



RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION

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River of Trade Corridor Coalition Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Host: Dallas County, Texas

Friday, April 21, 2006, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dallas County Administration Building, Dallas, Texas

I. ROTCC Welcome and Administrative Update - Commissioner Maurine Dickey, Dallas County, Texas; Councilmember Bill Blaydes, City of Dallas, Texas, and Chair, River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Commissioner Dickey welcomed meeting attendees to Dallas County and to the historic Sixth Floor Museum. She thanked the event sponsors The Allen Group, Pacer Transport, Garner Commercial, Inc., and Jackson Walker, as well as Union Pacific for the tour of the Dallas Intermodal Terminal. She also read a letter from Congressman Pete Sessions supporting the River of Trade Corridor Coalition and its efforts.

A. Unanimous approval of Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2006 meeting

B. Recruitment Mission update – Steve McCullough, Senior Public Policy Consultant, Dean International, Inc.

The following cities and counties were visited on recruitment missions from January through April, 2006:

NASHVILLE/DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE – FEBRUARY 16 – 17, 2006

DAYTON/MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO – February 28, 2006

CINCINNATI/HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – March 1, 2006

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY – March 2, 2006

DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN – March 15 and 16, 2006

WINSOR/ ESSEX COUNTY, ONTARIO, CANADA – March 15, 2006

TOLEDO/LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO – March 17, 2006

LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA - March 21, 2006

DETROIT, MICHIGAN and WINDSOR, ONTARIO – March 22, 2006

TUCSON, ARIZONA – April 4, 2006

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – April 5, 2006

LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO and EL PASO, TEXAS – April 6, 2006

AUSTIN, TEXAS – April 12, 2006

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – April 13, 2006

*many significant WASHINGTON, D.C. meetings regarding ROTCC have also taken place

C. New member update – Commissioner Ken Mayfield, Dallas County, Texas

50 new members have joined since the last quarterly meeting on February 3, 2006:

Berry Business Development Group, Angela Berry Roberson, President

Blacklands Railroad, Wayne Defebaugh, President

BR Architects, Inc., Bradford Russell, Director

City of Cedar Hill, TX, Greg Patton, Councilmember

City of Detroit, Michigan, Anthony Adams, Deputy Mayor

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City of Glenn Heights, TX, Alvin DuBois, Mayor and Josie Torrez, Councilmember
City of Irving, TX, Herbert A. Gears, Mayor
City of Laredo, TX, Rafael Garcia, Assistant City Manager and Mario Maldonado, Bridge Director
City of Los Angeles, California, Janice Hahn, Councilmember
City of Natalia, TX, Ruby Vera, Mayor and Beth Leonesio, City Manager
City of Pearsall, TX, George Cabasos, Mayor
City of Rowlett, TX, Craig Owens, City Manager
City of Seagoville, TX, George Williams, Mayor
City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Charles Nickerson, City Manager
City of Windsor, Ontario, Eddie Francis, Mayor
ETC Realtors, LLP, William Hooper, President
Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Les Tanaka, Executive Director (and 20 of their members)
Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, Don Jensen, Transportation Committee
Hill County, TX, Kenneth Davis, County Judge
I-35 South Economic Development Coalition, Juan Estrada, President
Law Offices of Thomas A. Giltner, Tom Giltner, Attorney at Law, Owner
Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District, Judge Paul Lovier, Sr., Chairman
Richland College, Celes Oppedahl, Program Administrator
The Dallas Forty, Lisa Y. Thierry
The Davidson Group/Service First Mortgage, Janet Sebile, Marketing Director
The U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Chapter, Josie F. Orosco, Executive Director
Adorno Voss White and Wiggins L.P., Jules Palmer, Real Estate Counsel

D. Legislative Caucus update –**The Honorable John Carona, Texas State Senator and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security and ROTCC Legislative Caucus Co-Chair**

Chairman Carona expressed his support of the growing ROTCC and reiterated the importance of actively participating in the quarterly meetings. He also thanked the Texas Department of Transportation for their help, support and direction in current Texas Transportation issues. Chairman Carona explained that transportation is not a partisan issue, but rather an issue driven by good public policy. He has taken on the role of an active Chairman and is very busy with key transportation issues, including developing new and creative methods of transportation finance and attending to air quality issues. Establishing a public-private partnership to address some these issues will be important. The Chairman also spoke to the issue of toll roads, stating that toll roads have a place, but not every road can be tolled – there must be proper and balanced policy. Chairman Carona concluded that communication is key, and that it is important to address an issue when there is a disagreement between the State and local communities regarding transportation policy.

New ROTCC Legislative Caucus members:

Texas State Senator Kip Averitt, District 22
Texas State Representative Will Hartnett, District 114
Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen, District 31
Texas State Representative Dan Flynn, District 2
Texas State Representative Yvonne Davis, District 111

II. Concurrent Panel Sessions

A. Federal Update: Moderator – David Green, Mayor, City of Duncanville, Texas

Eddie Francis, Mayor, City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada spoke about the high volumes of trade that currently exist between the United States and Canada. In 2000, trucks constituted 46% of the traffic crossing the border between Detroit and Windsor. The total number of trucks was approximately 6,000. Since NAFTA was signed, U.S-Canada trade has grown 152%. Initiatives such as the “Smart Border” to secure the flow of goods and people was implemented as well as initiating the “Green Corridor” Concept. This initiative was implemented to deal with the environmental effects of increased truck traffic.

Rafael Garcia, Assistant City Manager, City of Laredo, Texas spoke about the four international bridges that serve as the direct link connecting the United States, Canada and Mexico, through Laredo. The bridges in Laredo handle approximately \$13 billion in merchandise from over 60 different countries. Mr. Garcia also spoke about the planned development of intermodal and other infrastructure in Laredo, which will significantly increase the capacity of the bridges in Laredo. Emphasis was placed on the need for the coalition to address issues affecting the corridor and the border as a group, coalescing in Washington, D.C. to address these issues. Mr. Garcia also placed emphasis on maximizing the use of technology to collect fees, fines, etc. from trucks traveling along the corridor from Canada to Mexico.

Jim Falk, President, World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth shared with us that the World Affairs Council currently has approximately 1,800 members and the organization’s focus on educating citizens regarding issues of international affairs and foreign policy. The Council frequently hosts ambassadors who participate in investment missions. The Council also works with the Dallas Office of Protocol, which is the diplomatic liaison for the City of Dallas. He has the following statistics: the DFW area economy is the eighth largest in the United States and ranks 27th in the world; one of five jobs in the DFW area is supported by international trade.

Virginia Arteaga-Haid, Mexico’s Trade Commissioner, Bancomext shared with us Mexico’s position and perspective regarding U.S.-Mexico trade. She shared that Mexico is the 10th largest economy in the world and is the world’s 13th largest exporter. Mexico’s GDP is \$700 billion, which compares to that of Texas. In March 2006, Mexico’s exports exceeded China’s exports to the United States. The Mexican Bank of Trade promotes small and medium size companies to enter global trade, exports of goods, aerospace and high tech products. There are initiatives to build a cross-border railroad bridge next to the Colombia Bridge in Laredo to facilitate the flow of goods.

Louis Hill, Jr., Dean International, Inc. spoke about the important collaboration between the Regional Environmental Protection Agency’s Blue Skyways Collaborative initiative to reduce air emissions and improve air quality along the corridor and the River of Trade Corridor Coalition’s and the EPA’s efforts to establish the nation’s first “Green, Clean and Safe International Multimodal Corridor.

B. State/Regional Update: Moderator – Will Lowrance, Mayor, City of Hillsboro, Texas
Trans-Texas Corridor Update:

Michael Behrens, Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) discussed the history and developments of Trans-Texas Corridor 35 (TTC 35) and Trans-Texas Corridor 69 (TTC 69). He explained that the reasoning behind the corridor is the congestion resulting from the increase in the state's population in the last century. The vision of TTC-35 is to have a corridor suitable for truck, car, rail and utility passage. He further explained the process of developing these state transportation projects including the Tier 1 and Tier 2 studies, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and the public hearings to be held in response to the DEIS.

Marc Maxwell, City Manager, Sulphur Springs, Texas, Trans-Texas Corridor Citizens Advisory Committee (TTCCAC) Member explained that when Cintra-Zachry was chosen as the company to develop TTC-35 the map of TTC-35 showed the corridor as beginning in Brownsville, Texas, not Laredo, Texas. The Trans-Texas Corridor Advisory Committee thought that the corridor should start in Laredo and parallel I-35. Mr. Maxwell also explained that procedural rules permitted Cintra to say what location of TTC-35 would be most economically beneficial for the firm, and according to Cintra that location is east of Dallas. Mark encouraged those officials who would like to see a change made to the alignment of TTC-35 to tell TxDOT something new and also include an economic argument.

Bill Blaydes, Councilman, City of Dallas, Texas, and Chair, River of Trade Corridor Coalition stated that the proposed alignment of TTC-35 will negatively affect Hill and Dallas counties because the alignment is outside of established commercial and economic regions. As the 9th largest city in the nation, Dallas is not going to be quiet about the impact of locating TTC-35 east of the city, and that ROTCC needs to speak as one voice to be even louder. Councilman Blaydes explained that Dallas wants it back within the Dallas County line and to follow the Loop 9 route proposed by the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Regional Discussion of Significant Corridor Assets and Impacts:

Terri Hollingsworth, Economic Development Administrator, City of Little Rock, Arkansas spoke on the importance of widening I-30 from Texas to Little Rock and widening I-40 from Little Rock to Memphis. If both of these interstates are widened, it will greatly strengthen Arkansas's segment of the River of Trade Corridor.

Greg Royster, Principal Transportation Engineer, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) outlined NCTCOG's priorities for TTC-35, these include: 1) work with the State; meet concurrency requirements for state/regional planning; 2) support sustainable development while protecting right-of-way today; 3) separate modes in urban areas; 4) route from center of the region first; 5) stage construct roadways, truck facilities, and freight rail bypasses; and 6) use the TTC-35 initiative to pay for improvements in the region. Mr. Royster reiterated the argument that TTC-35 should be kept in the Dallas metroplex and follow the planned Loop 9. This would keep the route where the trucks need to go, which is to the intermodals located in southern Dallas County. Also, NCTCOG's plan involves 60 fewer miles than TxDOT's plan and would result in a \$2 billion savings.

Ruby Vera, Mayor, City of Natalia, Texas said that the proposed TTC-35 map looked favorable for Natalia on paper; however, the actual language describing the potential location of the corridor was not as beneficial. The movement of TTC-35 east or west of I-35 will negatively impact the cities along I-35 south, including Natalia, Dilley, Cotulla, and Encinal.

Gwynn Orr, Chair, Rail Planning Committee, City of Hillsboro, Texas expressed his support of the NCTCOG plan regarding the alignment of TTC-35. He also proposed that transportation planners should take advantage of the clean air to the south of the Dallas metroplex in the continuing effort to create an opportunity to compete with Asia.

Charles Nickerson, City Manager, City of Texarkana, Arkansas explained that he joined the Coalition because he saw the positive impact of ROTCC. Texarkana, Arkansas sees a lot of trade coming through the area as result of the city's strategic location. The city often works together with its neighbor, Texarkana, Texas, and is looking forward to working with and learning from other members in the Coalition that are in similar geographic situations regarding intermodal possibilities and distribution hubs.

Velmar Bailey, Justice of the Peace, Crittenden County, Arkansas gave insight into the advantages for locating large distribution and intermodal facilities in eastern Arkansas. Also, on February 14, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified Crittenden County, Arkansas, as a Clean Air Economic Development Zone (EDZ) on February 14, 2006. This designation allows Arkansas to develop air quality regulations for new industries to locate in area while maintaining established attainment goals for Crittenden County and the Memphis area.

III. Plenary Lunch Discussion

Moderator: **Bill Blaydes, Councilmember, City of Dallas, Texas, and Chair, River of Trade Corridor Coalition**

Opening Prayer – George Williams, Mayor, City of Seagoville, Texas

Federal Legislative Update – Taylor Bledsoe, Office of U.S. Representative Pete Sessions

Mr. Bledsoe extended greetings and support from Congressman Pete Sessions.

Congressional Caucus Update:

The newest member of the ROTCC Congressional Caucus is Congresswoman Anne Northup (Kentucky, 3rd District). She is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Multistate International Corridor Development Program Update:

The Coalition is working in support of the "Multistate International Corridor Development Program." This language was originally included in the Senate-passed version of the Transportation Reauthorization bill last year, but it was not included in the final version of the legislation. This program would develop international trade corridors to facilitate the movement of freight from international ports of entry and inland ports through and to the interior of the United States. State transportation departments and metropolitan planning organizations would be eligible to receive and administer funds from the program. Activities eligible for funding include multi-state highway and multi-state multimodal

planning and project construction.

Congressional High Priority Corridor Designation Update:

The Coalition was successful in achieving a Congressional High Priority Corridor designation for a section of the River of Trade Corridor last year – Interstates 30 and 40 between Dallas and Memphis via Little Rock and North Little Rock. This was a significant designation and achievement. However, the entire River of Trade Corridor is not designated as a High Priority Corridor. With your help, we would like to pursue a Congressional High Priority Corridor designation for the entire River of Trade Corridor.

Update from Concurrent Panel Sessions:

David Green, Mayor, City of Duncanville, Texas – Federal Update: International Trade Patterns and Policy

Will Lowrance, Mayor, City of Hillsboro, Texas – State/Regional Update: Trans-Texas Corridor Update and Regional Discussion of Significant Corridor Assets and Impacts

Richard Greene, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6

A principal goal of the cooperation between the EPA and the ROTCC, as evidenced by the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, is to improve air quality and reduce emissions throughout the corridor. These goals may be achieved, in part, by promoting the use of new technologies and economic incentives that could be offered. Partnerships between the EPA and businesses, non-profit organizations, and state and local governments will focus on programs that support voluntary emission reductions and energy conservation efforts such as the Blue Skyways Collaborative. The EPA and ROTCC are both committed to promoting a “Green, Clean and Safe Multimodal Corridor” characterized by efficient trade, increased economic development and the safe and secure flow of commerce through the goods movement corridor.

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, and the River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Richard Walker, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration

explained that changing the structure of the transportation system to include a public-private cooperation is necessary to meet today’s transportation needs. The next challenge in transportation is the environment. Communities are more apt to accepting increases in infrastructure to move goods when companies are working toward reducing emissions, cleaning up the water supply, and increasing quality of life. The ROTCC is a prime example of the transportation and environment sectors working together and making progress.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

2006 ROTCC Quarterly Meeting Calendar – Sam Smith, Councilmember, City of Irving, Texas

August 11, 2006 – hosted by Irving, Texas (Following the 9th Annual Transportation Summit), 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Westin Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75063

December 1, 2006 - TBD

V. Old Business

VI. Eisenhower Protocol Update by Laura Fox, Public Policy Consultant, Dean International, Inc.

On June 29, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Interstate and Defense Highways Act into law, drastically changing the course of American transportation history, connecting Americans and promoting economic and social opportunities. As the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System approaches this summer an effort is being made to circulate the Eisenhower Protocol and solicit as much support as possible for a National Multimodal Transportation Policy. Hopefully, the past can be used as a model for the future and the next fifty years will be a renaissance for national multimodal transportation investment. Please circulate it among your colleagues, and place it on your city's or county's agenda to pass at their next meeting. Numerous resolutions have already been passed.

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting Attendees:

John Addington, County Commissioner
Bowie County, Texas

Bob Atwell, County Commissioner
Hill County, Texas

Terri Adkisson, Founding Player
Mind Jazz

Michael Babb, Mayor
City of Hooks, Texas

Jim Albright, Director Business
Development
Texas Cartage Warehouse, Inc.

Velmar Bailey, Justice of the Peace
Crittenden County, Arkansas

Jerry Allen, Board of Directors
DART

Sandra Barner, Marketing and
Development Administrator
City of Hillsboro, Texas

Kent Anderson, Business Development
Supervisor
North Central Texas Workforce Board

Alberto Barron, Agent
Barron's Insurance Agency

Virginia Arteaga-Haid, Trade Commissioner
Bancomext

Edwin Beall, Principal
Executive Smarts

Michael Ashenfelter,
Dean International, Inc.

Don Bechanan, Administrative Coordinator
City of Hooks, Texas

Richard Askew, Lean Supply Chain
Solutions
Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center

Michael Behrens, Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation

Ethan Benso, Trade Commissioner
Canadian Consulate General

Angela Berry Roberson, President
Berry Business Development Group

Ron Bettis,
ETC Realtors, LLP

John Blain, Senior Transportation
Consultant
Dean International, Inc.

Bill Blaydes, Councilmember, District 10
ROTCC Chair
City of Dallas, Texas

Taylor Bledsoe, District Director
U.S. Representative Pete Sessions

Michael Bostic, Area Engineer Southwest
Area Office Dallas District
Texas Department of Transportation

Suzanne Bowers, District Director
Texas Representative Jodie Laubenberg

Carol Brandon, Community Liaison
Texas Representative Terri Hodge

Shanette Brown , Intergovernmental
Services Coordinator
City of Dallas, Texas

Dorothy Burton, Councilmember
City of Duncanville, Texas

James Buzbee, County Commissioner
Hill County, Texas

John Carona, State Senator
Texas Senate

Doug Chaney, President
DC Logistics Inc.

Lauren Clayton, Director of Government
Relations
Texas Senator Chris Harris

Allen Clemson
Dallas County, Texas

Norma Coleman, Chief of Staff
City of Windsor, Ontario

Donnie Crain, Director of Economic
Development
Prescott/Nevada County, Arkansas
Economic Development Office

Yolanda Crosley, Consultant
IFT Consulting

Chris Davis, Community
Relations/Economic Development
Dallas County, Texas

Kenneth Davis, County Judge
Hill County, Texas

Jean Dean, President
Nathan D. Maier Consulting Engineers

David Dean, President/CEO
Dean International, Inc.

Maurine Dickey, County Commissioner
Dallas County, Texas

Alvin DuBois, Mayor
City of Glenn Heights, Texas

Carl Edlund, Director for Air
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

Bryistol English, Public Policy Consultant
Dean International, Inc.

John Erwin, County Commissioner
Hill County, Texas

James Falk, President
World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth

Javier Figueroa
Vaquero Imports

Stephen Filipowicz, Executive Director
Lancaster Economic Development
Corporation

Laura Fox, Public Policy Consultant
Dean International, Inc.

Eddie Francis, Mayor
City of Windsor, Ontario

Rafael Garcia, Assistant City Manager
City of Laredo, Texas

Augustine Garcia, Director
Puerto Nuevo - City of Tucson, Arizona

David Garner, President
Garner Commercial, Inc

Kathleen Garrett, District Director
Texas Representative Will Hartnett

Tom Giltner, Owner
Law Office of Thomas A. Giltner

Manuel Gonzalez, Executive Secretary
The Committee of Sister Cities in Tonalá,
Jalisco, Mexico

Ben Goodwyn, City Councilmember
City of Red Oak, Texas

Robert Grab, VP Business Development
The Rowland Group

David Green, Mayor
City of Duncanville, Texas

Richard Greene, Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

John Harmon, Vice President & COO
NAI Corporation

Betty Harrell, Acting City Manager
City of Hillsboro, Texas

C.R. Headen, Councilman
City of Lancaster, Texas

Trudy Hester, Senior Event Coordinator
Dean International, Inc.

Donald Hill, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Dallas, Texas

Terri Hollingsworth, Economic
Development Director
City of Little Rock, Arkansas

Bill Hooper, President
ETC Realtors, LLP

Don Jenson
Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of
Commerce

Leslie Jutzi, Director of Government Affairs
& Community Relations
The Allen Group

Luke Allen, Corporate Development
Coordinator
The Allen Group

Jon Cross, Director of Corporate Marketing
The Allen Group

Fatima Karriem, Broker - Real Estate
Meirrak Realty, LLC/ MetroTex Association
of Realtors

Todd Larson, Executive Director
North Little Rock, Arkansas Economic
Development

Beth Leonesio, City Manager
City of Natalia, Texas

Heather Lepaska, Management
Development Associate
City of Dallas, Texas

John Lewis, Small Business Banker
JP Morgan Chase Bank

Rick Lindsey, Manager of Business
Information
HOLT CAT

Jackie Lott, Vice President
Lott's Electrical Service

Paul Lovier, Chairman of the Board
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Will Lowrance, Mayor
City of Hillsboro, Texas

Peggy Lundy, District Director
Texas Representative Bill Keffer

Mario Maldonado, Bridge Director
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City of Sulphur Springs, Texas

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Dallas County, Texas

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McCay Properties

Sam McClendon, County Commissioner
Hill County, Texas

Stan McClure, First Vice President
CB Richard Ellis

Steve McCullough, Senior Public Policy
Consultant
Dean International, Inc.

Frances Means, Sr. Business Development
Liaison
North Central Texas Workforce
Development Board

Becky Miller, Mayor
City of Carrollton, Texas

Steve Mitchell, Councilmember
City of Richardson, Texas

Ron Natinsky, Councilmember
City of Dallas, Texas

Charles Nickerson, City Manager
City of Texarkana, Arkansas

Pete Oppel, Executive Director
Dallas Northeast Chamber of Commerce

Celes Oppendahl, Program Administrator
Richland College

Josie Orosco, Executive Director
U.S. Mexico Chamber of Commerce,
Southwest Chapter

Gwynn Orr, Chair of the Rail Planning
Committee Hillsboro
City of Hillsboro, Texas

Jules Palmer, Real Estate Counsel
Adorno Yoss White & Wiggins L.P.

Tom Palmer, Manager of Economic
Development
City of Mesquite, Texas

Mike Pappas, District Superintendent
Dallas County, Texas

Greg Patton, City Councilman
City of Cedar Hill, Texas

Danny Patyrak, Video Production Specialist
Dean International, Inc.

Trinidad Paz
Vaquero Imports

Jayne Peters, Councilmember
City of Coppell, Texas

Steven Polunsky, Committee Director
Senate Committee on Transportation and
Homeland Security

Jim Reiser, Senior Engineer
Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas,
Inc.

Sharon Rhee, President
Asian Trading District.com

Dana Robinson, Councilmember
City of Hillsboro, Texas

Joe Rodriguez, Banking Center Manager
JPMorgan Chase Bank

Greg Royster, Principal Transportation
Planner
North Central Texas Council of
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Bradford Russell, Director
BR Architects, Inc

Elisabeth Rutledge, Principal
Public Strategies

Steve Salazar, Councilmember
City of Dallas, Texas

Keri Samford, Economic Development
Director
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Justin Sauls, Licensed Representative
Guaranty Associates, Inc

Janet Sebile, Marketing Director
The Davidson Group, Service First
Mortgage

Donald Secutte, Municipal Judge
City of Hooks, Texas

Sid Sexton, Councilmember
City of Seagoville, Texas

Clifford Shaw, Council Member
City of Cedar Hill, Texas

Henry Shelton, President
OC3 Technology, Inc.

Jean E.Sides, Senior Public Policy
Consultant
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Virginia Singleton, Commercial-Land-Apts.
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Sam Smith, Councilmember
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City of Duncanville, Texas

Farrell Tezeno
Coldwell Banker Apex

Lisa Thierry
The Dallas Forty

Joe Tillotson, Mayor
City of Lancaster, Texas

Josie Torrez, Councilmember
City of Glenn Heights, Texas

Craig Vaughn, Director of Utilities
City of Sulphur Springs, Texas

Claudia Velasco, Consul for Economic and
Commercial Affairs
Mexican Consulate

Ruby Vera, Mayor
City of Natalia, Texas

Mauricio Vera
Vaquero Imports

Carlos Vigil, President/CEO
Seagoville Economic Development
Corporation

Bobby Waddle, Mayor Pro Tem
City of DeSoto, Texas

Richard Walker, Director, Office of
Intermodal Development
U.S. Maritime Administration

John Ward, Treasurer
West Dallas Chamber of Commerce

Ken Weaver, Councilmember
City of Duncanville, Texas

George Williams, Mayor
City of Seagoville, Texas

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Sam Young, County Commissioner
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Sarah Wehland, Chief of Staff
Texas Representative Helen Giddings