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Speakers include:

- Adam Shaw, US Lead, **Accenture, Infrastructure & Capital Projects**
- AJ Waters, Chief Evangelist, **Kahua, Inc.**
- Amy Atchley, EV Equity Development Manager, **Austin Energy**
- Anil Mirmira, Deputy Director, Tolling Operations, **Harris County Toll Road Authority**
- B.J. Carpenter, Airport Environment & Sustainability Officer, **Austin-Bergstrom International Airport**
- Brandon Thomas, Water Treatment & Compliance Assistant Manager, **New Braunfels Utilities (NBU)**
- Brendon Wheeler, Program Manager, Transportation, **North Central Texas Council of Governments**
- Bryan Carruthers, Americas Lead, **Accenture Infrastructure & Capital Projects**
- Carlos Gamarra, Vice President of Energy, Air and IT, Sr. Research Scientist, **HARC | Houston, Advanced Research Center**
- Caroline Mays, Director of Planning and Modal Program, **Texas Department of Transportation**
- Cesar Alvarado, Sales Director, **Aurigo Software Technologies**
- Chris Wagner, Director, **PMWeb, Inc.**
- Dakota Shaw, Project Manager, Aviation, Planning & Programming, **Texas Department of Transportation**
- Dalton Rice, City Manager, **City of Kerrville**
- Darryl Spencer, Vice President Engineering & Technical Services, **Dallas Area Rapid Transit**
- David Olson, Assistant City Manager, **City of Temple, TX**
- Diana Ramirez, County Administrator, **Harris County Office of County Administration**
- Diane Cook, Chief Operating Officer, **Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area**
- Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, **City of San Antonio**
- Fede Rodrigo, Global Head of IT for Energy Division, **Ferrovial**
- Gadimi Hilton, Transportation & Public Works, Regional Transportation and Innovation, **City of Fort Worth**
- Heather Bishop, Associate Project Manager, Transportation and Public Works, **City of Austin**
- Jacob Barrett, TDM Program Manager, **City of Austin**
- Jacob Calhoun Director, Transit System Enablement, **CapMetro**
- James Earp, City Manager, **City of Hutto**
- Jason Deckman, Principal Planner, Planning & Development, **City of Temple, TX**
- Jay Brown, Director, Policy & Origination | Co-Founder, **Pressure Core**
- Joe Hayden, Vice President of Revenue - North America, **GridBeyond**
- John Hall, President/CEO, **HARC | Houston, Advanced Research Center**
- Kammy Horne, CEO, **Mpact**
- Kirk Scanlon, Division Manager, Smart Mobility, Transportation and Public Works, **City of Austin**
- Kurtis Friesen, Head of North America, **International Data Center Authority**
- Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director, **Deep East Texas Council of Governments & Economic Development District**
- L'Oreal Stepney, Board Chairwoman, **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**
- Manjiri Akalkotkar, Major Capital Program Officer, **VIA Metropolitan Transit**
- Marc Coudert, Climate Adaptation & Resilience Manager, Office of Climate Action & Resilience, **City of Austin**
- Marc Powell, Managing Director, **Alvarez & Marsal**
- Maribel Bermudez Guerrero, Deputy/Interim Director of Engineering and Public Works, **City of Brownsville**
- Melissa Beaudry, Senior Resilience Planner, **Halff**
- Michael Ramsey, Executive Director, Workforce Development Office, **City of San Antonio**
- Michele Bryant, Plant Engineer, **Austin Energy**

- Mike Trimble, Director, Transportation & Public Works, **City of Kyle, TX**
- Omar Elbagalati, Michelin Mobility Intelligence Director of Market Insights and Research (Better Roads), **Michelin**
- Patrick Suermann, Professor, Interim Dean, College of Architecture, **Texas A&M University**
- Phil Green, IT Director, **City of Manor**
- Philippe Grant, Director, Business Development, Emerging Markets and Regions, **EXP**
- Richard McHale, Director, Austin Resource Recovery, **City of Austin**
- Robert Puente, President/CEO, **San Antonio Water System**
- Ryan McCutcheon, **Dallas Area Rapid Transit**
- Sarah Garza, Director of Mobility Industry Partnerships, **Workforce Solutions Capital Area**
- Shahad Mohammed, Assistant Director, Public Works, Transportation, & Capital Development, **Duncanville, TX**
- Sharee Davis, Arts Manager, **City of Sugar Land**
- Sharmila Mukherjee, EVP, Chief Strategic Planning and Development Officer, **CapMetro**
- Shirley Aldana, Business Process Specialist, Planning & Evaluation, **Austin Public Health**
- Shri Reddy, Executive Vice President, Planning, Engineering, and Construction, **Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County**
- Sirwan Shahooei, Senior Traffic Engineer, **City of Lewisville**
- Sunday Odiyeye, CIP Manager (I), Department of Aviation, **City of Dallas**
- Thomas Ennis, Water Stewardship Engineer, **SEH**
- Thomas Hunter, Assistant City Manager, **City of Pflugerville**
- Tina Sanders, Damage Prevention Manager, Dallas Office, **Damage Prevention Council of Texas**
- Zach Dell, Co-Founder and CEO, **Base Power Company**

Pre-Event Reception – April 1, 2025

<p>Time</p> <p>5:30 PM - 8:30 PM</p>	<p>Infraday Texas Welcome Reception:</p> <p><i>History Meets the Future at the Bullock Museum</i></p> <p>Tuesday, April 1, 2025</p> <p>Bullock Texas State History Museum – Rotunda 1800 North Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM 6:30 PM – Exclusive Tour of Infrastructure Related Artifacts</p> <p>Tours will include: <u>Texas Highway Patrol Motorcycle</u> <u>Texas Oil and Gas</u> And many others...</p> <p>Join us for an evening of networking, conversation, and history at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Connect with industry leaders over drinks and lite fare in the Rotunda and experience a special guided tour of Texas artifacts at 6:30 PM. Let’s celebrate the intersection of past, present, and future in infrastructure.</p>
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Morning Sessions – April 2, 2025

Time	Track 1	Track 2
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration and Networking Breakfast Details: Start your day by connecting with Texas’ top infrastructure leaders over coffee and breakfast. Build meaningful relationships and spark collaborations that could shape the future of infrastructure in the Lone Star State.	
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	Keynote 1: TBA	Keynote 2: TBA
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	<p>Keynote Panel: Texas Infrastructure at a Crossroads — Building Resilience, Innovation, and Growth for the Future</p> <p>As Texas experiences unprecedented population growth, extreme weather events, and increasing demands on its aging infrastructure, the state stands at a critical crossroads. This keynote panel will bring together top industry leaders, state officials, and infrastructure visionaries to explore the bold investments, innovative policies, and collaborative strategies essential to modernizing Texas’ infrastructure.</p> <p>From enhancing climate resilience and expanding transportation networks to modernizing the power grid and addressing critical water and broadband access gaps, this forward-looking discussion will highlight how Texas can build infrastructure that supports sustainable economic growth, protects communities, and enhances quality of life for future generations.</p> <p>Moderator: Marc Powell, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Caroline Mays, Director of Planning and Modal Program, Texas Department of Transportation John Hall, President/CEO, HARC Houston, Advanced Research Center Michele Bryant, Plant Engineer, Austin Energy</p>	<p>Keynote Panel: Smart Infrastructure & the Future of Texas — Harnessing Innovation for a Resilient, Connected State</p> <p>As Texas navigates rapid population growth, climate challenges, and evolving economic demands, the need for smarter, more adaptive infrastructure has never been greater. This keynote panel will bring together leading innovators, public officials, and infrastructure experts to examine how cutting-edge technologies—like AI, IoT, digital twins, and advanced data analytics—are revolutionizing how Texas plans, builds, and manages critical infrastructure systems.</p> <p>From smarter transportation networks and resilient energy grids to predictive maintenance and enhanced public services, panelists will explore how technology-driven infrastructure can improve operational efficiency, sustainability, and quality of life for all Texans — positioning the state as a national leader in smart infrastructure innovation.</p> <p>Moderator: TBA, Deloitte</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Fede Rodrigo, Global Head of IT for Energy Division, Ferrovial James Earp, City Manager, City of Hutto Kirk Scanlon, Division Manager, Smart Mobility, Transportation and Public Works, City of Austin Phil Green, IT Director, City of Manor</p>

	Mike Trimble, Director, Transportation & Public Works, City of Kyle, TX	Shahad Mohammed, Assistant Director, Public Works, Transportation, & Capital Development, Duncanville, TX
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>Panel: Building Resilient Communities – Infrastructure Solutions for Texas' Climate Challenges</p> <p>From flood mitigation and rural infrastructure planning to urban climate adaptation, Texas must address a wide range of resilience challenges. This panel will bring together experts leading efforts in flood control, regional development, and climate adaptation to discuss how communities can prepare for extreme weather, power grid stress, and long-term environmental shifts. Panelists will explore innovative project delivery strategies, regional collaboration, and funding mechanisms that strengthen Texas' infrastructure against future disruptions.</p> <p>Moderator: Melissa Beaudry, Senior Resilience Planner, Halff</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of San Antonio Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director, Deep East Texas Council of Governments & Economic Development District Marc Coudert, Climate Adaptation & Resilience Manager, Office of Climate Action & Resilience, City of Austin Shri Reddy, Executive Vice President, Planning, Engineering, and Construction, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County</p>	<p>Panel: The Role of AI and Data in Infrastructure Planning</p> <p>AI and data-driven technologies are transforming infrastructure planning and project delivery by enabling smarter decision-making, predictive maintenance, and greater efficiency throughout the project lifecycle. This panel will explore how advanced tools—such as machine learning, digital twins, and real-time data integration—are optimizing transportation networks, energy grids, and urban development. From improved risk management and resource allocation to enhanced collaboration and performance tracking, discover how data-driven infrastructure is paving the way for faster, smarter, and more resilient project delivery.</p> <p>Moderator: Cesar Alvarado, Sales Director, Aurigo Software Technologies</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Anil Mirmira, Deputy Director, Tolling Operations, Harris County Toll Road Authority Jason Deckman, Principal Planner, Planning & Development, City of Temple, TX Omar Elbagalati, Michelin Mobility Intelligence Director of Market Insights and Research (Better Roads), Michelin Sirwan Shahooei, Senior Traffic Engineer, City of Lewisville</p>
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>Presentation: Securing Texas' Water Future: Innovation & Resilience in Water Management</p> <p>As Texas faces increasing water challenges from population growth and climate variability, innovative strategies are essential to ensure long-term water security. Robert Puente will discuss how San Antonio Water</p>	<p>Presentation: DART Resilient Strategies – Addressing Texas' Climate Challenges in Transportation</p> <p>As climate change intensifies, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system is implementing resilient strategies to safeguard DART's assets (rail infrastructure and vehicles) within Texas' transportation infrastructure. This session will</p>

	<p>System is leveraging advanced conservation practices, infrastructure investments, and public-private partnerships to enhance resilience and sustainability in water management.</p> <p>Presenter: Robert Puente, President/CEO, San Antonio Water System</p>	<p>explore innovative solutions, including extreme weather response planning, and strategies to combat challenges during Severe Weather, maintaining Service Reliability, address component Obsolescence. Learn how DART and innovative practices are leveraging technology and innovative practices to ensure long-term reliability and adaptability in the face of evolving climate challenges.</p> <p>Presenter: Darryl Spencer, Vice President Engineering & Technical Services, Dallas Area Rapid Transit</p>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Mid-Morning Networking Break (30 min)	
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>Panel: Future-Ready Transportation: Expanding Access, Infrastructure, and Mobility</p> <p>As technology continues to reshape mobility, strategic regional planning is crucial to accommodate rapid population growth and evolving transportation needs. This panel brings together experts from Austin Energy, CapMetro, and NCTCOG to explore how EV equity initiatives, transit electrification, and long-range transportation planning are shaping the future of mobility. From addressing the demographic boom in DFW and its strain on infrastructure to high-speed rail expansion and innovative transit solutions, our panelists will discuss how to create a more sustainable, accessible, and forward-thinking transportation network.</p> <p>Moderator: Philippe Grant, Director, Business Development, Emerging Markets and Regions, EXP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Amy Atchley, EV Equity Development Manager, Austin Energy Brendon Wheeler, Program Manager, Transportation, North Central Texas Council of Governments Kammy Horne, CEO, Mpact</p>	<p>Panel: Future-Proofing Texas Airports – Expanding Infrastructure for Growth and Sustainability</p> <p>As Texas airports experience record passenger growth and increasing cargo demand, investing in resilient and efficient infrastructure is critical. This session will explore how major airports are expanding terminals, modernizing runways, and integrating sustainable solutions like electrification, reclaimed water systems, and smart technology. Industry leaders will discuss the challenges and opportunities in scaling airport infrastructure to meet future mobility needs while enhancing efficiency, sustainability, and passenger experience.</p> <p>Moderator: Chris Wagner, Director, PMWeb, Inc.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>B.J. Carpenter, Airport Environment & Sustainability Officer, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Dakota Shaw, Project Manager, Aviation, Planning & Programming, TxDOT Patrick Suermann, Professor, Interim Dean, College of Architecture, Texas A&M University Sunday Odiyeye, CIP Manager (I), Department of Aviation, City of Dallas</p>

	Sharmila Mukherjee, EVP, Chief Strategic Planning and Development Officer, CapMetro	
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	<p>Presentation: SMART Grant: Intelligent Micro-Weather Network for Transportation, Autonomous Vehicles and Advanced Air Mobility</p> <p>The City of Fort Worth is using a SMART Grant to deploy advanced road weather sensors, enhancing real-time weather monitoring for safer roads and improved traffic management. These sensors detect hazards like ice, flooding, and low visibility, winds, integrating with the city's intelligent transportation system.</p> <p>This presentation will explore how data-driven insights support safer mobility, automated vehicles, emergency response and transportation management. We'll also cover deployment challenges, funding strategies, goals and desired impacts of this technology. Ideal for transportation leaders and tech innovators, this session highlights scalable solutions for smart, resilient infrastructure.</p> <p>Presenter: Gadimi Hilton, Transportation & Public Works, Regional Transportation and Innovation, City of Forth Worth</p>	<p>Presentation: The Future of Mobility in Suburban Texas through Public Private Partnerships</p> <p>The McKinney Urban Transit District – a recently designated FTA grant subrecipient – has partnered with DART Mobility Service (a Local Government Corporation) to manage the Collin County Transit Program. This innovative and unique public service provides transportation to seniors, riders with a disability, and low-income riders in one of the fastest growing areas of the state.</p> <p>This eligibility-based service is a shared ride program that utilizes the Spare Labs platform to optimize service of the dedicated and non-dedicated (TNC) fleets, book trips, and monitor the fiscal health and community benefit of the program. Recent innovations include distance-based fares. The goal of this partnership is to connect eligible residents with economic opportunities and enhance their quality of life with a private sector “customer first” approach.</p> <p>Presenter: Ryan McCutcheon, Manager of Special Projects, Service Planning & Scheduling, DART</p>
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	<p>Presentation: Unlocking Community Energy Systems: How Digital Twins and GIS-based Tools are Empowering Smarter Energy Infrastructure Investments</p> <p>Energy systems such as district heating, cooling, and microgrids offer a unique pathway to enhancing sustainability, resilience, and economic development. This session will explore how digital twins and GIS-based tools can facilitate a collaborative and cost-efficient planning process between project developers and key stakeholders, such as urban planners, city leaders, and policymakers. The presentation will showcase Energy Fellow, a DOE-funded feasibility tool that leverages GIS and digital twin</p>	<p>Panel: Water Infrastructure - Managing Texas' Most Critical Resource</p> <p>With growing population demands and intensifying drought conditions, managing Texas' water infrastructure is more critical than ever. This panel will explore innovative solutions for water conservation, sustainable supply management, and infrastructure upgrades to ensure long-term resilience for communities and industries across the state.</p> <p>Moderator: Thomas Ennis, Water Stewardship Engineer, SEH</p> <p>Panelists:</p>

	<p>technologies to help both technical and non-technical stakeholders screen opportunities, assess project viability, and accelerate investment decisions. Learn how this publicly available tool is already being used to evaluate projects across Houston.</p> <p>Presenter: Carlos Gamarra, Vice President of Energy, Air and IT, Sr. Research Scientist, HARC Houston, Advanced Research Center</p>	<p>Brandon Thomas, Water Treatment & Compliance Assistant Manager, New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) Dalton Rice, City Manager, City of Kerrville David Olson, Assistant City Manager, City of Temple, TX L'Oreal Stepney, Board Chairwoman, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)</p>
<p>12:40 PM - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Panel: The Digital Transformation of Infrastructure: From Conception to Operations</p> <p>As infrastructure projects grow in complexity, the integration of digital tools is revolutionizing the way capital programs are designed, managed, and delivered. This panel will explore the transformative impact of digital solutions on infrastructure projects, from initial conception to long-term operations. Industry experts will discuss how engineering, project management, and technology intersect to enhance efficiency, collaboration, and decision-making.</p> <p>Key topics include the role of a project management solution vendor in streamlining workflows, a prospective customer's journey in adopting digital tools across capital projects, and a consultant's perspective on guiding large-scale software evaluations.</p> <p>Panelists will share real-world insights, best practices, and lessons learned from implementing cutting-edge solutions to drive project success. Whether you're evaluating new technologies or looking to optimize existing processes, this session will provide actionable strategies for embracing digital transformation in infrastructure development.</p> <p>Moderator: AJ Waters, Chief Evangelist, Kahua, Inc.</p>	<p>Presentation: Mobility Hubs – Addressing Austin’s Multimodal Challenges with Innovation</p> <p>Austin is using mobility hubs to pilot solutions for transit deserts and to plan for first/last mile transit connections. The presentation will explore mobility hubs as a strategy to address multiple transportation challenges including expanded access to opportunities and congestion mitigation. The presentation will also explore how Transportation Demand Management strategies (TDM) can be coupled with mobility hubs and other physical infrastructure investments to encourage greater transit use.</p> <p>Presenters: Heather Bishop, Transportation and Public Works, City of Austin Jacob Barrett, Transportation and Public Works, City of Austin</p>

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<p>Networking Lunch (1 Hour)</p> <p>Sponsored by</p> 
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Afternoon Sessions

Time	Track 1	Track 2
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<p>Presentation: Research driven insights on a Blueprint for Infrastructure Success</p> <p>In today's rapidly evolving landscape, capital project executives face unprecedented challenges and opportunities. Insights from over 700 industry infrastructure leaders reveal the critical factors that can pave the way to outperforming the norm.</p> <p>This session will delve into the findings of a comprehensive survey conducted globally by Accenture, encompassing 700 respondents across 12 industries and 23 countries. We will explore the main factors contributing to cost overruns and schedule delays, including increased project scrutiny, material availability, compliance demands, and more.</p> <p>Additionally, we will highlight the strategies top performers employ to achieve repeatable success. Join us as we uncover the actionable insights and technological advancements that enable organizations to break free from industry norms and achieve exceptional project performance. This keynote is a must-attend for anyone looking to drive innovation, efficiency, and sustainability in their capital projects.</p> <p>Presenters: Adam Shaw, US Lead, Accenture, Infrastructure & Capital Projects Bryan Carruthers, Americas Lead, Accenture Infrastructure & Capital Projects</p>	<p>Panel: The Future of Data Center Infrastructure – Innovation, Scalability, and Sustainability</p> <p>As demand for data storage and processing power continues to surge, the evolution of data center infrastructure is at the forefront of technological and operational advancements. This panel will explore how emerging innovations—including AI-driven cooling systems, modular and edge data centers, and renewable energy integration—are shaping the future of the industry. Experts will discuss strategies for improving efficiency, scaling infrastructure to meet growing digital demands, and ensuring sustainability in an era of increased environmental and regulatory pressures.</p> <p>Moderator: AJ Waters, Chief Evangelist, Kahua, Inc.</p> <p>Panelists: Kurtis Friesen, Head of North America, International Data Center Authority</p>
2:40 PM - 3:00 PM	<p>Presentation: Strengthening Texas' Workforce and Infrastructure Through Community Health Planning</p>	<p>Presentation: Placemaking Through Infrastructure – Integrating Art for Stronger Communities</p>

	<p>A resilient workforce is key to Texas' economic growth, yet challenges like healthcare access, housing, and transportation impact worker retention and productivity. The Austin-Travis County Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) use a data-driven approach to align workforce development with community well-being, helping businesses and policymakers remove barriers to economic mobility.</p> <p>This presentation will explore how integrating community health into infrastructure planning can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen Workforce Participation – Address factors that affect reliability and retention. • Enhance Public-Private Collaboration – Drive practical, long-term solutions. • Increase Infrastructure Resilience – Align investments with workforce stability. • Boost Economic Growth – Use local data to create targeted strategies. <p>Presenter: Shirley Aldana, Business Process Specialist, Planning & Evaluation, Austin Public Health</p>	<p>As Texas cities continue to expand, infrastructure projects must go beyond function to create spaces that foster community identity, economic growth, and public engagement. This session explores the role of placemaking and the integration of art into infrastructure design—transforming public spaces into vibrant, people-centered environments. Learn how cities are leveraging creative placemaking to enhance mobility, sustainability, and quality of life while strengthening local economies and social cohesion.</p> <p>Presenter: Sharee Davis, Arts Manager, City of Sugar Land</p>
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Mid-Afternoon Networking Break (30 min)	
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>Panel: Building a Resilient Power Grid for Texas</p> <p>As extreme weather events and rising energy demands challenge Texas' power grid, resilience and reliability have become top priorities. This panel will explore strategies for modernizing the grid, integrating renewable energy sources, and leveraging advanced technologies like AI and battery storage to enhance stability. Experts will discuss policy initiatives, grid-hardening measures, and innovative approaches to ensuring Texas' energy infrastructure can withstand future disruptions.</p> <p>Moderator: TBA</p>	<p>Panel: Navigating the Future: Public Sector Strategies for Texas Transportation</p> <p>As Texas' population and economy continue to grow, public sector planners must develop innovative transportation solutions to keep pace. This panel will explore strategies for funding, technology integration, and sustainable infrastructure development. Experts will discuss how state and local agencies are addressing congestion, equity, and climate resilience. Attendees will gain insights into the policies and projects shaping the future of mobility in Texas.</p> <p>Moderator: TBA</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>Joe Hayden, Vice President of Revenue - North America, GridBeyond</p> <p>Zach Dell, Co-Founder and CEO, Base Power Company</p>	
<p>4:10 PM - 4:40 PM</p>	<p>Panel: Workforce Development - Training the Next Generation</p> <p>The rapid evolution of infrastructure demands a skilled workforce equipped with emerging technologies and modern best practices. This panel will explore strategies for workforce development, including apprenticeship programs, upskilling initiatives, and public-private partnerships that bridge the talent gap. Experts will discuss how to attract, train, and retain the next generation of industry professionals to ensure a resilient and future-ready workforce.</p> <p>Moderator: TBA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Diane Cook, Chief Operating Officer, Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area</p> <p>Jacob Calhoun Director, Transit System Enablement, CapMetro</p> <p>Michael Ramsey, Executive Director, Workforce Development Office, City of San Antonio</p> <p>Sarah Garza, Director of Mobility Industry Partnerships, Workforce Solutions Capital Area</p> <p>Thomas Hunter, Assistant City Manager, City of Pflugerville</p>	<p>Panel: Public Infrastructure Policy - What's on the Horizon?</p> <p>With Texas experiencing rapid growth and increasing infrastructure demands, policymakers are shaping new strategies to address funding, resilience, and modernization. This panel will explore upcoming legislative priorities, regulatory changes, and innovative policies that will impact transportation, energy, water, and digital infrastructure. Experts will discuss how public and private sector collaboration can drive smarter, more sustainable infrastructure development across the state.</p> <p>Moderator: TBA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Diana Ramirez, County Administrator, Harris County Office of County Administration</p> <p>Tina Sanders, Damage Prevention Manager, Dallas Office, Damage Prevention Council of Texas</p>
<p>4:40 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Presentation: Helping Central Texas's Communities Thrive Amid Rapid Growth Through Leadership Investment</p> <p>Join us to learn how Pflugerville is managing growth, ensuring a high quality of life, and preparing for the future through strategic policy actions, infrastructure development, and innovative solutions. Moreover, this session will demonstrate how the key to all of this is the City's commitment to grow and train the next generation of municipal leaders</p>	<p>Presentation: Shaping San Antonio's Future: Advancing Mobility with VIA's Keep SA Moving Project</p> <p>VIA's Keep SA Moving (KSAM) plan envisions a future where San Antonio is more connected than ever, where people can move around the city faster and easier whether they're going to work, school, healthcare appointments, visiting friends and family, attending events, or simply enjoying and exploring our community. VIA projects are</p>

	<p>to handle growth challenges through mentorship, education, and hands-on experience. Discover how Pflugerville balances growth pressures with community well-being, creating adaptive organizational structures and fostering leadership to ensure Central Texas remains a vibrant and thriving region.</p> <p>Presenter: Thomas Hunter, Assistant City Manager, City of Pflugerville</p>	<p>meeting the growing community's needs with mass transit solutions designed for the future. Three major projects are underway – VIA Rapid Green Line and VIA Rapid Silver Line (both are bus rapid transit projects) and 2nd Fixed Route Operations and Maintenance Facility. These projects are in the various stages of design and soon VIA will be releasing procurement to seek design and delivery partners. The presentation will cover what these projects are, how do they benefit the community and what are the next steps.</p> <p>Presenter: Manjiri Akalkotkar, Major Capital Program Officer, VIA Metropolitan Transit</p>
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	<p>Panel: The Infrastructure Investment Outlook - What’s Next for Texas?</p> <p>With billions in federal and state funding flowing into Texas, the next decade presents significant opportunities for infrastructure expansion and modernization. This panel will examine upcoming investment priorities across transportation, energy, water, and broadband, highlighting key projects and funding mechanisms. Industry leaders and policymakers will discuss how Texas can maximize these investments to drive economic growth, improve resilience, and meet the demands of a rapidly growing population.</p> <p>Panelists: Tina Sanders, Damage Prevention Manager, Dallas Office, Damage Prevention Council of Texas</p>	<p>Panel: Circular Economy in Infrastructure - Reducing Waste & Costs</p> <p>The circular economy is redefining infrastructure development in Texas by prioritizing sustainability, resource efficiency, and cost reduction. This panel will explore innovative strategies such as material reuse, sustainable procurement, and lifecycle design to minimize waste and maximize long-term value. Experts will discuss how public and private sectors can collaborate to implement circular economy principles, reducing environmental impact while improving project economics.</p> <p>Panelists: Jay Brown, Director, Policy & Origination Co-Founder, Pressure Core Richard McHale, Director, Austin Resource Recovery, City of Austin</p>
5:30-6:15	Post-Event Reception	