

DETAILED AGENDA

Friday, September 25, 2015

Healthy People, Healthy Community



8:00 am	Registration	
8:30 am	A Welcome from El Paso's Community Leaders	
9:00 am	Open Plenary: Senator Jose Rodriguez Focus: Health and our Environment – how connecting with your government, changing your mode of transportation, building smarter, planting trees, and more can improve our community's health	
10:00 am	First Session	
	Public track: Former Senator Elliot Shapleigh	Professional track: Panel Speakers TBD for Environment + Infrastructure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and school gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current efforts ○ How to start a community garden ○ Different types of gardens ○ Garden, Kitchen, Market ○ Benefits of gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion about energy and water infrastructure • Future of energy and water for our region • Current planning efforts
11:00 am	Second Session	
	Public track: Christine Ponce-Diaz, Metropolitan Planning Organization + Kevin Smith, City of El Paso Capital Improvement Department	Professional track: Carlos Gallinar, Deputy Director of City of El Paso Planning and Economic Department
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why active and alternative transportation is important ○ How you can get involved ○ What projects are the MPO doing that are important for air quality ○ What the MPO is ○ What is AQI and why is it important for our health? • Active and Alternative Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Great Streets Plan ○ Bike Plan ○ How can the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How planning, development, and urban design can have a powerful impact on human health, well-being, walkability and building strong community • Community connectivity and sustainable sites • Transit-Oriented Developments

	<p>get involved in these efforts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What can we expect to see because of these planning efforts? ○ NACTO standards ○ Bike Advisory Committee ○ Bike lanes ○ Brio ○ Bike Share 	
12:00 pm	Lunch and Awards	
12:20 pm	Lunch Plenary Speaker: Mark James – Urban Green and affordable housing	
1:15 pm	Third session	
	Public track: Oscar Mestas, Regional Urban Forester, Texas A&M Forest Service	Professional track: Rolando Pablos, Chief Executive Officer for the Borderplex Alliance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban tree canopy assessment – iTree Eco summary and planned efforts for 2016 • Proper tree planting (when to plant, which type of trees to buy, boxes or bare root, age, great trees for our area) • Proper tree maintenance (where to water, how much to water, how to prune, benefits of pruning, emerald ash bore) • Benefits of trees in terms of property value increase, habitat, storm water, and reducing urban heat island • How trees can dramatically change a landscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Plan for Economic Development • Upcoming projects and initiatives • Strengths as a region • What is the Borderplex Alliance? • How can the private sector be more involved in the process?
2:15 pm	Fourth Session: Healthy spaces and environments	
	Public track: Denise Rodriguez, Extension Agent, El Paso County, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	Professional track: Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas A&M Extension and our Vegetable Garden Resource Center at Ascarate Park • Composting • Pollinators • Chickens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Preliminary Resilience Assessment • Identification of focus areas for our resilience strategy – how should we focus our efforts over the next couple of years to ensure we are increasing the capacity of our community to survive, adapt, and thrive in the face of any economic, social, or environmental disruption?

3:15 pm	Franklin Mountains Visitor Center and Texas Parks and Wildlife – Cesar Mendez
3:30 pm	News from the Zoo: The El Paso Zoo’s New “Round Up” Program – rounding to the nearest dollar – Rick LoBello
3:40 pm	Government Processes Revealed! Learn how to approach your government and interact with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. title is– Brian Christian, Division Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
4:00 pm	Tire Advisory Committee Launch – Join the newly-formed, regional Tire Advisory Committee and help rethink tires as a resource, not a waste! - Lauren Baldwin, Eddie Moderow, and Pam Aguirre
4:15 pm	Telling the story of the Desert Peaks Organ Mountains Monument, which is a new monument that possesses a rich diversity of Chihuahuan Desert wild lands and unique Pre-American, New Mexican, and American history - David Soules
4:30 pm	Adjourn
4:30 pm-6:30 pm	Social Networking Double Hour – Join us for a fun and relaxing social double hour. Meet and greet the speakers and other attendees. Drink tickets will be provided (one per person) if we receive a social networking sponsor (estimated at \$500-750).