



Central Texas Regional
Mobility Authority

MEDIA ALERT

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Seattle Business Group Looking to Local Officials for Transportation Funding Guidance

(Austin, Texas) - Facing a transportation funding crisis of their own, a delegation of nearly 100 community leaders, including a number of high-profile participants, from the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce will be meeting with local officials on Friday to discuss how Central Texas is dealing with the nationwide transportation funding crisis. The delegation will exchange information with local officials to learn more about the innovative ways our region has tackled congestion and generated new revenue to fund critical transportation projects.

Members of the Seattle delegation will be available to discuss what they hope to learn from their visit and why Austin is in the national spotlight, prior to a panel discussion titled, "Tackling Traffic: The Culture of Tolling and Regional Governance." Panel members include:

- The Honorable Kirk Watson, Senator and Chairman of CAMPO
- Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority
- Ed Pensock, Director of Corridor Systems for TxDOT Turnpike Authority Division

WHAT: Transportation Funding Discussion

WHO:

- Paula Hammond, Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation
- The Honorable Greg Nickels, Mayor of Seattle
- The Honorable Julia Patterson, Chair of the King County Council
- Local transportation officials

WHEN: Friday, March 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 360
Austin, TX 78701