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Michael Alford, P.E., as the New Houston District Engineer

HOUSTON - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced the appointment of Michael W. Alford, P.E., as the new Houston District Engineer, (DE) effective November 1, 2011. In his new role, Alford will oversee the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the state's transportation system in the six-county Houston District. Alford has served as Houston's Interim District Engineer since September 2011.

Alford brings almost 30 years of TxDOT experience to his new position as the Houston District's highest ranking official. He began his career with TxDOT in the summer of 1979, while still attending college. After graduating, he became a full-time employee in 1982 and has ascended through the ranks within the agency formally serving as an Assistant Resident Engineer, Area Engineer, Director of Maintenance and Deputy District Engineer to name just a few.

Since 2009, Alford has served as the Houston District's second in command, as the Deputy District Engineer, where he was critical in assisting with the management, engineering and oversight of the department's activities within the six county area.

The Houston District is the state's largest of 25 districts by population and lane miles. With a population of approximately 5.5 million people and growing, there are 4.5 million registered vehicles in the area, traveling over 128 million miles per day. The Houston District maintains and operates over 10,000 lanes miles, approximately 5500 bridge structures and the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry system which takes travelers on SH 87 between Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula.

Alford and his wife, Terri, reside in West Houston and they have one son, Andy, who is married to his wife Melissa. Alford serves on the Board of Directors for the Houston Highway Credit Union and the Texas Pavement Preservation Center. He is also an active member of his church. In his spare time, Mike enjoys fishing and hunting.



Michael Alford, P.E.,
Houston District Engineer

It is with great sorrow that we inform you that our very dear friend and fellow board member, Mike Ogden, lost his decade long battle with leukemia on November 19.

Mike grew up in Pasadena and attended St. Pius V Catholic School and Pasadena High School. He graduated in 1982 and promptly became a Proud Texas Aggie! Michael earned both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M University in 1987 and 1989. After graduating, he worked for the Texas Transportation Institute, an affiliate of the Texas A & M system. In 1998, he joined Klotz and Associates, becoming Senior Vice-President in 2009. Michael was an extremely active member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, sat on the Advisory Council for the Dept. of Civil Engineering at Prairie View A & M; was on the Board of Directors for the Houston Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and donated time with the MD Anderson Volunteer Network. Michael was also a Past Chairman of BayTran and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was a wonderful human being, a mentor, friend, colleague, and eternal optimist. Mike and the entire Ogden family demonstrated amazing courage, grace, and strength during such a difficult time this past year. Mike is survived by his wife, Colleen, two daughters, his family, and many friends in the transportation engineering community here in Houston and throughout Texas.



Texas City Ship Channel Dredging Completed

A \$75 million project to deepen the Texas City Ship Channel has been completed.

A ceremony was held Saturday to mark the expansion of the 400-foot-wide ship channel at Texas City, located 40 miles southeast of Houston. The work increased the depth of the waterway from 40 feet to 45 feet.

Federal stimulus funds paid for the 18-month project, along with money from several companies that operate refineries along the Texas coast and use ships to transport cargo.

During the dredging process possible Civil War items were discovered. Work crews in January recovered four inert cannonballs. Experts say a cannon recovered last November is from the USS Westfield, a Civil War gunboat scuttled during the 1863 Battle of Galveston.

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Christmas Mixer

Come Mix, Mingle & Network

December 8th

Doors Open at 4:30pm

Location

Cullen's Upscale American Grille
(Upstairs)
11500 Space Center Blvd.
Houston, Tx 77058

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