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NEWS RELEASE

HARRIS COUNTY PLAYS HOST TO MAJOR TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE *Two-Day Forum To Feature Top Transportation and Trade Experts*

Kip Hawley, the administrator of the federal Transportation Security Administration, and Humberto Trevino, the sub-Secretary of Transportation for Mexico, are among dozens of top transportation and trade experts to attend and speak at the First Annual International Harris County Trade & Transportation Conference in Houston later this month.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett organized the event to address current events in trade and transportation, with a special focus on U.S./Mexico border trade.

“This is going to be an unusually detailed conference bringing together some of the biggest names in local, national and international transportation and trade,” said Emmett. “Many of those who will be deciding the future of transportation in Washington, Austin, Houston and Mexico City are going to be here giving us a sneak peek at some of the changes we can expect.”

The conference kicks off with an early evening reception on Sunday, Sept. 14, attended by members of the state Senate and House of Representatives, Houston City Council and officials with the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Port of Houston Authority. Among the events scheduled at the conference on Sept. 15 and 16 are seminars focusing on challenges facing international transportation, how politics affects international transportation and a discussion of U.S.-Mexican border trade.

In addition to Emmett, Hawley and Trevino, guest speakers include: Jeff Moseley, the president and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership; Lawrence W. Kellner, the chairman and CEO of Continental Airlines; Richard Vacar, the director of aviation for the Houston Airport System; John Horan, the director of trade development for the Port of Houston; Jorge Canavati, the vice president of the Mexico Business Association of San Antonio; and numerous corporate officials representing dozens of Mexican transportation companies.

All events are being held at the Westin Galleria hotel at 5060 W. Alabama. Attendance is open to the public, but registration is required. Those wishing to register can do so at www.harriscountyevents.net. The cost for all educational and networking events is \$125.