

**Infrastructure Summit Agenda
Thursday, July 28, 2022
Hurst Conference Center**

8:00 am Registration Opens

8:30 am Welcome

8:45 am Breakfast Keynote Speaker and Panel | Enhancing the Regional Infrastructure

***Description:** The Summit will begin with a keynote address from the State Demographer Dr. Helen You concerning the population growth rate of NTX and the state as a whole. Following Dr. You, a panel of transportation/infrastructure experts will discuss how Texas can implement federal funds to complete projects that improve infrastructure, accommodate growth, and allow the Texas economy to remain alluring for business relocations.

- Speaker - State Demographer's Office, Dr. Helen You
- Panel - Federal Guidelines for Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act
 - a) Moderator – Justin Reeves - LAN
 - b) Michael Morris - NCTCOG
 - c) Steve Knobbe - HNTB
 - d) Mike Grace – Farris Texas Economic Development

9:45 am Break

10:00 am Morning Panel Discussion

***Description:** Over the past 15 months, electric grid reliability has remained a chief concern for Texans. Many are still asking the question of reliability. Our morning session will feature industry leaders and elected officials discussing the current state of electric generation, transmission, and delivery.

a) Electric Reliability

- i) Representative Jared Patterson (HD106)
- ii) Shawn McGlothlin – Texas Instruments
- iii) Donnie Clary - CoServ

11:00 am Morning Breakout Sessions

- **11:00-11:45 am**

a) Electric Vehicles - focus on EV Charging Network

***Description:** Electric Vehicles are becoming increasingly more common on NTX roadways. Manufacturers are working to meet the increasing demand from consumers looking to EVs as their solution for efficient and cost-effective travel. However, with a lack of public charging stations available, the proliferation of EVs has been held back. Our panel of specialists will discuss the existing barriers to EV travel and what Texas can do to reduce them.

- i) Tom “Smitty” Smith - Texas Electric Transportation Resource Alliance
- ii) Commissioner Roy Brooks - Tarrant County PCT 1
- iii) Bailey Muller - NCTCOG

b) Supply & Logistics

***Description:** Learn from industry practitioners about the collaborative and innovative work occurring in the Alliance Corridor. Our panelists will share how their organizations are working to streamline freight logistics, increase the efficient movement of goods, and curb the recent spike in supply chain challenges.

- i) Ian Kinne - Hillwood
- ii) French Thompson - BNSF

12:00 pm Lunch Keynote | Texas Broadband Plan

***Description:** Comptroller Glenn Hegar, the state’s chief tax collector, accountant, revenue estimator and treasurer will share the work of the State Broadband Development Office he oversees as established by House Bill 5 (87R).

- **Speaker - Comptroller Glenn Hegar – Texas Broadband Development Office**

12:55 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions

- **12:55-1:40 pm**

- a) State Flood Plan Development**

***Description:** Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Development Board and Glenn Clingenpeel, Chair of the Region 3 Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group will present an update on the regional planning efforts focused on managing flood risk to reduce loss of life and property from flooding. Region 3 is responsible for developing the first-ever regional flood plan for the Trinity River Basin – a region that spans from Cooke County in the north to Chambers County on the Gulf Coast. The Trinity RFPG is among 15 regional flood planning groups statewide designated in 2020 by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

- i) Moderator - Alan Greer – Freese and Nichols Inc.
 - ii) Kathleen Jackson - Texas Water Development Board
 - iii) Glenn Clingenpeel - Trinity River Authority

- b) The Future of Water Supply - Integrated Pipeline Project**

***Description:** NTX water suppliers are constantly working to keep up with the rapid growth of our region's population. Stress continues to mount on our precious natural resources as people and businesses continue to relocate to NTX. The Integrated Pipeline Project is one of the many efforts in place to maintain a sustainable water supply in NTX. Our speakers will inform you and the recent success this decade-long project achieved, and what it means for NTX businesses.

- i) Moderator - Linda Christie - Tarrant Regional Water
 - ii) Chris Harder - Fort Worth Water
 - iii) Denis Qualls - Dallas Water Utility

- **1:45- 2:30 pm**

- a) Extending the Life of Landfills**

***Description:** As populations grow, consumption and waste production follow. Scarcity of landfills threatens the efficient and affordable disposal of waste in the NTX region. During this joint presentation, you will learn how private sector waste disposal service providers are working alongside municipal governments to deliver environmentally and economically friendly solutions for taxpayers.

- i) Richard Coupland - Republic Services
 - ii) Elena Berg - NCTCOG
 - iii) Mike Friesen - North Texas Municipal Water District

b) Regional Mobility - Creating a Transportation System of Choice

***Description:** Traditional roads, managed lanes, and toll roads are only part of the equation when it comes to NTX mobility. Due to careful planning, wise management, and exceptional execution, Dallas-Fort Worth maintains a transportation system of choice that allows for the efficient and safe movement of people and goods.

- i) Commissioner Duncan Webb – Collin County Commissioner and RTC Chair
- ii) The Hon. Jeff Williams – Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition
- iii) Anjelica Solano – North Texas Toll Authority

2:35 pm Afternoon Keynote | Economic Development & the use of P3s

***Description:** Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) are incredibly useful tools for the development and expansion of all things infrastructure. NTX was built in large part through the use of P3s and continues to stay competitive by utilizing the innovative financing tool. Despite their great track record, P3s are under attack by our state government. Our final presentation of the Summit will feature the state's leading expert in P3s and she makes the case for their necessity.

- **Speaker – Mary Scott Nabers, Strategic Partnerships, Inc.**

3:30 pm Close