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***MARK YOUR CALENDARS:***

April 24, 25, 26, 2024  
Moody Gardens Hotel  
Seven Hope Blvd.  
Galveston, Texas 77554



**Conference Registration**

Pre-registration is recommended and will help us in planning and preparing a better conference. If you pre-register, your name tag and program packet will be ready when you arrive at the hotel. The fee is \$350 through March 22, 2024. **A \$100 late fee will be added to registrations received after March 22, 2024.** You are encouraged to register online. If paying by check or money order, please register online, then make check payable to

TTI-AVTN2024, and mail to:  
Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
Event Management and Planning  
3135 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-3135

Only cancellations received in writing by Event Management and Planning (EM&P) by 5:00 p.m. CST on March 22, 2024 will be refunded, less a \$50 handling fee. No refunds will be issued after this date. **The last day to register online is April 12, 2024.** You may pay your registration fee by check, money order, or credit card. No Purchase Orders. The registration fee covers conference handouts, break refreshments, Wednesday's Get Acquainted Reception, and all meals during the conference including Thursday's lunch, and Thursday's Awards Banquet and Evening Social.

**Special Activities**

Golf Tournament will be Wednesday the 24th with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. at Moody Garden Golf Course. More information and registration to follow.

A Get Acquainted Reception is planned for Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Plan to join us on Thursday evening for the 2024 Annual Awards Banquet and Evening Social. All registered participants are encouraged to attend.

**Special Needs**

In compliance with ADA requirements, participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting EM&P at 979-862-1219 or toll free at 888-550-5577, at least 5 working days prior to the conference.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Aviation Division at 1-800-68-PILOT.

# 2024 Texas Aviation Conference Program

Moody Gardens Hotel and Conference Center  
Galveston, Texas

April 24-26, 2024

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Texas Airports Council Annual Golf Tournament
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Setup
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration/Check-In
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	TxDOT RAMP Coordinators Site Visit
3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Regionalization/Meet Your Team
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	New Participant Orientation
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Exhibits Open
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Get Acquainted Reception – Exhibit Hall
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner and Networking (on your own)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Opening Session
	<b>Presentation of Colors</b>
	<b>National Anthem</b>
	<b>Welcoming Comments</b>
	<i>Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT-Aviation Division</i>
	<i>Mike Shahan, Scholes International Airport at Galveston</i>
	<b>Introduction of Aviation Advisory Committee</b>
	<b>State of the Aviation Division Address</b>
	<i>Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT-Aviation Division</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	State Legislative Update
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**      **Fireside Chat with Congressman Weber**  
*Congressman Weber, Member of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**      **FAA Update**  
*Ignacio Flores, Airports Division Manager, FAA Southwest Region*
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**      **Luncheon**  
*Keynote Address – TBA*
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**      **Regionalization/Agency Discussion**  
*TxDOT Aviation*
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**      **Break (Exhibit Hall)**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**      **I: Aviation Education**  
*Moderator: Shelly Lesikar deZevallos*
- II: Airport Construction from a Contractor’s Perspective**  
*AGC Panel*
- III: Airport 101 A: Funding**  
*Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT Aviation Division*
- IV: Funding Overview**  
*Allison Martin, Grant Manager, TxDOT Aviation*  
*Andrew Tamanaha (FAA, ADO)*
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**      **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**      **I: Advancing/ Emerging Technologies**  
*TBA*
- II: Engineering Breakout Session**  
*Moderator: Eusebio Torres*
- III: Airport 101 B: Zoning and Minimum Standards**  
*Moderator: David Kirkpatrick, TxDOT Aviation*
- IV: Airport Pavement Tool Update**  
*Clayton Treybig, Texas A&M Transportation Institute*  
*Moderator: TBA*
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**      **Texas Airports Council Meeting**
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**      **Exhibit Hall Open**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.      Annual Banquet**

**Art Contest Awards**

**TxDOT Aviation Awards Program**

- National/Regional
  - Airport of the Year
- Local/Basic/Unclassified
  - Airport of the Year
- State
  - Airport of the Year
- Airport Professional of the Year
- Airport Project of the Year
- Aviation Educator of the Year (K-12)
- RAMP Coordinator of the Year

**8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.      Evening Social**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      Exhibits and Registration Desk Open**

**7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      Breakfast Buffet**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      Washington Update**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      Qualities of Successful Projects with Q&A Session**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      RAMP Session (Routine Airport Maintenance Program)**  
*Fernando Hernandez, TxDOT Aviation*