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7th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit

February 19, 2016

"Shifting Gears: Challenges and Opportunities in Regional Mobility"

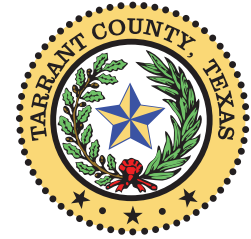


COMMISSIONER'S NOTE



Commissioner Gary Fickes

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Thank you for attending our 7th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit. Our goal continues to be to inform the business owners, community leaders and citizens of Northeast Tarrant County regarding 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 and Proposition 7. Proposition 1 allows for a portion of the oil and gas tax revenues to be deposited into the general highway fund, while Proposition 7 dedicates a portion of the general sales and use tax as well as the motor vehicle sales tax to the general highway fund. However, with the fluctuation in oil and gas prices, as well as increased demand for transportation funding throughout the state, we must be increasingly vigilant in our efforts to improve transportation conditions in Tarrant County, and in turn, spur economic growth throughout North Texas.

This year's program theme is "Shifting Gears: Challenges and Opportunities in Regional Mobility" and includes programs and discussions on the ability of transportation funding measures to deliver on their promise, the impact of the Panama Canal on our region, and the status of transportation projects in Tarrant County. 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 nation's premier economists, Dr. Ray Perryman, who will discuss how to complete and advance transportation projects in our region can drive economic growth in the near future.

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

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Gary Fickes
County Commissioner

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. M. Ray Perryman

President and CEO of
The Perryman Group

Dr. Ray Perryman is President and CEO of The Perryman Group, an economic research and analysis firm based in Waco, Texas. His firm has served the needs of more than 2,000 clients ranging from major corporations to small startups and from local communities to the federal government. Over the past 30 years, Dr. Perryman has helped recruit corporations providing tens of thousands of jobs through economic development work, resolved billion-dollar legal issues, and revamped public policy through impact assessments and other studies. His firm has measured economic impacts for corporate locations and expansions involving billions in investments, and his economic forecasts are used by corporations and government agencies alike.

Dr. Perryman has authored several books and more than 400 academic papers and has served as President of both the Southwestern Economic Association and the Southwestern Society of Economists. In the professional arena, he has authored more than 2,000 trade articles, publishes a subscription forecasting service and a monthly newsletter, writes a weekly syndicated newspaper column, hosts a daily radio commentary, and appears regularly on National Public Radio.

Dr. Perryman holds a BS in Mathematics from Baylor University and a PhD in Economics from Rice University as well as an honorary doctorate from the International Institute for Advanced Studies. He has held numerous academic positions in his career including 10 years as Herman Brown Professor of Economics and five years as University Professor and Economist-in-Residence at Baylor University, as well as five years as Business Economist-in-Residence at Southern Methodist University. His current academic roles include Senior Research Fellow of the IC2 Institute at the University of Texas, and Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

AGENDA

8:55 a.m.

WELCOME – COMMISSIONER GARY FICKES

9 – 9:45 a.m.

SESSION #1

Will Transportation Funding Measures Deliver On Their Promise?

Moderator: Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, NCTCOG

Speakers:

- *Ed Ireland – Executive Director, Barnett Shale Energy Education Council; Associate Professor of Energy and Economics, TCU*
- *Victor Vandergriff – Commissioner Texas Transportation Commission*

9:45 – 10 a.m.

BREAK

10 – 10:30 a.m.

SESSION #2

The Impact of the Panama Canal on Our State's Economy and Mobility

Speaker:

Dan Harmon – Director of Maritime, TxDOT

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

TXDOT UPDATE

Brian Barth, Fort Worth District Engineer, TxDOT

10:45 – 11 a.m.

BREAK



11 – 11:45 a.m.

SESSION #3

The Status of Transportation Projects in Northeast Tarrant County and What is Our Next Big Challenge?

Moderator: Mary Martin Frazier, President and CEO, HEB Chamber of Commerce

Speakers:

- *Betsy Price – Mayor of Fort Worth*
- *Oscar Trevino, Jr. – Mayor of North Richland Hills*
- *Mike Taylor – Mayor Pro Tem, Colleyville*
- *Warren Robb – Mayor Pro Tem, Haslet*

11:45 a.m.

LUNCHEON

Introductions

Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County

Invocation

Senator Kelly Hancock

Pledge of Allegiance

Vicki Truitt, VTruitt Consulting, LLC; Former State Representative

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Updates

- *Robert Hinkle, Director of Corporate Affairs, NTE Mobility Partners*
- *Robert Hastings, Executive Vice President of Communications and Governmental Affairs, Bell Helicopter*
- *Kasey Whitley, Tarrant Riders Network*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. M. Ray Perryman: “Transportation As An Economic Driver”

Closing Remarks

Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County

TODAY'S GUESTS



Michael Morris

Transportation Director,
North Central
Texas Council
of Governments
(NCTCOG)

Michael Morris has served in the Transportation Department of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) since 1979.

After working as a Transportation Planner, Senior Transportation Planner, and Assistant Director of Transportation, Michael became Director of Transportation in 1990. His responsibilities as director include managing the overall transportation activities of NCTCOG, carrying out the transportation policies of the NCTCOG Executive Board and Regional Transportation Council, and managing the implementation of rules, regulations and responsibilities of federal and state government.

Morris is a member of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Travel Model Improvement Program Review Panel of the Federal Highway Administration. Michael has served on the NRC Committee to Review the EPA's Mobile Source Emissions Factor Model, the Committee for the Evaluation of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, the Committee on Air Quality Management in the United States, and the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2004 National Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Morris' education includes a B.A. in environmental design and planning and a M.S. in civil engineering, both from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a resident of Arlington.



Ed Ireland

Executive Director,
Barnett Shale Energy
Education Council;
Associate Professor of
Energy and Economics,
TCU

When a consortium of leading Barnett Shale production companies founded the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council (BSEEC) in 2007, it selected Ed Ireland as executive director. Ireland and the BSEEC are dedicated to promoting energy education and best practices as they relate to oil and gas leasing, drilling, production, transportation and marketing in the Barnett Shale.

Ireland's executive management experience, operational expertise and 20-year oil and gas career made him the ideal candidate to oversee the activities of the BSEEC, and implement educational and outreach programs in the 24-county area that makes up the Barnett Shale. An industry expert, he also acts as spokesperson for the Barnett Shale, as well as a community and media representative on behalf of BSEEC members. He serves on the Board of Directors of the TCU Energy Institute and was a co-founder of the Metroplex Natural Gas Vehicle Consortium.

Ireland started his career in the energy industry as an energy economist at United Gas Pipeline in Houston. He founded Energy Planning Associates and GasMark, Inc., a natural gas supplier and pipeline company, and later became president of GeoSource, Inc., an independent oil and gas exploration company. Ireland also served as Alderman of the City of Southside Place, Texas, for three terms.

Prior to his corporate work, Ireland served as assistant professor and head of the Economics Department at Clemson University in South Carolina. Ireland holds a B.S. in economics from Midwestern State University, a Ph.D. in economics and statistics from Texas Tech University and did post-doctoral work at the University of Chicago.



Victor 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.



Dan Harmon
Director of Maritime,
TxDOT

A native of Houston, Dan Harmon comes to TxDOT from the Texas Department of Public Safety, where he has served as the Director of Facilities since the fall of 2012. Responsible for over 320 facilities statewide, encompassing more than 3 million square feet of owned, leased or shared space, he led the planning and execution effort for a \$200 million construction program and \$42 million in combined deferred maintenance funding.

Prior to joining DPS, he spent 22 years on active duty with the U.S. Navy. After earning a BA in Government from the University of Texas, he received his commission in 1989 through the Naval Reserve Officer's Training program. He has served in a variety of operations, logistics, command and staff capacities, and deployed to over 30 different countries worldwide.

Harmon's leadership experience includes three squadron tours, as Mission Commander, Instructor Pilot and Department Head, flying combat missions over Somalia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Afghanistan. He served as Current Operations Officer for Commander Task Force 67 in Italy, where he was involved in virtually every aspect of maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in the European Theater, and was forward deployed to support NATO peacekeeping forces on the ground in Bosnia.

In addition to his studies at UT, Harmon earned an MBA, graduating with honors, from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a graduate of the Aviation Safety School, U.S. Naval Test Pilot Short Course and holds certifications in financial management, test and evaluation, and program management from the Department of Defense.

TODAY'S GUESTS



Mary Martin Frazier

CEO, HEB Chamber of Commerce

Mary Martin Frazier is the President & CEO of the Hurst Euless Bedford Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a membership organization of businesses working together to improve the quality of life and economic climate in the HEB area.

Frazier became President & CEO of the Chamber in June of 1997. Prior to 1997, she served 12 years as Vice President of Development and Finance for the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce. She began her chamber career in 1976 as a staff manager at the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce. When she left the Corpus Christi Chamber in 1985 she was vice president.

A summa cum laude graduate of Corpus Christi State University (now Texas A&M – Corpus Christi) with a B.A. in business administration, Frazier majored in marketing and minored in finance. She is also a graduate of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management, a four-year course of study; and has earned the IOM designation. In August of 2014, Frazier earned the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) designation from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives Association (ACCE).

She is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Association, and ACCE. Frazier is a current member of the North Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Association (founding board member; chairman-2007-2008). In addition, she is the HEB Chamber's representative on the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, the Texas Association of Business and the City of Bedford's Community Affairs Commission.



Betsy Price

Mayor, Fort Worth

Betsy Price, a Fort Worth native, was elected as the 44th Mayor of the City of Fort Worth on June 18, 2011.

Prior to taking the reins as the Mayor of the 16th largest city in the nation, Price served as the Tarrant County Tax Assessor. There, she transformed the Assessor's Office into one of the most efficient in the State of Texas, saving taxpayers millions of dollars. Before her life in the public sector, Price was owner of a successful title company called Price Cornelius Title.

Since taking office as Mayor, Price has initiated a broad agenda founded in the values of fiscal responsibility, accessibility, accountability and customer service. More specifically, Price continues to work with her City Council colleagues, city staff and local partners on several local initiatives, including engaging young leaders; promoting a healthy, active city; creating and retaining jobs; expanding public transit; and engaging faith communities.

She has been married to her husband, Tom, an insurance agent, for more than 40 years and has three children: Kathryn, Phillip and Paul. Price is also a proud grandmother to her four grandkids.



Oscar Trevino, Jr.

Mayor, North
Richland Hills

T. Oscar Trevino, Jr., P.E. was elected Mayor of the City of North Richland Hills in June 2002 and has been re-elected six times, making him the longest serving mayor in the city's history. Prior to being elected mayor, he served as a council member for three years.

Trevino has been a tireless advocate for transportation funding throughout North Texas, serving in roles that include being past president of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, past chair and current member of the Regional Transportation Council, and past chair and current member of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition. He is a member of the Coalition for Better Transportation, Texas Transportation Institute and TEX-21. He is also a member and former chair of the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee and a member and past president of the NLC's Hispanic Elected Local Officials group. He is a member and past chair of the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County, as well as the Northeast Leadership Forum.

For his leadership in business and government, Trevino was honored as the Hispanic Businessman of the Year by the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 2015. He received the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award presented by the North Central Texas Council of Governments in 2010 and was honored with the Transportation Excellence Award in Mobility from the North Texas Commission in 2008.

Trevino graduated from Texas A&M University in 1978 with a B.S. in civil engineering and is the president of O. Trevino Construction.



Mike Taylor

Mayor Pro Tem,
Colleyville

Mike Taylor is a lifelong resident of Northeast Tarrant County and a Colleyville resident since 1984. He has seen the change growth has had on the Metroplex. He has been a civic and community service volunteer for almost three decades in the Northeast Tarrant County area.

Taylor has a working knowledge of economic development and its impact on Northeast Tarrant County and its local businesses. He has supported transportation infrastructure improvements throughout the Metroplex for the past two decades. He believes that mobility and economic development are interdependent if Northeast Tarrant County and the Metroplex are to prosper.

Taylor currently serves Colleyville citizens as Mayor Pro Tem on the Colleyville City Council. He serves on the board of directors for the Colleyville Tax Increment Finance District, Crime Control & Prevention District, Economic Development Corporation, Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation, Colleyville Chamber of Commerce, Metroport Teen Court Advisory Board and the Metroport Cities Partnership. He is a member of the Colleyville Lions Club, Colleyville Executive Organization and Northeast Leadership Forum.

Taylor is a member of the Regional Transportation Council at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, representing the 10 cities of Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Hurst, Grapevine, Keller, Roanoke, Southlake, Trophy Club and Westlake.

Taylor is an independent financial adviser and wealth manager.

TODAY'S GUESTS



Warren Robb
Mayor Pro Tem, Haslet

Warren Robb and his wife Kathy have been residents of Haslet since 1993. A native Texan, Robb grew up in Fort Worth and earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from the University of Southern California. Robb served as a Naval Aviator over a 20-year career in the United States Navy before returning to Texas and completing a second career in the aerospace and defense industry, retiring in 2014.

Robb served as the Haslet Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman for four consecutive terms prior to being elected to the Haslet City Council in 2009. He is currently serving in his third year as Haslet Mayor Pro Tem.



Brian Barth
Fort Worth District
Engineer, TxDOT

Brian R. Barth, P.E., is the district engineer for the Fort Worth District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). He oversees the planning, designing, building, operation and maintenance of the state transportation system for the district, which comprises nine counties: Erath, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise. The Fort Worth District has the state's third highest population and number of registered vehicles.

A 27-year member of the TxDOT family, Barth began his career as an engineering assistant in the Dallas District after graduation from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in civil engineering. In 2003, Barth was appointed as the Dallas District's director of transportation planning and development. From 2009 to 2013, Barth served as the Fort Worth District's deputy district engineer, providing joint oversight and development of the DFW Connector, North Tarrant Express, I-35W, I-30 and Chisholm Trail Parkway.

Appointed as Fort Worth district engineer in November 2013, Barth serves on the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments working to solve Metroplex-area transportation issues. Under Barth's direction as district engineer, he also oversees over \$1 billion in construction work each year in addition to major projects on I-35W, SH 360 South, and the I-30/SH 360 Interchange.

UPDATES



Robert Hinkle

Director of
Corporate Affairs
NTE Mobility
Partners, LLC

NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS MOBILITY PARTNERS

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 Hinkle 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, Hinkle 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.



Robert Hastings

Executive Vice President,
Communications &
Government Affairs,
Bell Helicopter, Textron

BELL HELICOPTER

Robert T. Hastings, Jr., was named Executive Vice President, Communications and Government Affairs and Chief of Staff for Bell Helicopter in May 2010. In this role, he leads the company's internal and external communications, marketing communications, branding, corporate giving, and community and public affairs.

Hastings joined Bell Helicopter from Northrop Grumman where he served as vice president of communications for Northrop Grumman's Information Systems Sector, a \$10 billion global information systems and technology business serving both military and commercial customers.

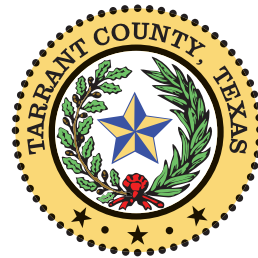
Prior to his tenure at Northrop Grumman, he served in the Bush Administration as acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. As the senior public affairs official and spokesman for the U.S. Department of Defense, he was the principal staff advisor to the Secretary of Defense and senior Administration officials for strategic communication, public information, internal information, and community relations leading a worldwide public affairs community of some 3,800 military and civilian personnel.

Hastings is a retired U.S. Army officer with more than 20 years experience as a Master Army Aviator and Public Affairs Officer. His assignments have included command of an Air Cavalry Troop, an Air Assault Company, and operational assignments in Europe, Central America, Iraq, and Bosnia. Hastings continues to serve as a Colonel with the Texas Military Forces, where he is assigned as Commander, 19th Civil Affairs Regiment.

Hastings earned a B.S. in government studies from the University of Maryland and has completed executive studies at the Wharton School of Business and the University of Michigan.

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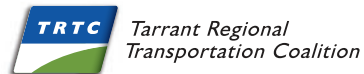
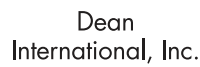


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NORTHEAST TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

Transportation for Seniors, Disabled and Low-Income

Call A Ride Southlake (CARS)

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 medical, dental, social, business and personal needs. Services are provided by volunteers who supply their own vehicle, time and gas.

CARS was established in 2000. 817-798-4022 www.cityofsouthlake.com



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



Mid-Cities Care Corps (MCCC)

MCCC's mission is to preserve the independence of senior neighbors in Northeast 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



Northeast Transportation Service (NETS)

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 both the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and Catholic Charities.

NETS was established in 2002. 817-336-8714 www.ridenets.com



Social Transportation for Seniors (STS)

STS provides non-emergency round trip transportation for seniors 62 years and better 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



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- Northeast Tarrant Chamber
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- Hurst Euless Bedford Chamber
- Southlake Chamber
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