

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON EVENT

Tuesday, November 13, 2018



Registration Begins @ 11:30 a.m. Presentation @ 12:00 p.m.
Maggiano's Little Italy – 10910 Domain Drive, Austin, TX 78758

Speaker—Graham Moore, P.E.,
Alliance Regional Water Authority

**REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT
CLOSES NOVEMBER 9TH, 2018 - COB**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Bluebonnet News



About Our Chapter

Bluebonnet Chapter No. 74, is the Austin, TX chapter of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). Our Chapter was founded in 1985 by professionals in the right of way field to unite members for education, improve service to employers and the public and to advance our members within the profession. We are part of Region 2 of the International Association. Our current membership includes professionals involved in a wide array of projects requiring real estate, right of way and utility services.

Board of Directors Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please contact any of our Chapter 74 Officers.

Visit the chapter website at <http://irwchapter74.org/>



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- A Bit of Local History
- 2018-2019 Chapter Board Members and Committees
- Appraisal Institute Education
- Nominations Due Nov. 16
- A Moment for Safety

PAST PRESIDENTS

2017 Virginia Anderson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
2016 Maggie Schedler, R/W-RAC
2015 Patti Bell, SR/WA
2014 Donald C. Toner, SR/WA
2013 Denise Skinner, SR/WA
2012 Teri J. Morgan, SR/WA
2011 Dennis Sedlachek, SR/WA
2010 Lory R. Johnson, MAI, SR/WA
2009 Ron Olderog, MAI, SR/WA
2008 John Reed, SR/WA
2007 Connie Real, PMP, SR/WA
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1994 Mary Jane Amezquita
1993 Larry O'Neal, SR/WA
1992 Sandra Bishop
1991 John Baylor
1990 Cheryl Bennett
1989 Rayburn Corbitt, MAI
1988 Josie Wiltzius, SR/WA
1987 Greg Althoff, SR/WA
1986 Richard Steubing
1985 Charles Clinger, SR/WA

2018-2019 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Members,

I want to give a shout out to those of you who took the time to vote in this years' election. Travis County saw a 61% turnout, Hays County 59%, and Williamson County 62%; which are highs going back to the 90's for a midterm election. With all of the State and Federal elections in place, there were several local elections which should have great impacts to the right of way profession. Pflugerville had a transportation bond of \$21 million, Austin's transportation bond amounted to \$160 million and Hutto had a \$70 million roads and drainage bond. Each of these bonds passed! In addition, the President signaled to the House that infrastructure is something both parties could work together to address in the near future.

Elections are an important part of our democratic environment. Recognizing individuals and groups elected to represent us as a district or state is equally important. Our Chapter also provides us the opportunity to recognize members and the companies who support their organization activities. I hope you all can utilize some of your time towards this occasion and nominate a Professional of the Year, Young Professional of the Year and an Employer of the Year for our Chapter. We have many deserving individuals and employers who you can nominate. If you need a form please contact our [Nominations Committee](#) which include Patti Bell, Maggie Schedler and Don Toner.

Finally, I would like to thank Jennifer Lopez for her time and energy in helping with our Newsletter, she is doing a great job in corralling all of our information and presenting it in a very organized and professional newsletter. Thank You Jennifer!

Official results on the Pumpkin Spice survey last month:



57% of you approve of the flavor

43% disapprove of the new craze

Thank you all for your time, enjoy a safe holiday and see you very soon!



Alex Gale

2018– 2019 Chapter 74 President

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November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Daylight Savings 	5	6 BOARD MEETING 901 Engineering Plan Development & Application, Richardson TX	7 902 Property Descriptions, Richardson TX	8	9 LUNCHEON ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES COB	10
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Upcoming Events

✦ **November 06, 2018 - Chapter 74 Board Meeting**

Time: 12:00 PM—1:00 PM
 Location: City of Austin, One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd, 13th Floor, Director's Conference Room

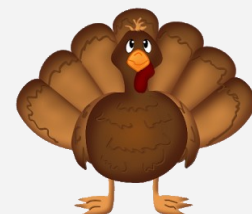
✦ **November 13, 2018 - IRWA Luncheon**

Time: Registration Begins @ 11:30 a.m. Presentation @ 12:00 p.m.
 Location: Maggiano’s Little Italy – 10910 Domain Drive, Austin, TX 78758

✦ **November 16, 2018 - Nominations Due**

Send your vote for 2018 IRWA Professional of the Year, Young Professional of the Year and Employer of the Year to the [Nominations Committee](#)

✦ **November IRWA Classroom Courses, Texas locations**
(see pg. 10 for additional Region 2 course information)





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Visit the [IRWA Website](#) to submit your application electronically.

JOIN IRWA BECOME A MEMBER!

Installment options are available for membership fees.
Contact your local committee chairs for more information.



MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO OUR CHAPTER

We want to promote growth while qualifying for incentives from IRWA International.

5% Net Growth = 3 free memberships | 1 free conference registration &

10% Net Growth = 3 free memberships | 2 free conference registrations | \$500 travel voucher

New Members: Please contact the [Membership Committee](#) to have your first luncheon covered by the Chapter.

We improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development

Elevate Your Professional Status with the IRWA Advantage!

For over 80 years, IRWA has been serving as the only professional association that encompasses all disciplines of the right of way industry. With over 10,000 members, our mission is to support you by providing access to the knowledge, resources and training you need to excel at your job now and at every stage of your career.

Advance your Career

Specialized education and credentialing opportunities

Discounts on online and classroom courses

Reduced rates to IRWA events, including our Annual Education Conference.

Connect with Industry

Networking opportunities at local Chapter and Region events

Access to our member directory, online discussion forum, and career center

Great volunteer and leadership development opportunities ... and more!

Leverage Our Resources

Subscription to Right of Way Magazine, the industry's leading publication.

Join one of our Industry Committees or Discipline Communities of Practice

Chapter 74 Vice President and senior member, Sheila M. Mills has recently been recognized by the IRWA for her, “extraordinary contributions and efforts” to the Association. We congratulate Sheila on her well deserved acknowledgement and the positive representation this brings to our chapter!

October 2018

LEADER'S EDGE

WHAT IRWA LEADERS NEED TO KNOW

Leadership Spotlight

Each month, the IRWA recognizes a volunteer leader's extraordinary contributions and efforts to the Association's purpose of improving the quality of people's lives through infrastructure development. This month we spotlight IRWA's International Transportation Chair, Sheila Mills.

Sheila M. Mills, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC
IRWA Chapter 74 Vice President & International Transportation Chair

Sheila served as the Right of Way Division Project Delivery Director for the Texas Department of Transportation where she managed the statewide right of way acquisition and utility coordination process before retiring with 28 years of service.

During her tenure, Sheila was selected to lead several change initiative efforts for the department to identify, develop and successfully implement cost effective streamlined processes.

Sheila serves as the Chapter 74 Vice-President and is the International Transportation Chair. Sheila is a CLIMB Certified IRWA instructor. Sheila also serves on the City of Georgetown, Texas Transportation Board.



Sheila M. Mills,
SR/WA, R/W-NAC



RENEW YOUR IRWA MEMBERSHIP

Your 2019 Membership Invoice has been sent and while there is plenty of time to renew your IRWA membership, December 31st will be here before you know it.

By renewing your membership, you stay connected to your profession through, Right of Way Magazine, educational programs and the community of your peers. You also receive reduced member rates when you take a course, attend Association conferences or seminars and Chapter meetings and events. If you are facing the difficult choice of paying for your dues out of your own pocket- or letting your membership lapse altogether, we encourage you to call the IRWA Headquarters to discuss options on how you can maintain your membership for the upcoming year.

Don't let your membership lapse. Renew your IRWA membership by returning your membership dues invoice today or by contacting Mariah Carrillo, Membership Services at 310-538-0233 ext.134 by email at carrillo@irwaonline.org.
[Renew Online!](#)

Thank you and we look forward to earning your membership.

Alex Gale, President and Leslie Persia, Membership Chair
 IRWA Chapter 74



We are happy to announce that our Chapter's development activity continues to grow. Please note significant accomplishments in Designations for October featuring our newest SR/WA, Karla Neidhart with Lonestar Right of Way, Georgetown, TX. For more information regarding professional development please contact our Chapter's Development Chair, Mr. John Campbell at jpcampbell.jpc@gmail.com

DESIGNATIONS

10.31.18: Wayne Masur, R/W-AMC with the Lower Colorado River Authority received notification of the award of the IRWA specialty certification in Asset (Property) Management and received his **R/W-AMC** designation effective 10.26.18.

10.05.18: Karla Neidhart, SR/WA was advised of having successfully completed the education, experience, course requirements and examination necessary to achieve the highest level of Industry Certification in the Generalist Pathway and received her Senior Right of Way Professional, **SR/WA** designation effective 10.01.18.

10.01.18: Travis Baird, RWA, R/W-NAC with the City of Georgetown received notification of the award of the IRWA specialty certification in Negotiation and Acquisition and received his **R/W-NAC** designation effective 10.01.18.

**Success in management
requires learning as fast as
the world is changing.**

Warren Bennis

PROGRAM NEWS—NOVEMBER LUNCHEON!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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Graham Moore of the Alliance Regional Water Authority will speak on water and water rights in central Texas and throughout the state. ARWA currently has a 90 mile pipeline project in design and should be able to address other planned projects by other entities.



 **ALLIANCE WATER**

Graham Moore, P.E.
Executive Director
Alliance Regional Water Authority
(formerly Hays Caldwell PUA)

**ONLINE
REGISTRATION
ENDS NOV 9**

Mr. Moore is a licensed professional engineer with more than 20 years of experience. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, he began his career by designing mechanical systems for manufacturing and communication facilities for a consulting engineering firm in Dallas.

After moving to Austin in 2000 his career shifted toward public infrastructure where he quickly became focused on solving challenges in a cost-effective yet enduring way. A little over three years ago this focus was more fully realized when Graham became the first Executive Director of the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency, which is now known as the Alliance Regional Water Authority.

When he's not talking about Texas water, Graham and his wife can be found ushering their three boys to soccer practice and games throughout Central Texas.

About Alliance Water



Formed in January, 2007, Alliance Water (formerly the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency) is comprised of the cities of San Marcos, Kyle, and Buda, along with the Canyon Regional Water Authority, which represents County Line Special Utility District, Crystal Clear Water Supply Corporation, Green Valley Special Utility District, and Martindale Water Supply Corporation.

Visit their website for more information:

<http://alliancewater.org/>



Contact the [Programs Committee](#) with any speaker recommendations or presentation topics.



2019 OFFERINGS - Scheduling in Process

**UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL LAND ACQUISITIONS:
PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS**

January 2019 TBA (Being Scheduled)
San Antonio, Location, Instructor TBA
CE* and ACE* (No MCE*, TDLR May Be Acceptable)

*ACE 14 Hours (2 days) and 1 Hour Exam
*CE Attend: 150 Points – Attend only
Attend and Pass Exam 200 Points
Exam only and Pass 55 points
Approvals Pending

Please advise the Chapter office if you are in need or interested in this course as we need enough students (20 +/-) to sponsor this offering.

2019 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES:

(The following two courses will be scheduled back-to-back in February 2019 – Dates TBA)

USPAP 7 HR UPDATE COURSE (2018-2019 Materials)

Monday, February 18, 2019 – San Antonio
Location TBA
Instructor – Deloris Kraft-Longoria,
MAI, CE, ACE and TDLR (No MCE*)

NEWLY EDITED - BUSINESS PRACTICES AND ETHICS

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – San Antonio
Location TBA
Instructor – Deloris Kraft-Longoria,
MAI, CE and ACE (No MCE*, No TDLR)

NOTE: These two courses may or may not be offered in Corpus Christi in late April or early 2019 but there will be education offered in Corpus Christ in this time-frame along with a meeting with an opportunity to earn CE/ACE credits

More Offerings Being Considered in 2019, 2020 and 2021 OF ALL TYPES! - QUALIFYING, ADVANCED, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CONTINUING AND MORE.... Exact Dates of all Education TBA

Note Classroom Locations – See each offering for respective location. Contact the Chapter office for all details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: 5 YEAR APPRAISAL INSTITUTE CYCLES

There are new requirements 2018, 2019, 2020 and other AI cycle years. Check the National website Education Page for Essential CE Information. All Requirements and details can be found [HERE](#)

ON-LINE EDUCATION

Learn at your own pace, anytime, anywhere. Top-notch Appraisal Institute courses and seminars come straight to your desktop with online education! Learn from anywhere, at any time. It's easy, convenient and a great way to get the education you want. Check out the current listings now.

If you are unable to attend a South Texas Chapter Course or Seminar offering, take on-line education. There are certain time frames and fees to consider. Go to - http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/online_education.aspx

Reminder: All Chapter Lunch Meetings have 2 Hours CE and ACE credit hours. Need hours? Come to a lunch meeting!

SUGGESTIONS FOR OFFERINGS WELCOME: If you have a seminar or course that you are interested in, send me an email to mary@southtexasai.com or education@southtexasai.com with the exact offering name and indicate a course or seminar. Your suggestions are appreciated and we will consider all of them. Call 210/223-6666 and leave a message.

In order to sponsor education, the South Texas Chapter has to generate interest in the respective offering and have a substantial number of attendees (20 or more) to be successful. We have various expenses to consider when sponsoring a class and a time frame to include instructor contracts, facilities contract and submission to and approval by the Appraisal Institute National office followed by TALCB (also, TDLR and others when applicable, MCE credits no longer available) submission and approval followed by e-mail marketing and other forms of marketing.

Visit the South Texas Chapter Web Site www.southtexasai.com for details and updated education schedules and locations.

Region 2 Area Classroom Education Dates



NOVEMBER

11.06.2018 | Richardson, TX
901 Engineering Plan Development & Application

11.07.2018 | Richardson, TX
902 Property Descriptions

11.08.2018 | Oklahoma City, OK
502 Non-Residential Relocation Assistance

11.09.2018 | New Orleans, LA
102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness

11.10.2018 | New Orleans, LA
213 Conflict Management

DECEMBER

12.03.2018 | Houston, TX
431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

12.11.2018 | Houston, TX
901 Engineering Plan Development & Application

12.12.2018 | Houston, TX
902 Property Descriptions

12.13.2018 | Houston, TX
209 Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele



Get Credentialed in the Industry you serve!

Credentialing demonstrates a specialized industry based knowledge and skill set as well as a commitment to professional development and performance excellence. IRWA offers a curriculum pathway of progressive credentialing options for infrastructure professionals. <https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/>





Chapter 74 Nominations Committee wants all members to report outstanding **Right of Way Professionals, Young ROW Professionals** and **Right of Way Employers**. These individuals or employers will be dedicated to excellence in the industry and actively involved in the Chapter. Employers will be very supportive of their employee's personal and professional growth.

If you observe a professional, young professional or employer in the act of overachieving and deserving of recognition, please contact the Nominations Committee immediately!! While you are observing these individuals, please take note of their suspiciously awesome behavior and document it in the nominations forms for either the 2018 IRWA Professional of the Year, Young Professional of the Year and Employer of the Year.

To report professional awesomeness please email the [Nominations Committee](#). This year's Nomination Committee includes [Patti Bell](#), [Maggie Schedler](#) and [Don Toner](#). Only nominations submitted on the correct form will be considered.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL CLOSE OF
BUSINESS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018**

Winners will be announced at the December 6, 2018 Holiday Party

Nomination forms for Employer of the Year, Professional of the Year and Young Professional of the Year have been provided by email from your Communications Committee and are available on the Chapter 74 [website](#).

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR REGION 2 CHAIR, TERI MORGAN

Dear IRWA Members of Region 2:



When the International Governing Council (IGC) met in September, the proposed Governance Project was discussed and it was moved to pause the Governance Process and postpone the vote in Portland in order to create a Governance Task force to review the process. The Task Force will meet via conference call prior to the end of October, with the goal of providing a direction for the governance project. The Task Force will consist of representatives from each Region.

Our Region 2 Representative will be Kim Hiebert, SRWA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC of Chapter 36 DFW. Kim will be providing updates throughout the process. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of your Region 2 Officers or Kim.

Best Regards,

Teri Morgan, SRWA
Region 2 Chair



The Electric and Utilities Committee has a Twitter page of which you can follow and get the latest in industry news https://twitter.com/IRWA_IEUC. Those who did not attend the 2018 Conference Utilities Roundtable, can now view the broadcast discussion from our Twitter page. Topics at the Roundtable discussion include:

- Prescriptive Rights for Utility Facilities
- Drones: In action and exploring the legal side of operating a drone
- Engineering Procurement and Construction
- ROW Agents role in Successful Transmission Line Construction Management
- Utility Wildfire Risk Assessment
- Easement Document to GIS Conversion
- Consultants: the pro's and cons of having some degree of uniformity in this area of our industry
- Injurious Affection/Adverse Effect on the remainder of the lands as a result of the taking of right of way for Electric Transmission Lines (138kV, 240kV, 500kV)

IEUC Call Out to those in Electric and Utilities:

There has been Call Out to our members to gather annual industry benchmarks, milestones if you will, for property owned in fee. Do you have examples of benchmarks used on an annual basis that you apply as a metric goal? Please send your response to Rachel Bricout rbricout@paragon-partners.com. Your insight is appreciated.



Make plans to attend

THE IRWA CHAPTER 74 ANNUAL

Holiday Party

DECEMBER 6, 2018 | 6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

THE PEACHED SOCIAL HOUSE

6500 N LAMAR BLVD, AUSTIN, TX 78752



Peached Social House is a multi-functional event space, please visit their [website](#) for more information on the venue.



We support [OPERATION BLUE SANTA](#) during the holiday season.

Don't forget our annual Young Professionals toy drive benefitting the mission of the Austin Police Operation Blue Santa in providing toys, gifts, and gift cards for holiday meals for families in need. We can help to achieve this goal with the goodwill and support of our members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPERATION BLUE SANTA



The mission of the Austin Police Operation Blue Santa is to provide toys, gifts, and gift cards for holiday meals for families in need. We will be collecting items to be used in a raffle and silent auction at the IRWA Holiday Party on December 6th at The Peached Social House. All proceeds benefit Operation Blue Santa.

Needed: gift baskets, gift cards, and any other items for the raffle and silent auction.

- Total value of auction item/basket is \$100.
- Limited low-value branded/marketing items (pens, koozies, water bottles, cards) allowed in basket.
- Donations are also very welcome. Please make checks payable to Blue Santa.



Thursday, December 6th

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

The Peached Social House

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2019 IRWA REGION 2 FORUM & INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM



WHEN: April 10 – 12, 2019

WHERE: SHERATON HOTEL, AUSTIN, TX

More information coming soon and will include

- ◆ ROOM RATES
- ◆ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
- ◆ IRWA COURSE INFO
- ◆ SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



International Right of Way Association Weekly Update

For the week of October 8—15, 2018

Trump Administration

- Judge Kavanaugh was [sworn in](#) as a Justice of the Supreme Court after his confirmation vote on Saturday.
- The President [signed the federal aviation reauthorization bill](#) on Friday, which sets federal aviation policy for the next five years.

Congress

- The Senate will consider the [water resources legislation negotiated](#) with the House this week.
- Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY) will meet this week to discuss the [Senate's schedule](#) between now and Election Day.

Analysis

• With the Kavanaugh confirmation and aviation bills in the rear-view, and water resources on the verge of being sent to the President, the Senate has advanced a number of high-profile items. Unfortunately, aside from the aviation and water resources bills it is unlikely that anything else major will happen on federal infrastructure policy this year. Even if the Senate stays in session to process additional nominations for another week or two, the rest of the country's political attention will be wrapped up in the mid-term election campaigns. The campaigning will only become more all-encompassing until Election Day, at which point there will be a mad scramble in the Republican and Democratic caucuses in the House over their respective leadership elections. This will last until Thanksgiving, if not longer, and then attention in Congress will turn to averting a government shut-down on December 7th. Part of the December funding package will include transportation funding, so there is still one more opportunity this year for Congress to move the ball on transportation funding and perhaps some policy, as well.



<https://www.irwaonline.org/members/leadership-resources/irwa-advocacy-reports/>

2019 IRWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALL FOR SPEAKERS NEW DEADLINE 11.15.2018

The International Right of Way Association invites you to submit a proposal to speak at the upcoming Education Conference in Portland, Oregon, USA, June 9 - 12, 2019. Proposals can be submitted using the form in the link below and must be submitted by November 15, 2018.

Click on the link below to create an account, access the speaker proposal form and a list of topics, and find more information about the conference, submission criteria, and important proposal information.

[2019 Call for Speakers Proposal Form](#)

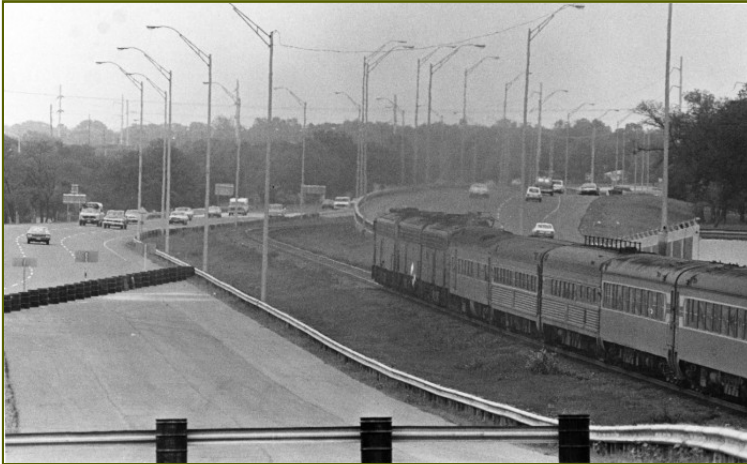
*An account must be created by clicking "Register" on the proposal page in order to save and submit proposals. If you have any questions, please contact Jade Meador, Director of Events, at meador@irwaonline.org.



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As the local history division of the Austin Public Library, the Austin History Center provides the public with information about the history, current events, and activities of Austin and Travis County. Austin History Center collects and preserves information about local governments, businesses, residents, institutions, and neighborhoods so that generations to come will have access to our history.

Visit <http://library.austintexas.gov/ahc/about-us> to learn more.



Photograph of Mo-Pac Expressway at Lake Austin Boulevard looking north. There is light traffic on the road and the railroad tracks and a train are visible in the highway median.

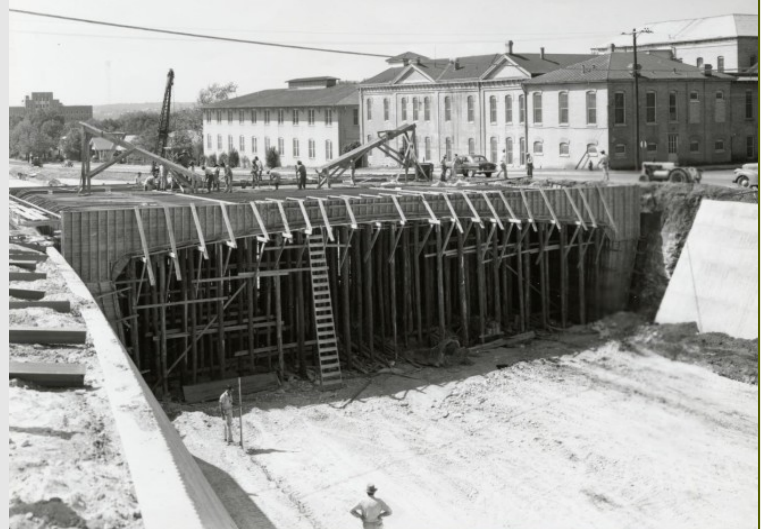
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Austin Citizen. [Mopac], photograph, 197u; (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph124320/m1/1/?q=highway; accessed October 26, 2018), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.

View of construction of the 19th St. overpass.

Source:

Interregional Highway 35, photograph, 195?; (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph125237/m1/1/?q=highway; accessed October 26, 2018), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.



Photograph of the Haschke Family (Cecilia, Reinhold, and Feodor) in a car parked in front of an unidentified stone building. A handwritten note on the back of the photograph reads, "Ma Haschke, Pa Haschke, Fedo Haschke - About the first car in Austin, Texas." The photograph is a cyanotype.

Source:

[Haschke Family in their Car], photograph, August 8, 1901; (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph704135/m1/1/?q=first%20car; accessed October 26, 2018), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.



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