## **Legislative Drive-In 2025**

**ENGINEERING A BETTER TEXAS** SINCE 1913

FEBRUARY 19, 2025 | AUSTIN, TEXAS | TexASCE.org



## **PROGRAM AGENDA**

AT&T Hotel and Conference Center | Conference Room 301 1900 University Avenue, Austin, Texas 78705

Arriving the night before? Join your fellow attendees for a reception on February 18 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

| Time                  | Title  | Speakers   |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| 7:30 AM               | Breakfast  | All  |
| 8:00 AM               | Welcome,<br>Acknowledgements,<br>and Orientation   | Adam Eaton Chair of Government Affairs Committee (GAC), ASCE Texas Section   |
| 8:00 AM to<br>1:00 PM | ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS These elected officials have been invited to make brief remarks during the morning program. Due to their legislative duties their ability to attend is fluid. Texas House committee appointments for the 89th Session are not yet determined. | <ul> <li>Senator Charles Perry, Chair of Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs (89th Legislature)</li> <li>Representative Terry Canales, Chair of House Committee on Transportation (88th Legislature) (Invited)</li> <li>Senator Robert Nichols, Chair of Senate Committee on Transportation (89th Legislature) (Invited)</li> <li>Senator Royce West, Vice Chair of Senate Committee on Transportation (89th Legislature) (Invited)</li> </ul> |
| 8:15 AM               | 89 <sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature<br>Infrastructure Hot Topics<br>Panel   | <ul> <li>Sarah Schlessinger, CEO of Texas Water Foundation</li> <li>James Barragán, Politics Reporter for The Texas Tribune</li> <li>Whitney Whitmire, Partner of Whitmire and Munoz, LLC</li> <li>Transportation Policy Expert, TBD</li> <li>Michael Bloom, ASCE Texas Section, Moderator</li> </ul>  |
| 9:15 AM               | Advocacy Q&A   | <b>Kevin Longley</b> Director of Media Relations & Public Affairs, ASCE  |

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| 9:45 AM               | Break & Networking  | All Attendees   |
| 10:00 AM              | 2025 Texas Infrastructure<br>Report Card (IRC) Water<br>Advocacy Briefing                         | Michael Bloom Past Chair of GAC & VP Professional Elect, ASCE Texas Section   |
| 10:30 AM              | IRC Stormwater, Levees, and Dams Advocacy Briefing  | Rebecca Katzke 2025 Texas IRC Stormwater Subcommittee   |
| 11:00 AM              | IRC Transportation Advocacy Briefing  | Anjuman Ara<br>2025 Texas IRC Roads Subcommittee  |
| 11:30 AM              | Review of Meetings with<br>Elected Officials  | Adam Eaton Chair of GAC, ASCE Texas Section   |
| 11:50 AM              | Closing Remarks and<br>Call to Action   | Dr. Mark K. Boyd President, ASCE Texas Section  |
| 12:00 PM              | Lunch & Networking  | All Attendees   |
| 1:00 PM               | Educational Program Adjournment   | All Attendees   |
| 1:00 PM to<br>5:00 PM | Meetings with Elected Officials at Texas State Capitol Building (see map included in your packet) | Capitol Extension Room E1.022 has been reserved for our use during the meeting period. Attendees are encouraged to use this room to meet up with other attendees and to report back on how your meeting(s) proceeded. |

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