

# Transportation Infrastructure



## Transportation Infrastructure: Establishing Public Policy Priorities Texas Lyceum Annual Public Conference

The Texas Lyceum invites you to attend its 23rd Public Conference, "Transportation Infrastructure: Establishing Public Policy Priorities" on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Reliant Center in Houston, Texas. At this highly interactive conference, elected officials, transportation policy experts and key stakeholders from across the State of Texas will gather to discuss and prioritize transportation policy issues prior to the 2009 Legislative session. **US Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters will be our luncheon keynote speaker.**

Moving beyond traditional panel discussions, the conference will actively engage audience members to establish public policy priorities for transportation infrastructure across the state. Attendees will hear from four diverse panels and participate en masse after each in an interactive facilitation exercise. For a preview of relevant discussion points for the conference, we highly recommend you visit the [recent Lyceum poll](#) on transportation.

### When & Where

December 3, 2008  
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Reliant Center  
One Reliant Park  
Houston Texas 77054

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As a non-partisan forum, the Texas Lyceum is dedicated to leadership development and exploring consensus approaches to important issues that affect the future of Texas. Our 2008 Public Conference is an opportunity for the Lyceum Directors, its alumni and the public to interact with policy makers, policy advocates and each other and actively engage in the discussion. This conference will employ innovative facilitation techniques, led by Margaret Vaughn Robinson, to extract from the audience actionable priorities for policy makers to consider in their deliberations.

At the conclusion of the conference, the most urgent priorities as established by these three sessions will be assimilated into the Journal, the Lyceum's annual publication. The results of this conference will include not only an audience with a better understanding of the issues, but an objective assessment of the priorities identified by the diverse body present at the Texas Lyceum's Public Conference.

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**December 3, 2008**  
**Houston, Texas**

**Tuesday, December 2**

2:00 – 4:00pm Facilitator Training, Reliant Center  
5:00 – 6:00pm Sound check and facility review, Reliant Center  
7:00 – 9:00pm Dinner for Speakers, Sponsors, Executive Committee, Advisory Board and Planning Team  
**Location:** Coronado Club, 919 Milam, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
**Attire:** Business/Cocktail  
9:00pm – Midnight Texas Hold'em Tournament  
(lite bites and beverages available )  
**Location:** Magnolia Hotel, The Library and the Texas Room, second floor

**Wednesday, December 3**

Texas Lyceum's 23<sup>rd</sup> Public Conference  
**Location:** Reliant Center, Houston

**ALL SPEAKERS ARE CONFIRMED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

7:00am Registration Opens  
8:00am 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 and Geronimo Rodriguez, Jr.  
**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, BNSF  
9:45am Breakout Sessions  
10:30am Phone/E-mail Break  
10:45am **Topic II – Sustainability**  
**Topic Chairman:** Collin Cox  
**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 and Reliable Transportation and Lyceum alumnus  
11:45am Breakout Sessions  
12:30–12:45pm 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 and Cynthia Figueroa  
**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
- 3:15pm Phone/E-mail Break
- 3:30pm **Topic IV – Delivering Texas Infrastructure Projects**  
**Topic Chairman:** Donze Lopez  
**Moderator:** Steve Stagner, President, Texas Council of Engineering Companies  
**Dialogue Participants:** Jim Thompson, Regional Chief Executive, AECOM; State Senator Robert Nichols; Dan Stoppenhagen, Fluor Corporation; Phil Russell, Assistant Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation; Dr. Jorge Figueredo, Executive Director, North Texas Tollway Authority
- 4:30pm Breakout Sessions
- 5:15pm Closing Comments
- 7:00pm Dinner and Relaxation – BBQ and Beer at the home of Greg and Melanie Cizik

Attire for the Speakers' dinner is business/cocktail. 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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