



Commissioner Gary Fickes • Tarrant County, Precinct 3

Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit



COMMISSIONER'S NOTE



Commissioner Gary Fickes



Tarrant County, Precinct 3

Thank you for attending our **5th 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.

Enjoy the presentations. Take advantage of this opportunity to speak to the experts about transportation concerns and ask questions.

We have representatives today from DFW Connector and North Tarrant Express as well as our cities who can all provide information on the many road construction projects. Check out their booths.

After the Summit, if you would like to follow the status of some of these projects, please visit our website at:

www.NETTRANSPORTATIONSUMMIT.com

and then click on the Contact Information Sheet to reach the appropriate individual for that project or visit their website for updates.

Gary Fickes

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Congressman Roger Williams Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Roger Williams represents the 25th District of Texas in the United States Congress, a district that stretches from Tarrant County in the North to Hays County in the South and includes much of Austin and the Texas Hill Country.

Prior to his election in November 2012, Congressman Williams served his country in a number of ways and brings a unique background to Congress. He was raised in the Fort Worth area where he graduated from high school and later played baseball at Texas Christian University.

After graduating from college, he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves where he played in their farm system before an injury ended his sports career and forced him to begin his business career. He began working in the family car business and has owned and operated the business for 40 years.

Along the way, he also became involved civically and politically. He served as Regional Finance Chairman for Governor Bush in 1994 and 1998 before he went on to later serve as the North Texas Chairman for the Bush/Cheney 2000 campaign. Additionally, as well as the North Texas Finance Chairman and National Grassroots Fundraising Chairman for Bush/Cheney '04, Inc. Williams was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2001 as the Chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee's Eagles Program. He has also served as State Finance Chair for John Cornyn for U.S. Senate, Inc., in 2002 and as the National Director of the "Patriots" program for Senator Cornyn.

In 2005, Governor Rick Perry appointed Congressman Williams to serve as Texas Secretary of State. As Chief Election Officer for Texas, he worked to ensure the uniform application and interpretation of election laws throughout the state. The Congressman worked tirelessly to promote economic development, investment and job creation in Texas. He also served as the state's Chief Liaison for Texas Border and Mexican Affairs as well as Chair of the state's 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Response Strike Force.

Congressman Williams was elected to his first term in Congress on November 6th, 2012 and was selected to serve on the House Committee on the Budget, along with the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure.

AGENDA

9:00-9:45

SEMINAR #1

Road Warriors - “*Surviving Road Construction*”

Panel: Allan Weegar, *City Manager, Hurst*

Bruno Rumbelow, *City Manager, Grapevine*

Mark Hindman, *City Manager, N. Richland Hills*

Moderator: Marty Wieder, *Economic Development Director,
Colleyville*

10:00-10:45

SEMINAR #2

Show Me the Money - “*Future Funding of Transportation Infrastructure*”

Panel: Glen Whitley, *County Judge*

Kelly Hancock, *Texas State Senator*

Vic Suhm, *TRTC Executive Director*

Moderator: Russell Laughlin, *Senior Vice President,
Hillwood Properties*

11:00-11:45

SEMINAR #3

High Speed Rail in Texas - *Texas as a Leader in Private Sector Funding*”

Judge Robert Eckels

President, Texas Central Railway

LUNCHEON AGENDA

11:45

LUNCHEON

Introductions

Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County

Invocation

Duane E. Buuck, Mid-Cities Care Corps

Pledge of Allegiance

Faye Beaulieu, United Way of Tarrant County - Northeast

Recognition

Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County

Road Updates

DFW ConnectorKristen Stieg

Public Information Manager,
NorthGate Constructors

North Tarrant Express ... Robert Hinkle

Director of Corporate Affairs for
NTE Mobility Partners, LLC

Keynote Speaker

Introduction:

Commissioner Gary Fickes

Congressman Roger Williams

Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Closing Remarks

Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County

ROAD WARRIORS

“Surviving Road Construction”



Mark Hindman, City Manager, N. Richland Hills *-Panel Member*

Mark Hindman was appointed City Manager for North Richland Hills on October 1, 2009. Mark has served Texas cities for the past 28 years through service with the cities of University Park, Lubbock and Mesquite, prior to joining North Richland Hills.

Mr. Hindman is a member of the International City/County Management Association, the Texas City Management Association and the Northeast-Richland Lions Club. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Geneva College in Pennsylvania, as well as a Master's of Public Administration Degree from the University of Kansas. He is married with three children.



Bruno Rumbelow, City Manager, Grapevine *-Panel Member*

Mr. Rumbelow was appointed City Manager in December, 2005. Prior to becoming the Assistant City Manager of Grapevine in January, 1998, he was the Assistant City Administrator of Fort Smith, Arkansas for four years.

He has served as the City Administrator of Neodesha, Kansas, and the City Manager of Texarkana, Arkansas. Rumbelow has a Bachelor of Science Degree in History from the University of Texas at Tyler, and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Kansas.

Bruno is a member of the Rotary Club, serves on the Board for the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce and has served on many other boards of civic and non-profit organizations. Bruno is married to his wife, Stephanie, and they have three children, Drew, John, and Libby.



Allan Weegar, City Manager, Hurst *-Panel Member*

Allan Weegar has been City Manager of Hurst since 1997 and has served with the city for over 25 years in various administrative capacities. He was hired as Assistant to the City Manager in 1981 and was promoted to Assistant City Manager of Administration in September 1984 where he managed the departments of development and economic development, code enforcement, administrative services, equipment service, fleet services, central services, and facility maintenance.

Mr. Weegar started his career as a juvenile probation officer for Tarrant County after receiving both a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology/Sociology and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.



Marty Wieder, Economic Dev. Director, Colleyville *-Moderator*

Marty Wieder grew up in Arlington, Texas—where he observed the work (and later got the opportunity to work with) historic Mayor Tom Vandergriff. Marty attended the University of Texas at Arlington...earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication and a Master's Degree in Urban Affairs. In August 2009, Marty became Director of Economic Development with the City of Colleyville, Texas and is teamed with Mayor David Kelly, the Colleyville City Council and City Manager Jennifer Fadden in negotiating and executing a public/private partnership.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

“Future Funding of Transportation Infrastructure”



Kelly Hancock, Texas State Senator -*Panel Member*

First elected to the Texas Senate in 2012, Kelly Hancock represents Senate District 9, which includes portions of Tarrant and Dallas Counties. He served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives where he advocated for core conservative values of limited government, lower taxes and strong family values.

For the 83rd Legislature, Senator Hancock was appointed to serve on the following Senate Committees: Transportation, Administration, Jurisprudence, Business and Commerce and as Vice Chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

A graduate of Baylor University with a degree in Business, Senator Hancock possesses an extensive business background through his work at Advanced Chemical Logistics, his family-founded company. His commitment to public service began shortly after the birth of his first child, Chloe, and he spent the next 13 years serving on the Birdville ISD School Board. Kelly and his wife, Robin, have been married 26 years and have three children: Chloe, Skylar and Harrison.



Vic Suhm, TRTC Executive Director -*Panel Member*

Vic Suhm is a public policy and government affairs consultant, serves as Executive Director of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, and is a registered lobbyist in Texas. He is also Vice Chairman of Transportation Advocates of Texas, Inc.

Vic's experience includes 18 years in city management, 5 years in real estate development, and 22 years in consulting. He has served as Partner of the Trammell Crow Company, Assistant City Manager of Dallas, and city manager of suburban communities in Ohio and Michigan. He has been a part of the Reinventing Government Network of the Public Strategies Group. Vic has a Master's Degree from the University of Kansas and has done post graduate work at MIT's Sloan School of Management.



B. Glen Whitley, Tarrant County Judge -*Panel Member*

Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley graduated from Grand Prairie High School, holds an accounting degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1983, he co-founded the accounting firm Whitley Penn. He was elected a Tarrant County Commissioner in 1996 and Tarrant County Judge in 2006. Under his leadership, the county's transportation bond package helps cities build and widen roads.



Russell Laughlin, Sr. Vice President, Hillwood Properties -*Moderator*

Russell Laughlin serves as a senior vice president of Hillwood Properties, the developer of AllianceTexas. Laughlin oversees the management, operation, land and infrastructure planning and entitlements of AllianceTexas, a 17,000-acre mixed-use, master-planned community. He has been instrumental in the development of AllianceTexas and the North Fort Worth and Tarrant County areas in leading long-term regional planning initiatives.

Russell currently serves on the Region C Water Planning Board, the North American Super Corridor Coalition Board, the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board, the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition Executive Committee, and is President of the I-35W Coalition.

HIGH SPEED RAIL

“Texas as a Leader in Private Sector Funding”



Judge Robert Eckels

President, Texas Central Railway

Robert's long and distinguished career in the public sector gives him a keen sense of what it takes to make large infrastructure projects a reality. As TCR's President, Robert is doing what he does best – engaging and bringing together potential investors and project partners, managing key relationships with community and elected officials and TCR's current partners, and keeping the public and critical stakeholders informed of the project's progress. Robert's widely acclaimed leadership acumen and his determination to succeed, especially in efforts offering a significant positive impact to the state of Texas, have placed TCR squarely on the path to success.

Robert served as County Judge for Harris County, Texas from 1995 until 2007 when he joined the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP as a Partner focused on Transportation and Infrastructure, Public Finance, Public-Private Partnerships (US P3), Homeland Security and Disaster Law, Government Relations and Public Law. Robert has operated his own independent legal practice and is today a member of the Texas-based law firm, Gray Reed and McGraw, LLC.

Robert was founding chairman of the Texas High-Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation from 2002 to 2010, a coalition of local governments, educational institutions and the private sector working to bring high-speed rail to Texas.

As County Judge, he served as Chair of the Harris County Toll Road Authority, a 500 lane-mile toll road system - the only county-owned toll road system in the nation and a pioneer in interagency partnerships and applying technology for efficient operations.

With the Texas Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions, he built the Houston Transtar Transportation and Emergency Operations Center into a global model of interagency partnerships for transportation operations and sustained training and planning for disaster mitigation, response and recovery.

For a decade, until he left office in 2007, Robert served as Chair of the Houston Galveston Area Council Transportation Planning Council and has served on numerous state transportation finance and planning commissions and committees.

ROAD UPDATES

DFW Connector



Kristen Stieg
Public Information Manager,
NorthGate Constructors

Kristen Stieg is the Public Information Manager for the \$1 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.

North Tarrant Express



Robert Hinkle
Director of Corporate Affairs for
NTE Mobility Partners, LLC

Robert Hinkle is currently the Director of Corporate Affairs for NTE Mobility Partners, LLC. He oversees the day-to-day operations of government, media and public relations, and the implementation of stakeholder communications and community outreach for the North Tarrant Express infrastructure redevelopment project.

In the past, Hinkle has worked with corporations and governments throughout the US and the world on strategic, crisis and litigation communications across many industries, including infrastructure, oil and gas, mining, healthcare, security and manufacturing.

Early in his career, Hinkle started as a television/radio news reporter and anchor, and worked on numerous local, state and federal political campaigns, including Governor, US Senate and the US Presidency. He has traveled, lived and worked in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim.

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Northeast Transportation Groups

Transportation for Seniors

NTTS provides assistance to the following transportation agencies in our area.

Call A Ride Southlake – www.cityofsouthlake.com



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)

HEB Transit – www.hebtransit.org

Serving transportation disadvantaged people in Hurst, Euless, and Bedford by providing 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. (817-258-8100)



Mid-Cities Care Corps – www.midcitiescarecorps.org



MCCC provides transportation services for routine medical and quality of life to senior citizens age 65 and over as well as 60 or older with a disability. Services are provided by volunteers who supply their own vehicles, time, and gas.

MCCC was established in 1981. (817-282-0531)

Northeast Transportation Service – www.ridenets.com

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 service, senior center, education, shopping, and other. Services are provided by Catholic Charities.

NETS was established in 2002. (817-336-8714)



Social Transportation for Seniors – www.stsrides.org



STS provides non-emergency 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 by volunteers.

STS was established in 2002. (817-514-0773)

**Thank you to our area Chambers of Commerce
who assisted with the registration for this event!**

- Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Grapevine Chamber of Commerce
- Hurst - Euless - Bedford Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce
- Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce
- Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce
- Southlake Chamber of Commerce



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