



November 2007 ROTCC National Meeting Overview Hosted by the Port of Houston

Location: Houston InterContinental Hotel



Thursday Luncheon Keynote Speaker Harris County Judge Ed Emmett



Judge Emmett began his address by sharing a bit of his family history and well established transportation background. He underscored several major factors impacting trade and transportation, particularly concerning Harris County. One being the expansion of the Panama Canal which will have a great impact on trade patterns and the volumes of trade moving through the County. Another factor affecting trade and transportation is the decreasing availability of funding for highway projects which is a national concern that must be addressed.

Thursday Concurrent Committee Meetings

Congestion Mitigation Committee:

How do we move the products of an ever-expanding market efficiently, safely, and securely via rail and highway?

Environmental Compliance Committee:

How do we secure funding to relieve pollution and create a “clean and green” corridor using rail and highways?

Speakers and Guests



David Schrank, Ph.D., Associate Research Scientist, Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) gave an overview of the 2007 Urban Mobility Report.



Steve Milligan, Assistant Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) expressed how KCS is planning to move forward with projects to meet domestic and transborder growth demands.



Joe Adams, CEO, Union Pacific Railroad and Hugh McCulley, Counsel, BNSF were available to answer questions from attendees and gave brief overviews of their respective railroads.

Speakers



Dr. Aston Hinds, Manager of Environmental Affairs, Port of Houston Authority discussed the Port’s “Commitment to Environmental Stewardship” and addressed the strategy for sustainability.



Lori Pampell, Transportation Planner, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) discussed NCTCOG’s pilot program with the Smartway Transportation Partnership.



Tom Badgett, Chief Information Officer, IdleAire Technologies Corporation gave an overview of IdleAire’s purpose and operations.



Josias Zietsman, Ph.D., Associate Research Engineer, Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) spoke concerning a recent study entitled the National Deployment Strategy of Truck Stop Electrification.

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General Session Speakers



Chris Sultemeier, Vice President, Corporate Traffic, Wal-Mart spoke concerning the sustainability efforts being implemented by Wal-Mart.



Lori Pampell, Transportation Planner II (NCTCOG) gave an overview of the impact that the freight industry has on the environment including energy use, fuel consumption, and air quality.



Maurine Dickey, Vice-Chair, Texas High Speed Rail & Transportation Corporation (THSRTC) and Dallas County Commissioner introduced the Texas T-Bone high speed rail corridor project.



Melissa Trustman, Senior Director of Government Relations, Detroit Regional Chamber recognized the importance of keeping the flow of goods through the Detroit region and benefits of being involved with the River of Trade.

Three Resolutions Passed Unanimously:

- Resolution Commending the November 2007 ROTCC National Meeting Hosted by the Port of Houston, November 29 and 30, 2007
- Resolution to Support the River of Trade Corridor Coalition as the First “Green and Clean” Surface Transportation Corridor
- Resolution to Increase River of Trade Corridor Congressional and Legislative Caucus Membership



Thursday Evening Reception Remarks by Jeff Moseley, President and CEO, Greater Houston Partnership



ROTCC meeting attendees enjoying the reception

Friday VIP Tour of the Port of Houston



Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker Texas Transportation Commissioner Ned Holmes at the Houston Yacht Club



Commissioner Holmes addressed the mobility challenges facing the State of Texas and how the booming population, increasing maintenance and construction costs, and declining availability of funding are affecting how the State conducts business.

