



# 2015 Summer Mini-Conference

## AGENDA

8:00 am – 8:30 am: Registration/Light Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am: **Session #1**

### 2015 Texas Legislative Update

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This session will focus on the on the outcomes of the 2015 Legislative Session and bills impacting municipalities. This session will inform professional planners the outcomes of the 84th legislative session in relation to bills passed that affect the planning, development, and growth of cities in the state of Texas, such as a ban on local regulation of oil & gas extraction, rental housing regulation, and transportation funding.

**Presenter: Brandon Aghamalian**

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break

10:15 am – 11:15 am: **Session #2**

### Ensuring “Sustainability” Embraces Improved Stormwater Runoff Management

CM | 1.00

Since 2010, the San Antonio River Authority has taken the region’s lead in advocating for design practices that protect our rivers, creeks, and streams from their greatest remaining threat: stormwater runoff. Low Impact Development (LID) is one of the tools in the sustainable designer’s toolbox. Advocacy of this new design option has required SARA’s investment in education, pilot projects, an LID design competition, a design guidance manual, and policy recommendations. This session will provide a brief overview of LID and then highlight the River Authority’s projects to promote it within the larger design and development community.

**Presenter: Karen Bishop**

11:15 am – 11:30 am: Break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: **Session # 3**

### VIA Vision 2040 – Planning for Public Transportation in a Regional Context

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VIA’s Vision 2040 Long Range Plan Update is an unconstrained vision plan for public transportation over the next 25 years. In this session you will hear from the project managers and learn how the region is forecast to grow and how they will affect the recommendations of the vision for public transportation in the region. You will also learn about the major contributing factors to designing a successful public transportation route.

**Presenter: Hannah Santiago, AICP**

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm: Break

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm: **Lunch and Session #4**

## Planning and the Military Base Next Door

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We've all seen the sign outside some military bases – "If you lived here, you'd be home by now." Military bases attract development. People who work at the base want to live nearby while others want to provide the base and its employees with goods and services. With growth, this mutually beneficial relationship can create challenges such as incompatible land uses and competition for resources. These types of conflicts may result in actions intended to reduce the impacts of military missions and operations on the surrounding community, potentially threatening the viability and sustainability of that military base many communities appreciate and wish to protect. In addition to discussion of the Air Force Encroachment Management Program (AFEM), this session includes an examination of other programs intended to minimize the impacts of incompatible uses. The speakers will also discuss the Department of Defense's Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ); Joint Land Use Study (JLUS); and Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) programs. Texas is home to numerous military installations and many community and base planners want to know how to build and maintain positive relationships through collaborative and constructive planning.

**Presenter: Matthew Taylor, AICP**

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm: **Break**

2:00 - 3:00 pm: **Session #5**

## Creating High Performance Buildings with Low Tech Materials

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You know the 3 little pigs? Of course two of the pigs built homes out of straw and sticks and we know how that turned out. (Yes, the big bad wolf blew them over because they weren't well made... but over time they would have deteriorated, been infested with bugs, collected mold, and possibly even burned down anyway). As we all know, the 3rd little pig built his house out of bricks - and we like to think they were stabilized compressed earth blocks made of a specific mixture of sand, dirt and clay. Lucky for THIS pig, his house was fire resistant, mold resistant, insect resistant and more...plus green, green, green with great energy efficiency naturally built in - reducing heating and cooling costs and making for a happy pig. So what's the point? Dirt is in. Wood is out. That's the word from experts across the world who say we can't continue to chop down trees to build buildings. Simply put, it's not a sustainable, energy efficient way to go. In this session you will hear about a revival in the world's oldest building technology, including code review, types of earthen construction, building performance, and durability.

**Presenter: David Komet**

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm: **Break**

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm: **Session #6**

## Millennials and Their Travel Patterns

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We've all heard that millennials drive less but why is this so and what does it mean as we plan for the future? Learn more about those born in the digital age so you can better understand what they look for in a planning process and how future generations may behave as they come of age.

**Presenter: Linda Vela, AICP**

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – **Happy Hour (Location TBD)**