

2019 North Texas Parking Symposium – Finding the Balance in Parking

Panel 1 – Municipal Policy and Programs

Maria Irshad



Maria Irshad, CAPP, MPA is the Assistant Director of ParkHouston, a division of the City of Houston Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department. ParkHouston is responsible for the management of 9,500 metered parking spaces and 19 off-street surface lots; the enforcement of all parking codes and the administration of various permits.

Maria is a Certified Administrator of Public Parking and holds a Masters degree in Public Administration. She is a member of the Accredited Parking Organization board, president of the Texas Parking & Transportation Association, serves as a volunteer with the International Parking Institute and is a past president of the Houston chapter of Women Professionals in Government.

Peter Elliott



Peter Elliott is the Parking Manager for the City of Fort Worth’s Municipal Parking Fund. Peter has served in that position since March 2007 and has significant experience in Operations Management between 1994 and 2007 with Motorola Inc., Nokia Inc., and Citi Group Inc.

As Parking Manager for the City of Fort Worth, Peter manages the City's parking assets and operation including 5 parking garages, 15 surface lots, 3,200 metered parking spaces, parking compliance, ground transportation, 30,000+ SF of commercial real estate, administration of parking permits and curbside operations including valet and commercial loading zones.

Peter holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and serves on the West Seventh Urban Village Committee, the Downtown Fort Worth Inc., Transportation Committee and is a Board member of the Texas Parking & Transportation Association.

Uyen Dang



Uyen serves as the City Traffic Engineer for the City of West Palm Beach. She is the project manager for various projects such as the WPB Mobility Study, Parking Study, and the Bicycle Masterplan. Uyen is a registered engineer for the State of Florida and previously worked on many roadway reconstruction and streetscape projects.

Karla Weaver



Karla Weaver, AICP, is a Senior Program Manager with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Karla joined NCTCOG in 2006 and is currently managing the Sustainable Development Program and is responsible for areas that include: transit-oriented development, bicycle and pedestrian programs, including the Transportation Enhancements, sustainable school siting and planning, and oversight of the NCTCOG \$160M+ sustainable development funding program which includes infrastructure construction, planning studies, and landbanking acquisitions.

Karla received her Masters Degree in Public Administration from Florida State University, as well as a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis on Land Use and Growth Management. Before joining NCTCOG, Karla worked as a planner for the City of Tallahassee, Florida with the Blueprint 2000 capital improvement program, for General Growth Properties, and with the City of Lufkin, TX.