



Transportation 201 Session
March 27, 2007 4:00-6:00

- 3:00 *Transportation 101 Refresher – turn off cell phones*
Sandy Hentges
Senior Vice President for Public Policy, Austin Chamber of Commerce
- 4:00 Transportation 201 Introduction – turn off cell phones
Brandon Janes
Attorney with Jackson Walker LLP
Vice Chair Regional Infrastructure Development, Austin Chamber of Commerce
- 4:05 Crisis in Transportation Funding
Bob Daigh
Austin District Engineer, TXDoT
- 4:45 Traditions and Innovation in Transportation Financing Panel
Mike Weaver, Principal with Prime Strategies
Gary Maring, Senior Associate with Cambridge Systematics
Bob Daigh, Austin District Engineer with TXDoT
- 5:55 Thank you
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Adjourn

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

ROBERT B. DAIGH, P.E., Austin District Engineer – Texas Department of Transportation
Mr. Daigh was appointed District Engineer for the Austin District of the Texas Department of Transportation on Sept. 1, 2003. He is responsible for all state transportation, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance projects within his 11 county district.

Mr. Daigh began his career with the Texas Department of Transportation as engineer in the Georgetown Area Office in March 1988. In January 1995, he assumed the position of Austin District programming and contracts engineer. Before assuming the position of district engineer he served as deputy director and director of turnpike planning and development for the Texas Turnpike Authority.

Mr. Daigh's accomplishments include being honored in 2003 by Texas A & M University with the Gibb Gilchrist award recognizing his outstanding service in highway engineering with TxDOT. He is responsible for development and construction of the Central Texas Turnpike Project.

He is a member of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization transportation policy board and executive committee; the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center governing board; Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CARTPO); and also serves as director of the CARTPO Clean Air Force Board.

Mr. Daigh's contributions to the community include being state coordinator for the National Design Engineer Challenge program for high school students in 1992-1994. He was also honored with the 2005 Jack Griesenbeck Leadership in Regionalism Award from the Capital Area Council of Governments.

Mr. Daigh graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in May 1977. He served as a consulting engineer in Houston and Austin before he began his career with TxDOT in 1988.

MICHAEL J. WEAVER, Principal – Prime Strategies, Inc.

Mr. Weaver manages the firm's efforts in providing direction and assistance on legislative issues and administrative policies affecting the transportation industry and has particular expertise in infrastructure financing mechanisms such as toll roads, user fees, demand management, and other innovative financing mechanisms. He has successfully proposed the establishment of transportation corporations and public-private initiatives to leverage limited public infrastructure funds, and has directed the implementation of over \$4.0 billion of public-private infrastructure projects in Texas and the Americas.

Mr. Weaver serves as the Project Coordinator for the federal, state, and municipal approval process, and Managing Director of the design, route and alignment, and right-of-way determination and acquisition process for state and federally funded transportation projects. He

represents both regulatory agencies and landowners in the development of administrative rules and regulations, ordinances, and special district legislation/creation.

Locally, Mr. Weaver serves as the Road Bond Manager for Williamson County, following a successful \$350 million bond election in 2000, and recently assisted the County in developing the \$228 million Phase II bond program which was approved by voters in November 2006. He also manages the County's \$180 million Pass-Through Finance Program, allowing the County to construct needed projects on the State Highway System earlier by financing project costs with a per-vehicle-mile-traveled payback by TxDOT over 10 to 20 years.

Mr. Weaver serves as the Manager of Hays County's \$153 million Pass-Through Finance Program. He worked with TxDOT, Hays County, the City of Kyle and the private sector to construct the extension of FM 1626 in Hays County, Texas. The project will provide a north-south alternative to congested Interstate 35 and access to expanding residential and commercial developments in northern Hays County and southern Travis County.

The project, which includes a grade-separated rail crossing with the Union Pacific Railroad, will also provide a more direct and safer route for the Hays County Consolidated Independent School District bus system. The project includes signature "gateway to Kyle" design features for bridge structures and associated landscaping plan. Funding for the project involved a package of alternative financing mechanisms, including a State Infrastructure Bank loan from TxDOT, and a locally-created Tax Increment Financing District. The project opened for traffic in June 2006.

As the former Co-Director of the Gateway Planning Group, Mr. Weaver directed the firm's planning, urban design and facilitation services to both the private sector and public agencies. The Group's efforts in preparing a land use and future tax base strategy for the development of a 4,500-acre mixed-use Regional Employment Center (REC) for the City of McKinney garnered the Texas APA awards for best "Current Planning," best "Project Plan," and "Community of the Year."

Mr. Weaver is a graduate of the University of Houston, and previously served as Transportation Director for the Houston-Galveston Area Council (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and Superintendent of Planning and Engineering for the City of Austin. He is a Full Member, Urban Land Institute; Member, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA); Member, Executive Committee, Capital Area Transportation Coalition; and, Member, Institute of Transportation Engineers.

GARY E. MARING, Principal – Cambridge Systematics

Mr. Maring has more than 35 years of experience in transportation policy, planning, financing, economic, intelligent transportation systems (ITS), freight, and intermodal transportation issues. He came to Cambridge Systematics from serving as a Senior Executive with extensive policy, management, and technical experience with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Examples of Mr. Maring's major experience and accomplishments include serving as the Deputy Director for Development of the Department of Transportation (DOT) National Transportation

Policy in 1990; representing the FHWA on the President's Climate Change Action Plan in 1994; working in the FHWA Policy Office for 13 years on intermodal, financing, truck size and weight, cost allocation, energy and environmental policy, and statistical programs; serving as the acting Associate Administrator for Policy in 1998; leading the FHWA Headquarters Restructuring team in 1998; and being chosen to head the new FHWA Intermodal Freight office in 1999.

He also led the Department's freight reauthorization initiatives in 2001-2002 and served as co-chair of the DOT/Customs led government-wide Container Security Technology group. Mr. Maring also has extensive international experience, including transport financing, pricing, economic, and freight intermodal issues.

Since joining Cambridge Systematics in January 2003, Mr. Maring has managed an intermodal freight connector study under the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP); contributed to several freight studies in California, Minnesota, and Florida; is conducting future surface transportation finance projects for the FHWA and Hudson Institute; and is supporting the development of a National Freight Action Plan for the U.S. DOT. He also is leading a study of Truck Mobility Strategies for the Ohio DOT.

Mr. Maring has received numerous awards, including the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service in 1997. He received a Master's degree in Civil Engineering/Planning from Catholic University, and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He also completed the Harvard University Program for Senior Managers in Government.