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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON EVENT

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

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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://irwachapter74.org/>



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2018-2019 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

Happy New Year! I really do hope you had a great holiday and anticipate 2019 will be a wonderful year for us all.

I want to thank Lori Bible and all of the people who helped with the Annual Holiday party last month. It was a fun night with great people, food and music. Blue Santa is always an exceptional cause to partner with and your bids helped to raise over a \$1,000 and fill 5 sacks full of toys for children in our community.

We have an exciting year in front of us and I hope to see everyone at one of our upcoming events. Our luncheons are lined up for the next several months at Maggiano's which has been our favorite spot to host the monthly luncheons for good reason; the food and service have been excellent. Please come out as we have some exceptional speakers lined up this year. Coming up in April, Chapter 74 and Region 2 are hosting the Spring Forum and Transportation Symposium at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Austin. This event will bring members in from all over the nation, including Region 9 which has agreed to co-host their forum in Austin. Region 9 includes Colorado, New Mexico and Utah and they are excited to be joining us in this popular city.

New this year is a planned Installation Party in May to celebrate the induction of our incoming Officers who will be sworn in starting July of 2019. This event is planned to take the place of our Holiday Party in 2019 with the hope to improve the attendance of our members and help keep cost down for an annual event. In June, the Annual Education Conference being held in Portland, OR and based on their booth at the conference last year, there are some exciting things being planned.

Thank you for your continued support of our Chapter.



Alex Gale

2018– 2019 Chapter 74 President

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January 2019



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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

✦ January 07, 2019 - 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

✦ January 08, 2019 - IRWA Luncheon

Speaker: Pamela Galban, Manager- Strategic Partnerships
 Verizon Engineering and Technology

✦ January IRWA Classroom Courses, Texas locations (see pg. 11 for additional Region 2 course information)

Mark Your Calendar!

✦ February 12, 2019 - IRWA Luncheon (see page 9 for registration link)

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



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RENEW YOUR IRWA MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal Drive

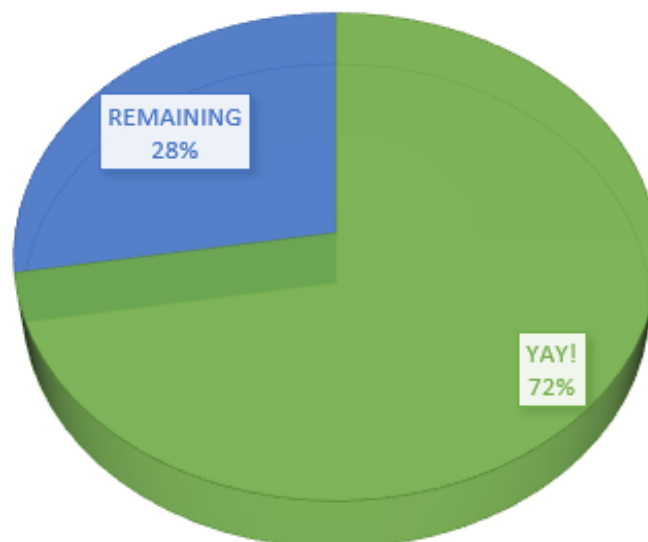
All IRWA has started the membership renewal period and with the addition of [Online Renewal](#) it has never been easier to renew your IRWA membership!

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, as well as when you attend Association conferences, seminars, 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 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 today by going to www.irwaonline.org and clicking on "Membership" at the top of the homepage, then "Dues Renewal Invoice" on the right side or by contacting Mariah Carrillo, Membership Services at 310-538-0233 ext.134 and by email carrillo@irwaonline.org.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL





- Installment options are available for membership fees.
- Contact your local committee chairs for more information.
- Visit the [IRWA Website](#) to submit your application electronically.

MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO OUR CHAPTER

Together we can promote growth while qualifying for the following 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 **FREE LUNCH!**

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.

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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



Pamela Galban
Manager- Strategic Partnerships at Verizon Engineering and Technology

Pamela Galban presented to our members last Tuesday January 8, 2019 at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant. She spoke on "Verizon's Fiber Infrastructure Project", which provided some interesting information about their initiative and the work being done in the public Right-of-Way to deliver advanced connectivity for businesses and next generation wireless solutions in Texas and throughout the country. Ms. Galban's position with Verizon is focused on digital transformation, connected technology and enabling actionable problem solving. She consults with municipalities, public agencies and utilities on infrastructure improvements and opportunities to form Public & Private partnerships and agreements that benefit all involved.



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

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Location: Maggiano's Little Italy—10910 Domain Drive, Austin, TX 78758

Speaker: To be confirmed

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 14 THRU FEB. 08



2019 IRWA REGION 2 FORUM & INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 10 - 12, 2019

SHERATON HOTEL, 701 E 11TH ST, AUSTIN, TX 78701

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON to include

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



Happy New Year from Chapter 39 and 74 ED Seminar Committee

In the next few months our committee will meet to start planning and collaborating for the 2019 Seminar. If you attended the 2018 Seminar you noticed a lot of changes to the room and set up. As we strive to continually improve, we welcome your comments and suggestions for 2019. Email Liz Norris elizabeth.norris@atkinglobal.com or call at 512-342-3443. Thank you and we look forward to your input.



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](#)

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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.

EDUCATION

Region 2 Local Area Classroom Education Dates

JANUARY

01.16.2019 | San Antonio, TX
209 Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele

01.24.2019 | Plano, TX
800 Principles of Real Estate Law

FEBRUARY

02.05.2019 | Irving, TX
700 Introduction to Property/Asset Management

02.20.2019 | Katy, TX
213 Conflict Management

02.21.2019 | Fort Worth, TX
200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation

MARCH

03.04.2019 | San Antonio, TX
102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness (*see page 12 for more details*)

03.05.2019 | Richardson, TX
900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering

03.19.2019 | Fort Worth, TX
303 Managing the Consultant Process (*see page 13 for more details*)

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Course Number: C102
Course Title: 102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness
03.04.19 San Antonio, TX
Course Level: Core
IRWA Credits: 8
AQB Credits: Not Applicable
Prerequisites: Not Applicable



Start Date: 03/04/2019
End Date: 03/04/2019
No. of Days: 1 day
Course Level: Ethics
CEU Credits: 8.00
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuition: Member \$265.00 Member / \$330.00 Non-Member
Late registration fee of \$25.00 will be applied on February 15, 2019

Tuition may be paid by check or credit card to IRWA Headquarters in U.S. Dollars.

Sponsored By: Chapter 39
Course Description: [102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness](#)

INSTRUCTOR:

Randy Williams, SR/WA, MAI, FRICS is the Executive Vice President for JLL Valuation & Advisory Services in Austin, Texas. He holds the SR/WA, MAI, and FRICS designations. Mr. Williams' experience in real estate appraisal/valuation and consulting since 1977 includes among others, appraisal and management in the real estate banking industry and appraisal, testimony, and appraisal review in private practice. Recent experience is concentrated in major urban/suburban development and eminent domain in central Texas. Valuations have been performed on various properties including, but not limited to, neighborhood and community shopping centers, apartments complexes, single and multi-tenanted industrial buildings, low to high rise office buildings, mixed used facilities, vacant land for different uses and condemnation and right-of-way. Clients served include accountants, investment firms, law firms, lenders, private and public agencies. Valuations and market studies have been done on proposed partially completed, renovated, and existing structures. Eminent domain experience includes SH 130 and SH 45. Mr. Williams was the lead appraiser for Segments 3-6 on SH 130 and coordinated four Integra offices (including Austin) that worked on this project. Mr. Williams is also a certified instructor for the IRWA and has taught IRWA courses in Beijing, China and Johannesburg, South Africa as well as in the United States. Randy was the 2011-12 International President for IRWA.

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 Contact hotel directly for rates and reservations
[Website link](#)

CLASSROOM LOCATION:

CBRE
 Valuation and Advisory Services
 250 W. Nottingham Drive, Suite 115
 San Antonio, TX 78209
 Phone: (210) 253-6010
 Participant Capacity: 15

Who should take this course

- New and experienced right of way/infrastructure professionals worldwide
- Professionals desiring to raise their standard of ethical and fair business practice



Course Number: C303
Course Title: 303 Managing the Consultant Process
03.19.19 Fort Worth, TX
Course Level: Intermediate
IRWA Credits: 16 QEU / CEU
AQB Credits: Not Applicable
Prerequisites: Not Applicable

Start Date: 03/19/2019
End Date: 03/20/2019
No. of Days: 2 days
Course Level: Intermediate
CEU Credits: 16.00
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuition: \$415.00 Member / \$520.00 Non-Member
Late registration fee of \$75.00 will be applied on February 18, 2019

Tuition may be paid by check or credit card to IRWA Headquarters in U.S. Dollars.

Sponsored By: Chapter 36
Course Description: [303 Managing the Consultant Process](#)

INSTRUCTOR:

Lisa R. Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC is the President of Pinnacle Consulting Management Group, Inc. Lisa's continued dedication is reflected through her commitments as an IRWA Master Instructor; past member of the International Relocation Committee; International Professional Development Committee; honored as the 2005 Recipient of IRWA Region II Right of Way; Professional of the Year and 2005 Frank C. Balfour Right of Way Professional of the Year; co-author and presenter of the 2005 changes to the Uniform Act; author of the revised version of IRWA Course 504-Computing Replacement Housing Payments; co-author of the IRWA Course 219-Introduction to Presentation, Instruction & Facilitation co-developer of the IRWA Instructor's Clinic and served as former Chair of the R/W Consultants Council. Currently, Lisa serves as the President of the International Executive Committee. During her right of way career, Lisa has provided consulting land acquisition/relocation services for numerous government agencies throughout the United States and has developed/implemented quality assurance and training programs related to the acquisition/relocation process.

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[Website link](#)

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 Participant Capacity: 50

Who should take this course

- This course is geared toward employees of Departments of Transportation, local public agencies and other government entities



International Right of Way Association Weekly Update

Monday, January 8, 2018



Trump Administration

- In his largest legislative accomplishment of 2017, the President signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act shortly before Christmas. This bill is the first comprehensive tax reform measure enacted in over thirty years. While some of the provisions from the House-passed measure that would have disadvantaged infrastructure development were not ultimately included in the enacted bill, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act did not address the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund, as many infrastructure advocates hoped it would.
- White House staff have been internally vetting the 70-page infrastructure proposal, but there is still no public commitment as to when the White House will formally transmit the proposal to Congress.
- The President is scheduled to deliver the State of the Union address on January 30th.

Congress

- Both Chambers are back in session this week, and Congress faces another government funding deadline of next Friday, January 19th. Congressional leaders from both parties have been negotiating with the White House on a deal to extend government funding and include a number of other policy priorities relating to immigration, border security, and disaster relief. [Article link](#)

Analysis

- While the Administration intended the focus in January to be on infrastructure, the funding debate has again taken center stage, and with it the contentious policy debate over immigration and border security. And while Nossaman experts understand from senior White House staff that the infrastructure proposal is ready to transmit to Congress, it still awaits the formal go-ahead from the President. The President again cast serious doubt over his support for the policies that are foundational to the proposal last week in a meeting with congressional Republicans. Despite the President's qualms, his director of the National Economic Council, Gary Cohn, defended the core policies of the proposal over the weekend, signaling that at the highest staff level, the White House still feels comfortable supporting the existing approach. [Article link](#)
- That being said, the White House does not plan to transmit the infrastructure proposal to Congress until after Congress addresses the funding cliff next week, yet there is the recognition at the White House that the President will need something to discuss during the State of the Union. The target date to transmit the infrastructure proposal to Congress appears to be the week of January 22nd.
- Privately, White House staff wonder what the proposal will even look like when they ultimately send it to Congress. The President plans to meet this week with Senator Warren, who filed an amendment to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that would have provided \$1 trillion for infrastructure through a combination of funding infusion into the Highway Trust Fund and federal loans. Ultimately the President will need to sign-off on the infrastructure plan the White House transmits to Congress, and right now there is no indication that he is willing to support the policies that White House staff have spent the past year developing.

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



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SURVEYOR

Job Type Full-Time
Division Name Electric Service Delivery (115)
<https://www.austincityjobs.org/postings/72394>

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

This position will work as an integral part of the Austin Energy Public Involvement and Real Estate Services business unit performing land surveying in adherence to established principles and practices , assists in planning, coordinating and directing surveying activities for the city in regards to electric distribution, transmission, and substation CIP and related easements , acquisitions , and construction activities.

Minimum Qualifications

Must be a Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) in good standing with the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (TPBLS); or have the ability to become licensed within six (6) months

Preferred Qualifications

1. Two (2) years or more serving with an active registered Professional Land Surveyor license in good standing with the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying.
2. Three (3) years experience as a licensed RPLS working on electric utility infrastructure projects.
3. One (1) year experience and specific work in transmission construction calculations and transmission construction staking.
4. Extensive experience with AutoCAD and Micro-survey software programs.

Duties, Functions and Responsibilities

Essential duties and functions, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include the following. Other related duties may be assigned.

1. Performs land surveys on behalf of the City.
2. Certifies and seals survey documents.
3. Analyzes and reviews data gathered by field crews to ensure completeness and accuracy of survey information.
4. Uses survey data to generate coordinate files for use in determining property lines, benchmarks, topographical features, cross-sections, field notes, quantities of materials used, and metes and bounds descriptions.
5. Prepares scale drawings and plans for various construction projects, rights-of-way, easements, or boundary line determinations.
6. Prepares and reviews easements, property descriptions, plans, ordinances, and agreements.
7. Researches City ownership, right-of-way, and other property issues.
8. Creates maps showing survey and topographic information.
9. Leads survey workgroup activities on behalf of the City.
10. May train others.

Responsibilities- Supervision and/or Leadership Exercised:

Responsible for the full range of supervisory activities including selection, training, evaluation, counseling, and recommendation for dismissal.

Visit the Austin Energy [website](#) to learn more about the company

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & REAL ESTATE AGENT

Job Type Full-Time
Division Name Electric Service Delivery (115)

<https://www.austincityjobs.org/postings/72359>

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

This position will work as an integral part of the Austin Energy Public Involvement and Real Estate Services business unit preparing and facilitating the full offer process following SB18 guidelines for easement and fee land rights acquisitions/eminent domain/relocation.

Title research/cure – title commitments, title policies, surveys.

Legal document preparation of easements, deeds, license agreements, encroachment agreements, lien releases. Participation on Transmission/Substation teams to support CIP projects/alignment analysis/research/notifications/help produce cost effective design with minimal easement acquisition costs; includes researching prospective routes and identifying potential conflicts.

Electric Utility Commission and City Council prep and attendance

Arrange and conduct team meetings, neighborhood meetings, staff presentations, notification and follow up of major Transmission/Substation projects.

Minimum Qualifications

Graduation with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in Business, Geography, Planning, Real Estate, or in a field related to the job, plus four (4) years related experience.

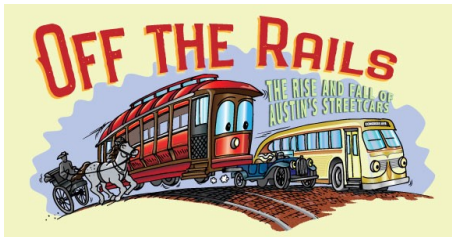
Experience may substitute for education up to four (4) years

Preferred Qualifications

1. Experience and knowledge of the basic concepts of transmission/substation engineering, design and facility placement.
2. Experience working on utility infrastructure project teams to develop and design project alignments and identify issues with regard to real estate and experience developing estimates for land rights acquisitions.
3. Experience successfully negotiating and acquiring easements and fee land rights, both by voluntary means and/or through the eminent domain process.
4. Experience providing a high level of customer service to a variety of diverse internal and external customers both on a one-on-one and group basis.
5. Experience in successfully facilitating title curative issues and real estate closings.
6. Experience in preparing easements, contracts, deeds, eminent domain petitions, inter-local agreements, license agreements, encroachment agreements, and other legal documents necessary for conveyance or agreement regarding real property rights.
7. Experience reading and interpreting site plans, survey illustrations and legal descriptions, and construction plans, and experience with the City of Austin Land Development processes.
8. Experience in developing and facilitating community and public involvement outreach and communication efforts including on a one-on-one and group basis.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of easements, land development principles, contracts, right of way issues; concepts of distribution design and facility placement; city, county and state permit processes; city and county records research; City of Austin subdivision codes and statutes.



Learn more about the history of the city's first mass transit system.

The Rise and Fall of Austin's Streetcars

December 11, 2018 - May 26, 2019

On February 7, 1940, the intersection of Congress Avenue and 6th Street was closed. A temporary platform was erected, around which crowds gathered to witness ceremonies marking the end of the streetcar era in Austin. The streetcar had been traveling through the very intersection that people were crowded into for 65 years. From 1875 - 1940 the streetcars were fundamental to Austin's landscape, shaping the city they operated in by driving people's decisions of where to live and work, serving as a battleground for racial conflict, and influencing city transportation policies.

A ubiquitous feature of the city since the first mules pulled their cargo of passengers past the wagons and trolleys on the dirt lanes of Austin as a frontier town before electricity powered them across a city crowded with automobiles. The streetcars rolled across the city as a symbol of Austin's growth, bearing more than witness to her development but playing a critical role in it as well. The routes of their tracks drove more than passengers. From Hyde Park to Travis Heights and from Lake Austin to East Austin, residential development across the city can trace its roots to the streetcar lines.

Archival material gathered from the collections of the Austin History Center illustrate this ubiquitous nature. Photographs and documents selected for our latest exhibit "Off the Rails: The Rise and Fall of Austin's Streetcars" showcase familiar landmarks from across the city. Visitors will discover images of streetcars as they travel back and forth across a growing landscape. The network of rails that crisscrossed the city offer connections to more than just the recognizable buildings and features they traveled among. They also provide a link between the past and present.

Contemporary Austin can discover more than just the design of her development along the rails of the streetcars. Issues that may seem as modern as conflict with rideshare companies, electric light rail, mobility and transportation can find their origins in the story of the streetcars. In some cases they may even discover striking similarities to events that happened nearly 100 years previously, such as when the streetcars went to war with the Jitneys in 1915. The prospect of an electric light rail might seem like a modern concern, but the story of the streetcar proves otherwise. It is a story that demonstrates how such mass transit was once employed in the City and the way that its network integrated it into the fabric of Austin. <http://library.austintexas.gov/ahc/rails-528828>



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Streetcar on its side at Congress and 3rd, September 25, 1913 C00598 Chalberg Collection of Prints and Negatives.



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Whenever you go for a long drive, do you feel exhausted right after the trip? Does your body feel stiff? Do your neck and shoulders feel sore? Does your back ache? Do you suffer from leg cramps? Long trips are common in the right of way industry, here are a few tips to help ease the discomfort experienced with car travel.

- By using an ergonomically correct seat and developing good habits while driving, you can combat the stress and unhealthy conditions it may pose.
- Add extra padding over your seat as needed. This way, your seat absorbs much of the vibration from the vehicle.
- Adjust your seat and steering wheel in such a way that you can step on the pedals without having to move your lower back forward off the back of the seat.
- Keep the back of your seat tilted at 110 degrees from your legs to minimize pressure on your spinal disc.
- Support your lower back by placing a pillow or rolled-up towel between it and your seat.
- When going on long trips, tilt your seat a notch or two every 20 minutes. This effectively changes the direction of the vibration on your body.
- Break your driving into sessions by taking at least 5 minutes of break every hour. Take the opportunity to rest and stretch a little during each break.
- Right after driving, rest for a while before lifting heavy baggage. The same is true if you have to perform strenuous work. Rest for a couple of minutes and do some stretches before carrying out with your task.

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