



Commissioner Gary Fickes • Tarrant County • Precinct 3

# *6th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit*

**"What's Next in Regional Transportation"**



# COMMISSIONER'S NOTE

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## **Commissioner Gary Fickes**

Tarrant County • Precinct 3

Thank you for attending our 6th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit. Our goal continues to be to inform the business owners, community leaders and citizens of Northeast Tarrant County about major transportation issues and plans to improve mobility in our area.

We have made great strides in recent years with transportation awareness and funding, including the passage of Proposition 1 in November 2014. Proposition 1 will likely provide \$1.7 billion in the coming year alone. However, that will cover only a small portion of the nearly \$5 billion deficit that TxDOT is facing annually. When you consider that we are living in one of the nation's fastest growing regions, it is imperative that we focus harder than ever on finding alternative transportation funding sources.

This year's program theme is "What's Next in Regional Transportation" and includes programs and discussions on the future of commuter rail in Tarrant County, financing our future mobility and the economic impact of air passenger travel and air freight/logistics. These programs will provide a wealth of information regarding the future of transportation in North Texas. We are also privileged to have one of the state's key decision makers on how we will fund future transportation projects, Victor Vandergriff, here with us today to discuss the future of transportation in the region.

Enjoy the presentations. Take advantage of this opportunity to speak to experts about transportation concerns and ask questions. Thank you for your continued support!

A blue ink signature of Gary Fickes, consisting of stylized, flowing letters.

**Gary Fickes**  
County Commissioner

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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## **Victor T. Vandergriff**

Commissioner  
Texas Transportation Commission

Victor T. Vandergriff is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was appointed commissioner by Governor Rick Perry on March 26, 2013, and took his seat on the commission on April 30, 2013.

Vandergriff is an attorney and private businessman specializing in business development and legislative issues.

From 2009 to 2013, Vandergriff served as the chairman of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board. He was also a board member for the North Texas Tollway Authority from 2007 to 2013 and served as chairman from 2010 to 2011.

Vandergriff formerly served as Vice President of V.T., Inc. and Automotive Investment Group, the largest private retail automotive group in the United States. He was involved as an owner, dealer and executive manager in the automobile industry for more than 25 years. Vandergriff and his family have owned and operated automobile dealerships for more than 80 years in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Vandergriff attended the University of Southern California, where he received a degree from the School of Public Administration in Public Affairs. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

# AGENDA

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8:45 a.m.

## **WELCOME**

9 – 9:45 a.m.

## **SEMINAR #1**

### **The Future of Transit and Commuter Rail in Tarrant County**

*Paul Ballard, President and CEO of the  
Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T)*

9:45 – 10 a.m.

## **BREAK**

10 – 10:45 a.m.

## **SEMINAR #2**

### **Financing Our Future Mobility**

*Mayor Oscar Trevino, North Richland Hills  
Scott Haywood, President of Move Texas Forward*

10:45 – 11 a.m.

## **BREAK**

11 – 11:45 a.m.

## **SEMINAR #3**

### **Economic Impact of Air Passenger Travel and Air Freight/Logistics**

*Tom Harris, President of Alliance Air/Aviation  
Services (Fort Worth Alliance Airport)*

*John C. Terrell, Vice President of Commercial  
Development at DFW International Airport*



11:45 a.m.

## **LUNCHEON**

### **Introductions**

*Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County*

### **Invocation**

*Randy Clinton*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Howard Shotwell*

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## **ROAD UPDATES**

### **DFW Connector**

*Kristen Stieg, Public Information Manager*

*NorthGate Constructors*

### **North Tarrant Express/IH-35W**

*Robert Hinkle, Director of Corporate Affairs*

*NTE Mobility Partners*

### **Recognition**

*Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County*

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

*Victor Vandergriff, Commissioner*

*Texas Transportation Commission*

### **Closing Remarks**

*Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County*

# TODAY'S GUESTS

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## **Paul Ballard**

President/CEO  
Fort Worth Transportation  
Authority (The T)

Paul Ballard has been President and CEO of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) since April. He began his rail transportation career as a conductor and brakeman on the Boston & Maine Railroad, serving in both commuter rail and freight service. Then, as an undergraduate at Indiana University, he learned the rubber-tired end of the business as a bus operator for the university's Campus Bus System.

After starting up a small municipal transit system while still an undergraduate, he progressed through several increasingly larger transit systems as either a public employee or a private business entrepreneur. He has managed transportation efforts internationally as well as domestically.

In his most recent endeavors, he served as CEO of two public transit agencies in Tennessee: the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee. In his twelve years there, he built and placed into service the Music City Star commuter rail line and increased ridership of the public transit services from 6.4 million annual trips to over 10.5 million annual trips.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business, Transportation and Public Utilities Management from the Indiana University School of Business and an MPA from Webster University in St. Louis.



## **Oscar Trevino**

Mayor  
City of North Richland Hills

Oscar Trevino has served as Mayor of the City of North Richland Hills since 2002. Prior to being elected as Mayor, he served as a City Council Member, Park & Recreation Advisory Board Member and Teen Court Advisory Board Member.

While serving as Mayor of North Richland Hills, he has been a vocal advocate for improving transportation and air quality throughout North Texas. He is past chair of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and a current member and past chair of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition. He has served on the National League of Cities Transportation Infrastructure & Services Steering Committee since 2002 and served as chair in 2008-2009. He is also a member of the Regional Transit Initiative Committee, TEX-21 Committee, the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Advisory Council and the Coalition for Better Transportation.

Born and raised in San Antonio, Mayor Trevino graduated from Texas A&M University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is president and owner of O. Trevino Construction, a heavy-highway contractor. He is married with two grown children. He is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church and a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.



### **Scott Haywood**

President  
Move Texas Forward

Scott Haywood serves as the president of Move Texas Forward, a nonpartisan organization whose mission is to educate Texans about the policies that will enhance the long-term economic success of the state and its citizens, and to advocate for the policies and funding necessary to advance infrastructure development. Move Texas Forward led the charge on last year's campaign to pass Proposition 1, which garnered 80% support across the state.

Prior to taking on this role, Scott served as Chief of Staff for the Texas Department of Transportation where he was responsible for providing guidance and direction on TxDOT's strategic operations, government relations and communication efforts. Scott spent the last decade working in a variety of leadership positions in communications and public affairs in the government and private sector.

A native Texan, Scott has an MBA from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Trinity University.



### **Tom Harris**

President  
Alliance Air/Aviation  
Services (Fort Worth  
Alliance Airport)

Tom Harris is president of Alliance Air Services and Alliance Aviation Services, where he oversees the management, operation and service provision for both groups. Alliance Air Services, Hillwood's aviation management and service company, manages Fort Worth Alliance Airport for the City of Fort Worth. Alliance Aviation Services operates Hillwood's full-service Fixed Base Operation (FBO) at the airport.

In this capacity, Tom directs the strategic planning and improvements for the airport, including the development of additional aviation facilities and the expansion of the primary runway from 9,600 feet to 11,000 feet. He also serves as president of Alliance Air Productions, a non-profit organization responsible for producing the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show.

Tom is past chair of the First Candle/SIDS Alliance Board of Directors, a national non-profit organization formed to increase community awareness and raise research funds for a cure or prevention of SIDS, stillbirth and other infant loss. He currently serves on the business advisory boards for Tarrant County College's Aviation Program, University of North Texas Logistics Program and Fort Worth ISD, Dunbar High School's Aviation Program, and the University of North Texas Logistics Board. In addition, he is on the Board of Directors for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Birdville ISD Education Foundation and the HCA North Hills Hospital located in North Richland Hills.

Tom and his wife Ellen are also the co-founders of the Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises funds for depression research efforts and advocates on behalf of families who have lost loved ones to suicide. He is a 1977 graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, a 2008 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business Executive Development Program and a graduate of Leadership Fort Worth.

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## **John C. Terrell**

Vice President of  
Commercial Development  
DFW International Airport

John C. Terrell, Vice President of Commercial Development at DFW International Airport is responsible for the strategic direction in development, acquisition, leasing, property management and natural gas exploration/production on over 17,000 acres of land.

He leads the strategic planning, marketing and implementation of business initiatives for commercial land development and redevelopment as well as provides direction and oversight of the airport's Land Use Analysis and Land Use Master Planning processes outside the central terminal areas.

John has over 30 years of real estate experience and an extensive background and knowledge in real estate sales, marketing, property management, development, leasing, economic development and government relations.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Masters in Business Administration with a certificate in Asian Business Studies. He also serves as Mayor for the City of Southlake, Texas.



# ROAD UPDATES

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## **Kristen Stieg**

Public Information Manager  
NorthGate Constructors

## **DFW CONNECTOR**

Kristen Stieg is the Public Information Manager for the \$1.2 billion DFW Connector project. She started working for NorthGate Constructors, a Kiewit-led joint venture, in the Public Information office in June 2009. Since that time, Kristen has helped establish a model for public outreach with project stakeholders, local businesses and more than 175,000 daily commuters. For their work, the NorthGate Constructors PI team won the first place PRIDE award from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association for demonstrating positive community involvement and educating the public about the construction industry. Currently, Kristen manages stakeholder and community outreach for the construction of FM 2499 and SH 121/360 ramps, which will be completed by 2017.



## **Robert Hinkle**

Director of Corporate Affairs  
NTE Mobility Partners, LLC

## **NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS**

Robert Hinkle is Director of Corporate Affairs for NTE Mobility Partners, LLC. He oversees the day-to-day operations of government, media and public relations, public affairs and the implementation of stakeholder communications and community outreach for the \$2.5 billion North Tarrant Express project in Northeast Tarrant County and the \$1.5 billion I-35W project in Fort Worth.

Over his 30-plus year career Robert has worked with corporations throughout the United States and around the world on strategic, crisis and litigation communications in the oil & gas and mining industries, healthcare, security and manufacturing. He has worked with governments in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America to create internal and external communications strategies regarding conflict resolution, democracy development, political positioning and economic partnerships.

Here in Texas, Robert began his career as a radio and television news reporter and has worked with political candidates running for local, regional, state and federal positions including the state legislature, Congress and the White House.

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# NORTHEAST TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

## *Transportation for Seniors, Disabled, and Low Income*

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### Call A Ride Southlake

CARS provides service for senior citizens and disabled adults in Southlake for medical purposes within a 25-mile radius of Southlake and a 7-mile radius for non-medical purposes. Services are provided by volunteers who supply their own vehicle, time and gas.

CARS was established in 2000. 817-798-4022 [www.cityofsouthlake.com](http://www.cityofsouthlake.com)

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### HEB Transit

HEB Transit provides transportation for disadvantaged people in Hurst, Euless, and Bedford and access to employment destinations within those cities and the Hurst/Bell and CentrePort/DFW Airport Trinity Railway Express (TRE) stations. Services are provided by Catholic Charities.

HEB Transit was established in 2006. 817-336-8714 [www.hebtransit.org](http://www.hebtransit.org)

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### Mid-Cities Care Corps

MCCC mission is to preserve the independence of senior neighbors in N.E. Tarrant County by providing Transportation (for routine medical), Helping Hands projects, and Social Outreach to break isolation for senior citizens age 65+.

MCCC was established in 1981. 817-282-0531 [www.midcitiescarecorps.org](http://www.midcitiescarecorps.org)

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### Northeast Transportation Service

NETS provides transportation services to older adults (55 years of age or older) and individuals with disabilities in Northeast Tarrant County for medical, work, social services, senior centers, education, and shopping. Services are provided by Catholic Charities.

NETS was established in 2002. 817-336-8714 [www.ridenets.com](http://www.ridenets.com)

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### Social Transportation for Seniors

STS provides non-emergency round trip transportation for seniors 62 years and older in North Richland Hills for leisure and social activities with the purpose of re-engaging isolated seniors back into the community. Services are provided within a 7 mile radius by volunteers.

STS was established in 2009. 817-514-0773 [www.stsrides.org](http://www.stsrides.org)

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- Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber
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- Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber
- Northwest Metroport Chamber
- Northeast Tarrant Chamber
- Southlake Chamber



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