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Christy Willhite is a Chief Transportation Planner with the Houston-Galveston Area Council. She coordinates special projects, including the Regional Goods Movement Study, Hurricane Evacuation Planning, and Access Management. Christy has been with H-GAC for a total of 8 years and has worked on everything from wetland conservation to the SH 99 Terms and Conditions Study. She has a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture from Texas A&M University and a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin. She resides in Houston with her husband, Joe and daughter, Emilia.

Noel C. Bowman

Noel Bowman is a Senior Transportation Planner with the Houston-Galveston Area Council. He is a project manager for Access Management studies and has worked extensively to update the Regional Major Thoroughfare Plan throughout the eight county H-GAC area. Mr. Bowman has worked in urban planning and geospatial technologies with Deloitte & Touche, HNTB, and the Bryan College Station MPO. Mr. Bowman holds a B.S., Geography, Texas A&M University and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning (MUP), Texas A&M University and is at this time finishing his Executive Masters of Business Administration (EMBA) from the University of Houston this spring. He lives in Humble with his wife, Christina, and daughter, Amelia.

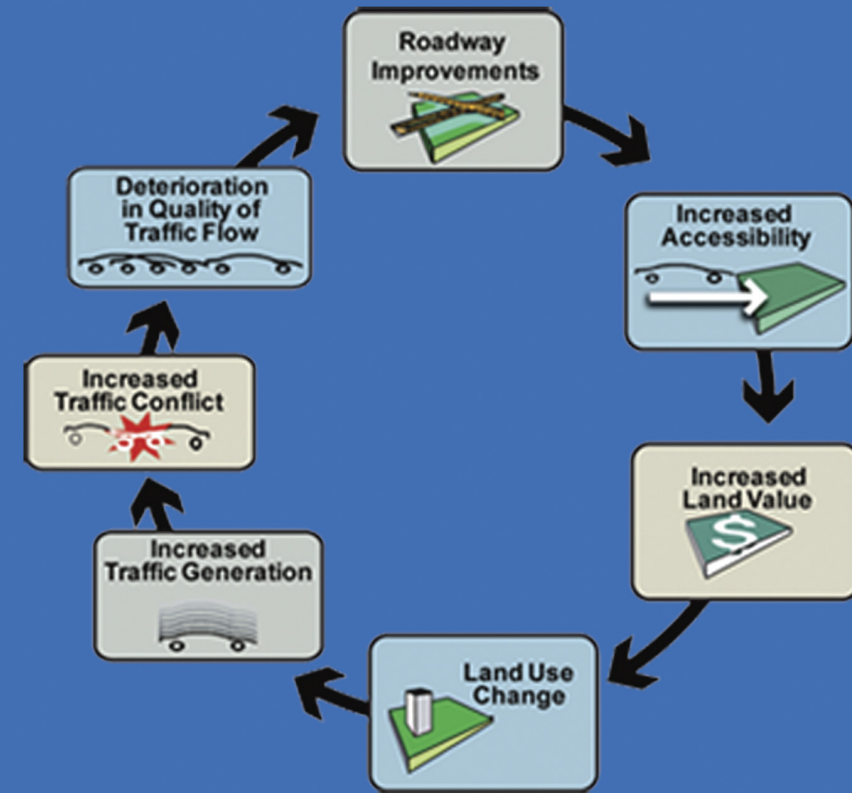


Access Management

Access Management (AM) is the proactive management of vehicular access points to land parcels adjacent to all manner of roadways. Good access management promotes safe and efficient use of the transportation network. AM encompasses a set of techniques that state and local governments can use to control access to highways, major arterials, and other roadways.

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Break away from the Cycle!



Access Management A to Z Workshop

Wednesday, April 21, 2010
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Room A



Agenda

Introduction 9:05-9:10

Noel Bowman, H-GAC's Access Management Project Manager, will welcome participants and introduce speakers.

Access Management 101 9:10-9:30

Mike Heath with Alliance Transportation Group will talk about the tools in the access management toolbox.

Safety, Mobility, & Economics 9:35-10:05

Bill Frawley with TTI will discuss the benefits of access management

Break 10:10-10:20

Previous Studies 10:20-10:40

Kurt Schulte with Kimley-Horn Associates will demonstrate the tangible benefits of projects that have been implemented in our area and others.

Livable Centers & Access Management 10:45-10:55

When talking about access and mobility, Livable Centers and Access Management work together to improve economic vitality and quality of life.

Panel discussion 11:00-11:40

Want to know how access management could work for your community? Interested in partnering with TXDOT on an access management project? Want to work with a neighboring community? A panel of experts will answer these questions and more.

Call for projects 11:40-11:50

H-GAC has received funding to complete more access management studies and is seeking new facilities. Christy Willhite with H-GAC will talk about the selection criteria and process.

Closing Remarks 11:50-12:00

Noel Bowman will wrap up the discussion.



Speakers

Mike Heath



Mike Heath is the President of Alliance Transportation Group, a firm that provides planning, engineering, economics and data collection services to clients nationwide. A professional engineer in the state of Texas, Mr. Heath started his career at the Texas Transportation Institute and a national engineering firm before co-founding Alliance in 1997. His experience covers most areas of transportation planning and engineering with special emphasis on urban transportation studies and the design of alternative analyses for public entities. Mr. Heath graduated from Texas A&M University with a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He and his wife Gayle have been married for nearly 25 years, have two children and reside outside of Austin.

Bill Frawley

Bill Frawley is a research scientist at the Texas Transportation Institute, where he has worked for 17 years. Previously, he worked for the Charlotte County (Florida) Planning Department and helped establish and was the first director of the Charlotte County –Punta Gorda MPO. He has been researching and providing technical assistance on access management issues for more than 15 years. Mr. Frawley holds a B.S., Geography, Texas A&M University and a M.U.P., Urban and Regional Science, Texas A&M University.



Kurt Schulte



Kurt Schulte is a Senior Associate for Kimley-Horn; Kurt has focused his career on solving complex transportation and land use issues within a public process culminating in implementation strategies. Starting his career in Florida in the early 90s as a transportation modeler and access management specialist, Kurt developed a technical base that formed the foundation to spring-board into many complex projects and situations. Kurt's experience in assess management includes work on the TxDOT Access Management Manual, FM 518 Access Management Study, SH 6 Southwest Access Management Study and recently the SH 6 South Access Management Study. Kurt holds a B.A. in Public Administration /Planning from the University of Central Florida.

Garrett Burchett

Garrett Burchett graduated with a BS in Community and Regional Planning and a MS in Transportation from Iowa State University. His experience in Access Management includes both research and private implementation. He specializes in community planning, large area and corridor plans, multimodal street design, and transit-oriented development and has focused those efforts to leverage public transportation projects to create new centers. He has worked on transportation planning for existing urbanized areas that are undergoing change, infill, development, or intensification.

