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Eric. R Potts
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Houston Airport
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Tag Transportation Advocacy Group- Houston Region is Formed

Regional business leaders have united to advocate for additional resources dedicated to improved mobility. Their mission is to build a foundation of sound and unified transportation infrastructure that promotes economic prosperity, growth, and an improved quality of life in the Houston Region.

Over fifty individuals have committed **to support TAG's goals, which include** establishing a consistent and effective presence in Houston and Austin to secure and ensure long-term funding to address Houston Region transportation needs.

Officers of the newly formed group include Wayne Klotz of civil engineering firm Klotz Associates, Jack Drake of the Greenspoint District, Gary Trietsch of Dannenbaum Engineering Corp. and Gary Montgomery of civil engineering firm **Montgomery & Barnes Inc.** "Our first efforts are directed to securing additional state funds and local funding authority for the Houston region during the 82nd **Legislative Session.**"

The Houston Region is home to 5.95 million residents and is projected to grow to

over 8.5 million by 2035. Our regional transportation system is strained and deficient today, and we continue to lose ground in transportation funding.

Houston's citizens proclaimed in a November 2010 referendum that the status quo of inadequate street, mobility, and drainage funding is unacceptable. Voting for dedicated funding for 20 years, they reserved a portion of existing property taxes and authorized a drainage fee to **reconstruct the City's streets and drainage system.** The legislature needs to consider this lesson: **the State's citizens** want the investment required to provide the transportation necessary to keep the Texas economy viable.

While the serious nature of the current budget shortfall is not minimized, we do not believe it is prudent to defer decisions about transportation. Other regions have benefitted by consolidating efforts, an example being the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The key to success is close coordination of the many transportation partners.

If you are interested in learning more about the group log on to: taghouston.org.

12th Annual State of the Counties Address



BayTran hosted its premier event, the Twelfth Annual State of the Counties Address at the Houston Downtown Aquarium on March 3. Over 300 members, associates and community leaders gathered together to hear special keynote speakers including Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, Galveston County, Judge Mark Henry, and Brazoria County Judge Joe King.

BayTran Executive Director Coletta Castleschouldt opened the meeting, BayTran Vice Chair Bob Robinson introduced Reverend Jim Jackson from the First United Methodist Church in Dickinson, who gave the invocation and Nathaniel Peake of the Houston Grand Opera, who sang the Star Spangled Banner. Tobin Maples, Chairman of BayTran, introduced the elected officials in the room.

The attending audience had the opportunity to hear the voices of new leadership in Galveston County Judge Mark Henry and newly elected Harris County Commissioner of Precinct Two, Jack Morman. **“In our county, we are very interested in transportation and the reasons are obvious,”** Henry said. **“Mobility 364 days out of the year and evacuation one day out of the year.”**

Judge King, referring to the monumental traffic jam that occurred during the Hurricane Rita, stated **“I’m here to tell you that in Joe King’s opinion, the best thing that ever happened to Galveston and Brazoria counties was when Judge Emmett was elected,”** King said. **“Because when we had Ike we had a mass evacuation, but it wasn’t anything compared to what we had experienced before.”**

In his report, Judge Ed Emmett urged the BayTran members to support the I-69 project, to serve the ports of Freeport, Texas City and Houston.

“That will allow our region, our state, to develop economically far more than any other project we can do,” Emmett said. **“Because suddenly those ports will be the focus of global trade. We are going to have to have that because, I’m sorry, 146 and 225 just aren’t going to cut it long-term. We are going to have to get that I-69 built.”**



April 13th Monthly Luncheon

Eric. R. Potts– Deputy Director of Aviation

Houston Airport System

Eric R. Potts is the Deputy Director of Aviation for Planning, Design and Construction. He served as the Interim Director of Aviation for nearly a year, responsible for the overall **management of the Houston Airport System's three aviation facilities** -- George Bush Intercontinental Airport, William P. Hobby Airport, and Ellington Airport.

Since 2000, as deputy director of Planning, Design and Construction, Potts has been responsible for overseeing all administration of design and construction contracts, managing long-term and short-term airport projects, analyzing operations and implementing best practice policies and procedures at the Houston Airport System. In addition, Mr. Potts is a retired and decorated Colonel of the United States Army.

After serving in the United States Army for more than 27 years, Mr. Potts joined the Houston Airport System in November of 2000. The expertise he brought with him included serving as the executive director of civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers, assisting with the oversight of the Corps emergency response mission and of the many engineering and construction activities that were carried out by the Corps during his tenure. Additionally, prior to retiring with the rank of colonel from the military, Mr. Potts supervised Civil Works activities for 38 districts across the country and assisted with the implementation of a \$4 billion program that provided flood damage reduction and environmental restoration to the nation.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Mr. Potts was commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1973. In 1994, he was inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame and in 1999 he was once again inducted; this time into the school's Academy of Civil Engineers. During a Commencement at the University of Missouri, in December of 2001, Mr. Potts was awarded a Professional Degree in Civil Engineering.

The retired colonel also holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

His military decorations include two Legion of Merit medals, five Meritorious Service medals, two Army Commendation medals, the National Defense Service medal, and the German Silver Cross of Honor. Mr. Potts is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers and of the Academy of Fellows and Army Engineers. He is also a recipient of the Silver Order of the Fleury Medal.



11:30– Registration & Program

12:00– Lunch & Program

Cullen's Upscale American Grille

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