory Board Chairman
Introduce Honorary Host Committee and Sponsors
Overview of Facilitation Process by Tim Belton

8:45am

Topic I – Freight

Topic Chairmen: Duffy Crane, COO, Vines of Mendoza and Lyceum Director; and Geronimo Rodriguez, Jr., Vice President-Diversity and Community Outreach, Seton Family of Hospitals and Lyceum Director
Moderator: Allan Rutter, Cambridge Systematics
Dialogue Participants: Thomas Kornegay, Executive Director, Port of Houston Authority; Gerald Schwebel, Executive Vice President, IBC-Laredo; Steven Polunsky, Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee; Chris Bigoness, Manager Public Funding, BNSF Railway

9:45am

Breakout Sessions

1. Which modes of freight transportation are best for Texas to meet its currently growing and future demand?
2. What objectives should Texas set for its 21st century transportation infrastructure?
3. What are the top five target locations for expansion of our freight transportation system?

10:30am

Phone/E-mail Break

10:45am

Topic II – Sustainability

Topic Chairman: Collin Cox, Partner, Yetter Warden & Coleman LLP and Lyceum Director
Moderator: Richard Seline, CEO/Principal, New Economy Strategies, and Lyceum alumnus
Dialogue Participants: Dr. Carol Lewis, Texas Southern University; Gwen Eklund, Director, Central Region, TRC Companies, Inc.; Phyllis Jarrell, Director of Planning, City of Plano; David Crossley, President, Houston Tomorrow; Kirk Watson, Texas State Senator and Lyceum alumnus; Joe Krier, President, Texans for Safe Reliable Transportation and Lyceum alumnus

11:45pm

Breakout Sessions

1. What objectives should Texas have by which we can measure the “sustainability” of our transportation infrastructure strategy? (top five)
2. What policy changes, if any, must Texas make in order to ensure future transportation infrastructure investments support sustainability objectives? (top five)
3. What programs could Texas implement TODAY to improve the sustainability of our existing transportation infrastructure? (top five)

12:30 -12:45

Box lunch

12:45-1:15pm

Luncheon Keynote Address

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters

Introduction by Jim Dannenbaum, Chairman, Dannenbaum Engineering

1:30pm

Topic III – Financing Priorities and Options

Topic Chairmen: Melissa Killen, Attorney, Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP and Lyceum Director
Moderator: Bill King, Of Counsel, Bracewell & Giuliani
Dialogue Participants: Scott Polikov, Planner/Principal, Gateway Planning; Paul Martin, Shareholder, Winstead; Joe B. Allen, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson; Maura Goldstein, Partner,

Baker Botts LLP; Texas State Representative Joe Deshotel

2:30pm

Breakout Sessions

1. If Texas had \$10 billion in “found money” for immediate needs, what should be our top five transportation infrastructure investment priorities NOW and for the next five years?
2. If Texas had \$100 billion in “found money” to invest in the ideal transportation infrastructure of the future, what should be our top five transportation infrastructure investment priorities for the next 25 years?
3. Texas has no “found money!” What should be our top five funding sources for our transportation infrastructure investment priorities?

3:15pm

Phone/E-mail Break

3:30pm

Topic IV – Delivering Texas’ Infrastructure Projects

Topic Chairman: Donze Lopez, Principal, Donze Lopez Public Affairs

Moderator: Steve Stagner, President, Texas Council of Engineering Companies

Dialogue Participants: Jim Thompson, Regional Chief Executive, AECOM; State Senator Robert Nichols; Dan Stoppenhagen, Director, Business Development, Transportation and Infrastructure, Fluor Corporation; Phil Russell, Assistant Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation; Dr. Jorge Figueredo, Executive Director, North Texas Tollway Authority

4:30pm

Breakout Sessions

1. What objectives (top five) should Texas seek in the first place to address its multi-modal transportation infrastructure needs?
2. Which jurisdictions (TxDOT, regional, county, city, other local entities, etc.) should take the lead in establishing STATEWIDE or at least inter-regional transportation infrastructure networks?
3. What percentage, if any, of the study and engineering for TxDOT-sponsored transportation projects should be done by TxDOT employees versus outsourced to private sector firms?

5:15pm

Closing Comments

Attire for the Public Conference is business.

Hotel Accommodations:

The Texas Lyceum has a block of rooms starting December 2 through December 3 at the Magnolia Hotel at a rate of \$149/night. Please call **888-915-1110** and ask for the Texas Lyceum group.

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