

THURSDAY, October 5 / 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Ballroom A&B

Fort Worth Convention Center

Moderator: **Michael Chacon, P.E.**
Division Director, TRF

8:30 a.m. **Welcome/Opening Remarks**
Loyl Bussell, P.E.
Deputy District Engineer, FTW

8:40 a.m. **Message from the Commission**
Victor Vandergriff
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

9:10 a.m. **Message from ADM**
James Bass
Executive Director

9:20 a.m. **Message from Harvey**
TxDOT's Response to Hurricane Harvey video

9:35 a.m. **Post Hurricane/Lessons Learned**
Bill Hale, P.E.
Chief Engineer

10:00 a.m. **BREAK**

Moderator: **Michael Lee, P.E.**
Division Director, MNT

10:30 a.m. **Update from Traffic**
Michael Chacon, P.E.
Division Director, TRF

11:00 a.m. **Update from Maintenance**
C. Michael Lee, P.E.
Division Director, MNT

11:30 a.m. **Lunch**
(Location To Be Announced)

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MNT Systems: PeopleSoft, MMS and SiteManager

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Moderator: **Brandye Munn**
Business Analyst, MNT

1:00 p.m. **Finance Division**

- **Damage Claims**
Casey Rowe, Accounting Manager, FIN
- **Account Payable (AP), Travel Expense Accounts (TEAs) and Time and Labor (T&L)**
Heather Burgess, Accounting Manager, FIN
Mandi Gipson-Mitchell, Accounting Manager, FIN
Michelle Cravotta, Accounting Manager, FIN

1:30 p.m. **MMS**

- **Chartfields 101**
- **MEARS Report**
- **Planning in the MMS**
- **MMS Upgrade**
- **MMS Q&A**
Brandye Munn, Business Analyst, MNT
- **Best Practices**
Speaker TBD

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m. **SiteManager**

- **New Contract Requirements for Districts: E-Verify, Subcontractors and Terrorist Organizations**
- **State Use Contracts Load Into SiteManager**
Tim West, Contract Specialist, MNT
- **Emergency Contracts and Reimbursement Procedures**
Missy Lowe, FHWA Coordinator, MNT
- **SiteManager Q&A**

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

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Moderator: **Robert Godina**
Management Analyst, OCC

1:00 p.m. **Deploying Traffic Control in 2018** (0.75 PDH □)
Fleet Operations Division
Occupational Safety Division

1:45 p.m. **RFID Proximity Warning System** (0.33 PDH □)
Mike Pettibon
Safety Specialist, OCC

2:05 p.m. **Error Reduction Safety Program** (0.42 PDH □)
Jeff Chennault
Management Analyst, OCC

2:30 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Sharing “Best Safety Practices/Programs”**
Facilitator: Robert Godina
Management Analyst, OCC

Panel Participants:

Stacey Burns, *Maintenance Supervisor, Linden Maintenance, ATL*
JJ Singleton, *Safety Officer, ATL*

Robert Delafuente, Maintenance Supervisor, Pharr Maintenance, PHR
Charlie Garza, Safety Office, PHR

Mark Dorris, *Maintenance Supervisor, Gray County, AMA*
JJ Thomas, *Safety Officer, AMA*

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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RAIL SAFETY

Room 201 C

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| Moderator | Robert Travis
<i>Rail/Highway Safety Branch Manager, TRF</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. | Introductions
Robert Travis.
<i>Rail/Highway Safety Branch Manager, TRF</i> |
| 1:20 p.m. | Rail/Highway Updates (0.67 PDH □)
Robert Travis
<i>Rail/Highway Safety Branch Manager, TRF</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. | 2017 New TxDOT Preemption Form (0.5 PDH □)
Mark Johnson
<i>Railroad Program Coordinator, TRF</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 p.m. | Simple Projects Involving Railroads (0.75 PDH □)
Robert Travis
<i>Rail/Highway Safety Branch Manager, TRF</i> |
| 4:00 p.m. | Signal Discipline Updates (1.0 PDH □)
Jim Ruiz
<i>Lead Signal Railroad Investigator, TRF</i> |
| 5:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

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RAILROAD SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Room 204 A

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Moderator: **Luke Chisenhall**

Director, Rail Safety Section, TRF

1:00 p.m.

Introduction, Rail Safety Section

Luke Chisenhall

Director, Rail Safety Section, TRF

1:30 p.m.

Federal Railroad Administration – Texas State Participation Program (0.5 PDH ☐)

Vence Haggard

Regional Administrator – Region 5

2:00 p.m.

What are Railroad Related Risks in Texas and Where? (0.5 PDH ☐)

Alan Rutter

Division Head, Freight Mobility, TTI

2:30 p.m.

Track Discipline Overview Updates (0.5 PDH ☐)

Don Traylor

Lead Track Railroad Investigator, TRF

3:00 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

HAZMAT Discipline Updates (0.5 PDH ☐)

Michael Horton

Lead HAZMAT Railroad Investigator, TRF

4:00 p.m.

Motive Power & Equipment Discipline Updates (0.5 PDH ☐)

Eric Ross

Lead MP&E Railroad Investigator, TRF

4:30 p.m.

Operating Practice Discipline Updates (0.5 PDH ☐)

Randy Caldwell

Lead OP Railroad Investigator, TRF

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Room 200

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Moderator: **Brian A. Stanford, P.E.**
Engineering Operations Branch Manager, TRF

- 1:00 p.m.** **Interstate 14 in Waco District:
How to Redesignate a Roadway as an Interstate and How to Bring It Up to
Interstate Standards (0.5 PDH □)**
Jacob Chau, P.E.
Director of Transportation Operations, WAC
- 1:30 p.m.** **Best Practices for Signal and High Mast Illumination Maintenance (0.5 PDH □)**
Roy McCue
Transportation Specialist, SAT
Greg Gibbs
Traffic Systems Specialist, WFS
- 2:00 p.m.** **Nighttime Sign Inspections (0.5 PDH □)**
Doug Skowronek, P.E.
Transportation Engineer Supervisor, TRF
- 2:30 p.m.** **Sign Inspection Guidance (0.5 PDH □)**
Karl Janak, P.E.,
Transportation Engineer, CST
Johnnie Miller, P.E.,
Materials Branch Manager, CST
- 3:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:30 p.m.** **TMA Training in El Paso (0.5 PDH □)**
Robert Reyes
Safety Officer, ELP
- 4:00 p.m.** **Straight Line Diagram Program (0.5 PDH □)**
Jennifer Bierman
Planner, TPP
- 4:30 p.m.** **Adjourn**

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TRAFFIC SAFETY

Room 203 A

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Moderator: **Samuel Aguirre**
Traffic Safety Supervisor, TRF

1:00 p.m. **Texas Traffic Safety Program**
Putting it all Together (1.0 PDH □)
Terry A. Pence
Traffic Safety Director, TRF
Jim Hollis
Traffic Safety Programs Director, TRF
Samuel Aguirre
Traffic Safety Supervisor, TRF
Carol Campa
Traffic Safety Lead Worker, TRF
Freddie Summer
Traffic Safety Lead Worker, TRF

2:00 p.m. **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**
Roles, Responsibilities & Priorities (1.0 PDH □)
Brian Jones
Deputy Regional Administrator, NHTSA

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:30pm **Online CRIS Query Tool** (0.5 PDH □)
Larbi Hanni
Crash Data Analysis Branch Manager, TRF

4:00pm **Highway Safety Planning 101** (1.0 PDH □)
Terry A. Pence
Traffic Safety Director, TRF
Darren McDaniel, P.E.
Transportation Engineer, TRF
Larbi Hanni
Crash Data Analysis Branch Manager, TRF

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MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

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- Moderator:** **James Stevenson, P.E.**
Director of Operations, YKM
- 1:00 p.m.** **SH 4 Rehabilitation (0.5 PDH □)**
Celestino Hernandez, Jr.
Maintenance Supervisor, PHR
- 1:30 p.m.** **Seal Coat Discussion Panel (1.0 PDH □)**
Michael Lee, P.E.
Maintenance Division Director
- 2:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:00 p.m.** **Importance of Quality in Maintenance Operations (0.5 PDH □)**
Pavements
Roadside
- 3:30 p.m.** **How a Maintenance Section Functions (0.5 PDH □)**
Douglas Roberts
District Maintenance Administrator, SJT
Robert Herman
Maintenance Supervisor, YKM
- 4:00 p.m.** **Bridge Maintenance Program (0.5 PDH □)**
Leoncio Villanueva
Bridge Inspection Specialist, PHR
Mark Netardus, P.E.
District Maintenance Engineer, YKM
- 4:30 p.m.** **Panel Discussion on Homeless Issues**
Mark Wooldridge
Director of Maintenance, HOU
Miguel Arellano
Director of Maintenance, AUS
- 5:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, RADIO and TxMAP

Room 202 C & D

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- Moderator:** **Brian Dodge**
Emergency Management Coordinator, MNT
- 1:00 p.m.** **FHWA – Emergency Relief (ER) Program Overview**
Missy Lowe
Contract Specialist, MNT
- 1:30 p.m.** **FHWA – Reimbursement Process - Lessons Learned**
Lori Wagner
Contracting Specialist, AUS
- 2:00 p.m.** **FEMA – Reimbursement Process – Lessons Learned**
PJ Vargas
Maintenance Administrator, BRY
- 2:30 p.m.** **Break**
- Moderator:** **Brian Dodge**
Emergency Management Coordinator, MNT
- 3:00 p.m.** **Meet New Emergency Management Coordinator**
Brian Dodge
Maintenance Support Branch Supervisor
Emergency Management Coordinator, MNT
- 3:15 p.m.** **TxMAP – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**
Followed by Q&A
Stephen Matula, Danny Luna, Antonio Barron
TxMAP Specialists, MNT
- 4:00 p.m.** **Radio and Technology Support**
Hands-on Communications Overview (1.0 PDH □)
Paul Gilbert
State Radio Coordinator, MNT
Gerald Richmond
State Radio Coordinator, MNT
- 5:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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Moderator: **Brian Fariello**
Traffic Management Section Director, TRF

1:00 p.m. **TRF Updates (2.0 PDH □)**

Procurements – Maria Hanke, TRF

- **Development, Implementation, Integration, Maintenance Services Contract Procurement**
- **Dynamic Message Signs, Amber & Full Color**

Austin District Traffic Management Center & Service Patrol Contracts – Alex Power, TRF

Work Zone ITS Standards Development -- Charles Koonce, TRF

District Status Updates

- **Lubbock District** – Ricky Lawrence, ITS Analyst, TRF Signal Crew
- **Odessa District** – Kelli Williams, Transportation Engineering Supervisor
- **Houston District** – Michael Pietrzyk, Transportation Engineering Supervisor

FHWA Update – Amelia Hayes, FHWA

3:00 p.m. **Break**

Moderator: **Henry Wickes**
Transportation Engineer Supervisor, TE-Signal, TRF

3:30 p.m. **New Initiatives (1.5 PDH □)**

Small Cells in ROW – Beverly West, Real Estate Management Analyst, ROW

Transportation Systems Management & Operations

- **Overview of Statewide TSMO Initiative – Marco Cameron, P.E., Transportation Engineer, TRF**
- **Development of TSMO Strategic Plan – Olivia Brey, EIT, Atkins**
- **Execution/Rollout of TSMO Strategic Plan – Jim Hanson, P.E., PTOE, Atkins**

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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SUPPORT SERVICES

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Moderator: **Andrew Chavez**
Division Director, SSD

8:00 a.m. **Panel Discussion (FY17 Accomplishments, Focus on FY18 Thresholds for Budgets vs. Expenditures, Encumbrances and the Budget, Budget and Encumbrance Reports, Maintenance Effects on Budgets BPM, Damage Claims, Etc.)**

Dave Haley
Field Resource Manager, SSD
Ken Black
Asset Management Branch Manager, SSD
Rhonda Branecky
Statewide Program Support Services Director, SSD

8:40 a.m. **Panel Discussion (FY17 Advancements & Improvements, Stockpile Reports App & Inventory, Focus for FY18, Units of Measure, Signs & Sign Shops, Family Groups, Q&A)**

Daryl Starkes
Materials Management Section Director, SSD

9:20 a.m. **Facilities Capital Program and PM & MR Updates**

Robin Cappello
Facilities Planning and Management Section Director, SSD

10:00 a.m. **Adjourn**

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FLEET OPERATIONS

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Moderator: **Dalton Pratt**
Director, Fleet Operations Division

10:30 a.m. **Fleet Excellence Pre-trip Training**
José Clayton
Fleet Support Manager, FOD

11:10 a.m. **Fleet Excellence PM Scorecard**
Kevin Fareri
Deputy Director, FOD

11:50 a.m. **Keep the Excellence Going: Unmet Needs Database**
Kevin Fareri
Deputy Director, FOD

Noon **Adjourn**

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PAVEMENT PRESERVATION

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| Moderator | Rex Costley, P.E.
Director of Maintenance, PHR |
| 8:00 a.m. | Base Layer Types & Applications (0.5 PDH ☐)
Richard Izzo, P.E.
<i>Materials Branch Manager, CST</i> |
| 8:30 a.m. | Update on New PMIS Data Collection and Scores (0.5 PDH ☐)
Blair Johnson, P.E.
<i>Director of Operations, AMA</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. | Concrete Pavement Repairs (0.5 PDH ☐)
Andy Naranjo, P.E.
<i>Rigid Pavements Branch Manager, CST</i> |
| 9:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:00 a.m. | Best Practices for Crack Seals and Scrub Seals (0.5 PDH ☐)
Blair Johnson, P.E.
<i>Director of Operations, AMA</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Seal Coats vs. Hot Mix (0.5 PDH ☐)
Dan Stacks, P.E.
Director of Operations, SAT |
| 11:00 a.m. | 4-Year Pavement Management Plans Update (0.5 PDH ☐)
Tomas Trevino, P.E.
Director of Operations, CRP |
| 12:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

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Rail/Highway Safety

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Moderator: **Luke Chisenhall**
Director, Rail Safety Section, TRF

8:00 a.m. **Lessons Learned Following a Railroad Derailment and a Damaged Highway Bridge Structure in Jefferson, Texas**
UPRR/KCS Train Derailment and US 59 Bridge Structure (1.5 PDH □)
Robert Travis
Rail/Highway Safety Branch Manager, TRF
Tommy Bruce
Transportation Engineer Supervisor, ATL
Robert Small
Rail Safety Investigator, TRF
Nick Bueche
Rail Safety Investigator, TRF

9:30 a.m. **Resolver: Railroad/Non-Railroad New Reporting System**
Robert Travis
Rail/Highway Safety Branch Manager, TRF

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. **District Round Table**

Noon **Adjourn**

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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

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Moderator: **Doug Skowronek, P.E.**

Policy and Standards Branch Manager, TRF

8:30 a.m. Signal Detection What Methods are Available and Approved (0.33 PDH □)

Henry Wickes, P.E.

Transportation Engineering Supervisor, TRF

8:50 a.m. Work Zone Issues, Review of Work Zone Crashes and Driveway Assistant Devices (DADS) (0.75 PDH □)

Mark Johnson, P.E.

Transportation Engineer, TRF

Tommy Abrego, P.E.

Transportation Engineer, TRF

Melisa D. Finley, P.E.

Research Engineer, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

9:30 a.m. District Traffic Counters (0.5 PDH □)

Jorge Perez

Engineering Assistant, CRP

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. 2017 HSIP Program Call (0.33 PDH □)

Darren McDaniel, P.E.

Transportation Engineer, TRF

10:50 a.m. Use of Various Products such as LEDs on Signs, RRFBs and PHBs (1.0 PDH □)

Rebecca Wells, P.E.

Transportation Engineering Supervisor, ATL

Darius Samuels, P.E.

Transportation Engineering Supervisor, PAR

America Garza, P.E.

Transportation Engineering Supervisor, CRP

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TRAFFIC SAFETY

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Moderator: **Tracie Mendez**
Traffic Safety Supervisor, TRF

8:00 a.m. **Leading with Leadership**
Winning Partnerships & Influencing Change
Angela Carrizales
HR Specialist/Mediator

10:00 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. **The Next Generation . . .**
Creating a Traffic Safety Culture in Schools
Christy Thomas & Lisa Minjares
Teens in the Driver Seat Program, TTI

12:00 a.m. **Adjourn**

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Maintenance Field Support

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- 8:00 a.m.** **Arundo/Giant Cane Task Force**
Monica McGarrity
Texas Parks & Wildlife
- 8:30 a.m.** **Texas Native Seed Project**
Forrest Smith
Texas Native Seed Project
- 9:00 a.m.** **Derigo Applications for Switchgrass and Johnsongrass (0.5 PDH □)**
Mike Walsh, P.E.
Area Engineer, YKM
- 9:30 a.m.** **TDA Violations**
Amanda Fowler
Vegetation Specialist, MNT
- 10:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:30 a.m.** **Vastland Applications for Brush Control in Aquatics (0.5 PDH □)**
Erica Swenson
Vegetation Specialist, HOU
- 11:00 a.m.** **TDA Licenses and Audits**
Travis Jez
Vegetation Specialist, MNT
- 11:30 a.m.** **Wildflower Seedlings and Pollinators (0.5 PDH □)**
Dennis Markwardt
Maintenance Field Support Section Director, MNT
- 12:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**

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MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

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- Moderator:** **Glenn Allbritton, P.E.**
Director of Operations, WFS
- 8:00 a.m.** **TxMAP Process & Scoring**
Stephen Matula
TxMAP Specialist, MNT
- 8:30 a.m.** **Guardrail – Things to Look For (0.5 PDH □)**
Chris Lindsey, P.E.
Transportation Engineer, DES
- 9:00 a.m.** **Peer Review – Good Practices vs Opportunities**
Phillip Hempel, P.E.
Transportation Engineer, MNT
- 9:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:00 a.m.** **Innovative Ideas in WFS**
Zach Husen, P.E.
Graham Area Engineer, WFS
- 10:15 a.m.** **Rumble Strips Mapping (0.5 PDH □)**
Rich Truitt
Utility Coordinator, BWD
- 10:30 a.m.** **PMIS Scoring 101 (0.5 PDH □)**
Matt Rogers
Pavement Data Collection Coordinator, ABL
- 11:00 a.m.** **The Wide World of Emulsions (0.5 PDH □)**
Jerry Peterson
Materials Branch Manager, CST
- 11:30 a.m.** **MEARS Report**
Jason Dupree, P.E.
Director of Operations, ATL
- Noon** **Adjourn**

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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Moderator: **Ron Fuessel**
Transportation Engineer, TRF

8:00 a.m. **Technology Updates** (2.0 PDH ☐)

- **DMS Messages Using Color and Graphics** – *Meredith Wright, SwRI*
- **Benefits of After Action Reports for Incidents** – *Lynne Randolph, SwRI*
- **Future Technologies in Traffic Incident Management** – *Bob Murphy, AECOM*
- **Data Collection to Improve Overall Traffic Incident Management** – *Jeff Kaufman, TTI*

10:00 a.m. **Break**

Moderator: **Brent Eastman**
Program Manager, Strategy & Portfolio Management, IMD

10:30 a.m. **Information Management Division Programs**

- **Performance Metrics – Engineering Operations Dashboard** – *Brent Eastman, IMD*
- **Asset Management System** – *Jennifer Lyons, IMD*
- **Network Monitoring System** – *Brent Eastman, IMD*

Noon **Adjourn**