

2019 IRWA REGION 2 FORUM & INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 10 - 12, 2019

SHERATON AUSTIN HOTEL AT THE CAPITOL
701 E 11TH ST, AUSTIN, TX 78701

DETAILS ON COURSE INFORMATION AND DAILY SCHEDULES ARE LOCATED ON PAGES 10 -11

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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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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **New Career Hotline Postings**
- Transportation Symposium & Class Descriptions
- RWIEF Scholarship Info
- A Moment for Safety

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2018-2019 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

As I looked out my office window this morning through the dense fog, it became evident festival season is now upon us. Many festivals are held in and around Austin during this time and I encourage everyone to get out and explore, even if it means dealing with the increased traffic. SXSW, the Kite Festival, Cap10K, Pecan Street Festival, Red Poppy Festival and Blues on the Green are some of the many upcoming events during the Springtime in and around Austin.

Besides enjoying the outdoors, music and art there are many IRWA events happening over the next several months to network and stay informed with current right-of-way standards. In April we have two (2) courses being offered, Course 105 – Uniform Act and 902 – Property Descriptions. You can find more information on these courses on page 10 of this issue. These courses are being offered during the Transportation Symposium and Spring Forum being held on 10th, 11th and 12th, respectively. The Symposium agenda includes industry speakers and topics significant to our ever changing profession, I encourage all to register. This upcoming May, the chapter will host our regularly held monthly luncheon and vote in our new Officers for the 2019-2020 cycle. Then in June, the International Education Conference will be held in Portland, OR. These are all activity filled occasions and I hope everyone can attend all or some of these events over the next few months while still finding time to enjoy a festival or two around town.

Finally, I want to give a big thank you to all of those who are serving on a Committee this year. Volunteering for these Committees takes a great deal of time and I really do appreciate the hard work members commit to support our Chapter.



Thank you,

Alex Gale

2018– 2019 Chapter 74 President

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March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 San Antonio, TX—102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness	5 Richardson, TX—900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 CHAPTER 74 LUNCHEON	13	14	15	16
17 	18 BOARD MEETING	19 Fort Worth, TX—303 Managing the Consult- ant Process	20	21	22	23
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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

✦ March 19, 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

✦ March 12, 2019 - IRWA Luncheon

Speaker: Ashby Johnson, Executive Director,
Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

Time: Registration Begins @ 11:30 a.m. Presentation @ 12:00 p.m.

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

✦ March IRWA Classroom Courses, Texas locations

(see pg. 13 for additional Region 2 course information)



Mark Your Calendar!

✦ April 10-12, 2019

2019 IRWA Region 2 Forum & International Transportation Symposium



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2019 - 2020 Chapter 74 Secretary Nominations

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the position of Chapter Secretary.

Nominations will cease COB, April 30, 2019. Elections and installation of officers will take place at the May 14, 2019 luncheon, with the term of office beginning July 1, 2019.

If you are interested in the position or would like to nominate a colleague*, please email the [Nominations Committee](#), which includes Patti Bell, Maggie Schedler, Don Toner, and Kerry Fulton, with your nomination.

****Please Note: If you are nominating a colleague, we will need confirmation from this individual stating their willingness to take on the responsibility of the position.***

A summary of responsibilities and qualifications for the position of Chapter Secretary, as developed by the IRWA, is listed as follows:

- **Overview of the Executive Board:** Chapter Officers provide general oversight and strategic leadership of their chapter. Chapter Officers coach and mentor chapter members and work closely with Region Officers and international committee chairs, to ensure the goals of the association and the needs of the chapter members are met, along with providing communication to the Region Officers from the local chapter.
- **Role of Chapter Secretary:** The Chapter Secretary shall keep a book of minutes of all meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Board, shall carry on all correspondence of the Chapter and shall perform such duties as may be required by the Executive Board.
- **Qualifications:** A Chapter Secretary must be a member in good standing of the IRWA, a chapter or chapters of the Association (current membership paid in full). Ideally, a Chapter Secretary may have previously served as a Committee Chair.

The Chapter Secretary should demonstrate the following core competencies:

- **External Awareness:** Understands and keeps up-to-date record on local, national and international policies and trends which affect the organization and shape stakeholders' views; is aware of the organization's impact on the external environment.
- **Vision:** Takes a long-term view and builds a shared vision with others; acts as a catalyst for organizational change. Influences others to translate vision into action.
- **Strategic Thinking:** Formulates objectives and priorities, and implements plans consistent with the long-term interest of the organization in a global environment, capitalizes on opportunities and manages risks.
- **Entrepreneurship:** Positions the organization for future success by identifying new opportunities; builds the organization by developing or improving products or services. Takes calculated risks to accomplish organizational objectives.

Contact the [Nominations Committee](#) with any questions regarding the process of nominations.



BECOME A MEMBER, JOIN IRWA!

- 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.

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

MARCH LUNCHEON EVENT

Held Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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

Speaker: Ashby Johnson, Executive Director,
Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)



We welcomed **Ashby Johnson**, Executive Director of the Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for our monthly luncheon presentation at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant in the Domain. Mr. Johnson is responsible for directing technical analyses of regional transportation planning issues for a 20-member board of elected officials in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties in Central Texas. He assists the Transportation Policy Board in setting vision, goals, and priorities for state and federal transportation funding. Additionally, he works with local, state, and federal partners to advance the implementation of priority transportation infrastructure activities for the six county region and for Texas.

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

Only 87 Days Until the International Conference Begins!

JUNE 9-12, 2019



Click here to [REGISTER TODAY](#) - Rates increase after April 15

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

Hilton Portland Downtown

921 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

For more details, visit the [IRWA International website](#)

A LOOK BACK AT OUR FEBRUARY LUNCHEON EVENT



Our speaker in February was Mike Trimble, Director of the Corridor Program Office for the City of Austin. Mr. Trimble discussed enhanced program delivery approaches and details of the city's contract of services with voters. The mission of the Corridor Program Office is to design and construct corridors that support mobility, livability, and other outcomes as outlined by the Austin City Council for the 2016 Mobility Bond Program. Many thanks to our Programs Committee for organizing these informative presentations.



April 10, 2019

Course 105 – The Uniform Act Executive Summary

Course Level: Core

IRWA Credits: 8 QEU / CEU

AQB Credits: Not Applicable

Prerequisites: Not Applicable

This course will benefit anyone who wants to learn more about the Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and provides a better understanding of land acquisition activities that receive federal financial assistance or that utilize federal regulations. Participants will have knowledge in relocation assistance and the steps in a typical land acquisition project; specifically, project components and impacts on both project schedules and budgets.

Credentialing

Industry: A core course that can be applied towards the Generalist and Transportation pathways in the RWP program.

Specialist: Required course for the R/W-URAC program.

Topics:

- Key components of land acquisition activities
- Federal land acquisition and relocation assistance requirements
- Steps in a land acquisition project

Course Tuition Includes

Participant Manual and Federal Register

Course 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.

April 10, 2019

Course 902 - Property Descriptions

Course Level: Advanced

IRWA Credits: 8 QEU / CEU

AQB Credits: Not Applicable

Prerequisites: IRWA Course 900 "Principles of Real Estate Engineering" (or equivalent), or a minimum of two years right of way engineering experience

Course Description: Combines hands-on experience with mentoring to provide participants with information regarding engineering fundamentals the practical applications of information contained in engineering drawings and how to interpret property descriptions. This course covers topographic and property information on engineering plans, the interrelationship of plan, profile and cross-section views, the horizontal and vertical alignment of a centerline, aerial photogrammetry, place coordinates, utility line crossings of highways, contours, calculating earthwork and the interpretation of right of way plans.

Credentialing

Industry: An advanced course that is required for the Oil & Gas Pipeline and Electric & Utilities pathway in the RWP program. It can also be applied towards the Generalist and Transportation pathway in the SR/WA program.

Specialist: Required course for the R/W-NAC program.

Topics:

- Requirements of a valid description
- Use of the rectangular grid system
- When and how to use the point and centerline method
- Sources of uncertainties

- Subdivision descriptions
- Metes and bounds descriptions

Course Tuition includes Participant Manual and Engineering tools (engineering scale, protractor and straight edge)

Required Materials Financial calculator; Mechanical pencil

Course Instructor: John P. Campbell, P.E., SR/WA Earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1984. Mr. Campbell earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas, Dallas, in 1992. He is a 1999 graduate of the Governors Executive Development Program at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin. Mr. Campbell is the director of the Right of Way Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). He oversees the department's efforts in acquiring right of way for highway construction, providing relocation assistance and payments, controlling outdoor advertising along highways, and coordinating utility adjustments. Mr. Campbell began in TxDOT's Dallas District as the right of way utility coordinator in 1989. Moving to Austin in 1993, he supervised the Right of Way Division's Utility Section. Two years later, he became the division's Engineering Section director. Mr. Campbell became director of the Right of Way Division on February 1, 1999. Prior to TxDOT, Mr. Campbell gained valuable experience in the private sector in Dallas as an excavation and utility construction contractor and as a contract manager for a design consulting firm. He was certified as a professional engineer in Texas in 1991 John Campbell received TxDOT's Journey Toward Excellence Award in 1995. He is a member of International Right of Way Association, and served as IRWA Chapter 74 utility chair from 1997 to 1998. He received his SR/WA designation in July 2007.

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APRIL 10, 2019

EDUCATIONAL COURSES

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM

Austin Downtown Sheraton

C105 - Uniform Act Executive Summary
[Course Description](#) (or see previous page)

C902 - Property Descriptions
[Course Description](#) (or see previous page)

APRIL 11, 2019

TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by Chapter 74, Region 2, & Region 9

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM

Austin Downtown Sheraton

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$200 Government Rate

\$300 Private Industry Rate

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Sheraton Austin Downtown
701 East 11th St, Austin, TX 78701

RATES

With a Govt ID: \$145/night + tax

Private Industry Rate: \$219/night + tax

Ask for IRWA block—Reservation [Link](#)

APRIL 12, 2019

IRWA REGION 2 & 9 SPRING FORUM

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM

NO CHARGE

RSVP required for Spring Forum

There are no fees to attend the Spring Forum. The Spring Forum is a planning and business meeting for Region 2 of IRWA. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

Click [here](#) for additional details

High Visibility Event / Item Sponsorship Benefits	Platinum \$5,000	Gold \$2,500	Silver \$1,500	Bronze \$1,000	Sponsor \$500
Exclusive Logo Recognition for all Events	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Logo Recognition in the Meeting Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Logo recognition on the Meeting Website	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Logo Recognition on Signage Throughout Meeting Area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Complimentary Delegate Registration	3	2	1	0	0
Advance & Post Registration List	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Recognition Ad in Program	¼ page	No	No	No	No
Introduce Company and Speaker	Yes	No	No	No	No

FUNDING YOUR FUTURE



Most of us know that the Right of Way International Education Foundation is the non-profit funding mechanism for right of way education, providing funds for new courses, updates of existing courses and other education initiatives. Not as many of us remember that RWIEF supports three scholarship programs, so here's the skinny.

40 For 40 Launching Careers Scholarship

Launched in 2017 to celebrate our 40th anniversary, RWIEF partnered with IRWA to provide forty scholarships to IRWA members in good standing, committed to achieving the Right of Way Agent or Right of Way Professional credential. Two recipients from each of the ten IRWA regions, plus twenty more recipients from members throughout IRWA were selected. A list of

recipients can be seen at <https://www.irwaonline.org/professional-development/scholarship-programs>. RWIEF will fund these scholarships for three years, committing up to \$185,000. IRWA will manage the pro-gram. Recipients must complete course work within three years of award date.

RWIEF Region Professional of the Year Scholarship

Since 2016, RWIEF has funded this scholarship to encourage and provide incentives for region professionals to further their education by taking IRWA courses and/or attending the annual education conference. The ten IRWA regions select their Professional of the Year and RWIEF awards these individuals with a \$500 scholarship toward course or conference registration. Each region has its own selection process, so contact your Region Chair for selection requirements and deadlines.

SARPA Scholarship Sponsored by the RWIEF

In 1991, thanks to a generous donation from the now-defunct California State Association of Real Property Agents (SARPA), IRWA instituted the SARPA Scholarship fund, which is awarded to active students (IRWA members or their family) majoring in a course of study related to the right of way or public works administration profession. Eligible majors include, but are not limited to, law, real estate, civil engineering, property management, and business and public administration. Recipients are chosen every year by the International Nominations and Elections Committee. Scholarship funds are held in trust by RWIEF. The scholarship amount varies from year to year, being the annual interest earned from the initial trust donation, plus any additional principal contributions to the trust. RWIEF determines the amount of money available and issues the funds. Applications can be found on the IRWA website and must be submitted to the INEC by the first business day of February each year.

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EDUCATION

IRWA Region 2 Local Area Classroom Education Dates

MARCH

- **03.04.2019** | San Antonio, TX
102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness
- **03.05.2019** | Richardson, TX
900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering
- **03.19.2019** | Fort Worth, TX
303 Managing the Consultant Process



APRIL

- **04.08.2019** | San Antonio, TX
100 (2-DAY) Principles of Land Acquisition
- **04.12.2019** | Irving, TX
431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions
- **04.29.2019** | San Antonio, TX
403 Easement Valuation
- **04.30.2019** | San Antonio, TX
431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

MAY

- **05.02.2019** | Trophy Club, TX **(See page 14 for more details)**
102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness
- **05.02.2019** | San Antonio, TX
800 Principles of Real Estate Law
- **05.10.2019** | San Antonio, TX
703 Real Property Asset Management
- **05.13.2019** | Houston, TX
400 Principles of Real Estate Appraisal
- **05.21.2019** | Fort Worth, TX **(See page 15 for more details)**
503 Mobile Home Relocation

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/>



Course Number: C102
Course Title: 102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness
05.02.19 Trophy Club, TX
Course Level: Core
IRWA Credits: 8 QEU/CEU
AQB Credits: Not Applicable **Prerequisites:** Not Applicable

Start Date: 05/02/2019 **End Date:** 05/02/2019
No. of Days: 1 day **Course Level:** Ethics
CEU Credits: 8.00 **Class Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuition: \$265.00 Member / \$330.00 Non-Member
Late registration fee of \$75.00 will be applied on April 2, 2019.



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

Sponsored By: Chapter 36

Course Description: This course is intended to help resolve ethics and compliance issues by providing the information, tools and resources necessary to make good decisions. Participants will leave this course with an overview of IRWA’s Code of Conduct, Rules and Standards. These are what guide us and provide an understanding of how to apply this knowledge in serving our clients and members in the utmost ethical manner while always striving to fulfill our purpose of “improving the quality of people’s lives through infrastructure development.”

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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 Trophy Club, X 76262
 Phone: (682) 237-2300
 Rate: \$157.00 + tax/night Contact hotel directly for reservations
[Hotel link](#)

CLASSROOM LOCATION:

Trophy Club Golf Course
 Mangrum Weaver Room
 500 Trophy Club Drive
 Trophy Club, TX 76262
 Phone: (817) 837-1909
 Participant Capacity: 50

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: C503
Course Title: 503 Mobile Home Relocation
05.22.19 Fort Worth, TX
Course Level: Intermediate
IRWA Credits: 8 QEU / CEU
AQB Credits: Not Applicable
Prerequisites: Not Applicable

Start Date: 05/21/2019 **End Date:** 05/21/2019
No. of Days: 1 day **Course Level:** Intermediate
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 \$75.00 will be applied on April 21, 2019



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

Sponsored By: Chapter 36

Course Description: This course is designed for the experienced practitioner involved in providing relocation assistance to mobile home occupants, either as owners or tenants of the coach and/or-site. The course covers mobile homes, real or personal property, categories of mobile home displaces and general relocation benefits for mobile home occupants. It also discusses typical problems presented by mobile home relocations such as zoning, replacement resources and entry requirements.

INSTRUCTOR:

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Who should take this course:

This course is designed to provide the experienced relocation person with the critical elements involved in the relocation of mobile homes.

International Right of Way Association Weekly Update

Monday, March 4, 2019



Trump Administration

- Andrew Wheeler, the former Acting Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), has been confirmed by the Senate to serve as the Administrator of the Agency. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2019/02/28/trumps-new-epa-chief-andrew-wheeler-who-replaced-scott-pruitt/3014406002/>

Congress

- Both Chambers are in session this week.
- There are three important hearings this week on the topic of the Nation’s infrastructure system:
 - On Wednesday, the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing entitled “Our Nation’s Crumbling Infrastructure and the Need for Immediate Action.” Notably, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Ranking Member Sam Graves (R-MO) will testify. <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/legislation/hearings/our-nation-s-crumbling-infrastructure-and-need-immediate-action>
 - On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing entitled “The Economic Benefits of Highway Infrastructure Investment and Accelerated Project Delivery.” <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2019/3/the-economic-benefits-of-highway-infrastructure-investment-and-accelerated-project-delivery>
 - On Thursday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on modernizing the Nation’s water infrastructure. <https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/the-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-how-federal-infrastructure-investment-can-help-communities-modernize-water-infrastructure-and-address-affordability-challenges>
- House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) issued a letter to her colleagues in the House last week stating that there is insufficient bipartisan, bicameral support to reinstate the use of earmarks. <https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/Lowey%20FY20%20DC.pdf>

Analysis

- Congress continues its slate of hearings on the Nation’s infrastructure needs this week. The most important of which is the first hearing on the topic at the Ways and Means Committee. The Ways and Means Committee has jurisdiction over the U.S. Tax Code and will control the development of any permanent revenue increases for infrastructure. The top Democrat and Republican on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will testify at the hearing and will give their account of the needed revenue that will support the legislation on which they have already begun working.
- One tool that used to help move infrastructure bills through Congress was the use of earmarks, which House Democrats have discussed reinstating for months. However, Appropriations Chairwoman Lowey’s letter means that any legislation that moves this year will likely go without any earmarks.

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New Job Postings:

- **Job Title: Right of Way Agent II - Right of Way Division**

Job ID: 113546

Location: ROW Division – Acquisition Management Section

118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin Texas 78704

Performs work related to the real estate acquisition process, including condemnation, and coordinating with local public agencies, on state and federally funded right-of-way projects. Work requires contact with FHWA, other State Agencies, local governments (i.e. counties, cities, towns and villages), the Right of Way (ROW) field offices and with private entities. Employees at this level follow standard practices that do not require frequent supervision of details.

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- **Job Title: Right of Way Supervisor I**

Job ID: 113657

Work Location: 701 S PADRE ISLAND DRIVE, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78469 or

1817 BOB BULLOCK LOOP, LAREDO, TX 78043

TxDOT's Right of Way Division is looking for a Right of Way Supervisor based in either the Corpus Christi or Laredo. Assists in overseeing right of way work activities within a geographic area related to negotiations, relocations, appraisals, acquisitions, legal, accounting and records, and technical and office support. Supervises a group of professional and technical employees including some remote and/or virtual office employees. Work requires extensive contact with governmental agencies, engineering staff, consultants and private entities. Employees at this level establish their own work plan and priorities to meet set objectives. Issues are rarely referred to the supervisor but are handled at the occurrence. This position reports directly to the ROW Division Project Delivery Director.

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- **Job Title: TxDOT Attorney III - IV Right of Way Division**

Job ID: 113563

Work Location: Austin, TX

TxDOT's Right of Way Division is looking for a TxDOT Attorney III or IV based in Austin, TX.

Performs complex professional legal work concerning the compliance and interpretation of federal and state laws, rules and regulations for the Department. Work requires contact with governmental agencies and private entities. Employees at this level establish their own work plan and priorities to meet set objectives. Issues are rarely referred to the supervisor but are handled at the occurrence.

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March is Workplace Eye Wellness Month



We usually think of work-related eye injuries as being isolated to outdoor jobs such as construction work, landscaping or animal handling. Ironically, working in an office can be just as hazardous to your eyesight. The most common eye problem is computer vision syndrome. While consistently being on your computer will not permanently damage your vision, it can make your eyes feel irritated and fatigued.

Too much screen time and not enough breaks can cause headaches, inattentiveness, neck pain, back strain, and dry eye. Studies show staring at a screen for extended periods of time lengthens the interval between blinks, preventing eyes from staying lubricated and moistened

There are some ways to prevent computer vision syndrome and keep your eyes feeling comfortable:

- Reposition your screen. Adjust your screen to be at a right angle away from any direct light source. Invest in an anti-glare screen for your monitor or blue light reflecting glasses to make computer work gentler on your eyes.
- Remember the 20-20-20 rule. This rule reminds you that every 20 minutes, you should look at an object at least 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds.
- Don't forget to blink. While it may sound ridiculous, write yourself a note and place it on your monitor. Write "Blink Often" or any other message that will remind you to regularly close your eyes to keep them from getting dried out.
- Use artificial tears. Over-the-counter eye drops can be extremely helpful in preventing dry eye and keeping your eyes comfortable.
- Drink water. Adequate hydration can make a big difference, especially during the winter months when heaters and furnaces can make the air particularly dry.

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