

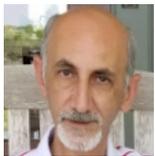


Michael D. Bryant serves as director of the Civil Rights Division (CIV), responsible for promoting diversity and inclusion in the internal operations and external programs of the Department by effectively working alongside Districts, Divisions, and stakeholders to achieve civil rights related objectives.

Bryant began working with the Department of Family and Protective Services as a procurement and contracts attorney and also served as the agency's Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Coordinator. While working at the Office of Governor Rick Perry, he served as counsel to the Trusteed Programs within the Office, including the Economic Development & Tourism Division, Texas Military Preparedness Commission, Texas Music Office and the Texas Film Commission.

Bryant started his TxDOT career in the General Counsel Division working on a variety of matters related to the Civil Rights Division, HUB and DBE issues, comprehensive development agreements, intellectual property and the agency's information technology outsourcing. Currently, CIV manages a variety of economic development programs for small business development and workforce development. CIV manages the Title VI program to ensure nondiscrimination. Additional programs include Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Equal Employment Opportunity. CIV provides training, certifies businesses for the small business programs, performs contract compliance reviews, conducts program outreach efforts, and monitors subrecipient contracts and programs.

Bryant is originally from Washington, D.C., and moved to Austin with his family in 1978. He is an alumnus of Saint Stephen's Episcopal School, Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, and the University of Texas School of Law.



Sargon Youhannazad, P.E.
TxDOT PEPS Houston Service Center Assistant Director

Mr. Youhannazad has twenty nine years with TxDOT in construction inspection, project design, consultant management and procurement of professional services. Currently, his primary responsibilities are:

- Assists the Service Center Director and Houston District in the development of their rolling four year Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) and Fiscal Year Procurement Plans;
- Assists the Service Center Director, manage the Houston District procurement and contract administrative activities in accordance with federal and state regulations;
- Assist other Procurement Engineers with negotiations and developing scope of services
- Train/manage employees with Contract and Work Authorization Development and procurement process.



Varuna Singh is a 2002 civil engineering graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and has 15 years of transportation experience with TxDOT. Mr. Singh began his TxDOT career with Weatherford Area Office in the Fort Worth District, focusing on design. He transitioned to alternative project delivery in 2010 serving as a deputy project manager on the 13-mile \$2.1 billion North Tarrant Express Concession Project. In 2012, he became the project manager of the 30-mile \$1.4 billion I-35E Express Lanes Design-Build Project in Dallas. Since 2015, he has served as the Houston District's Alternative Delivery Program Director, currently implementing over \$2 billion in construction and developing \$3 billion for procurement. Varuna enjoys traveling, hiking and spending time family and friends.



Marc D. Williams, P.E., serves as Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation. In this role he assists the department's executive director and management team with oversight of all TxDOT functions, including the management and operation of the state's transportation system. He is charged with ensuring Texas' transportation system is planned, constructed and maintained in a cost-effective manner in order to effectively address the state's growing safety, mobility and reliability needs.

Williams' career experience in transportation planning and program efforts includes public- and private-sector organizations involving state, county and local jurisdictions. He has served in leadership positions with two state departments of transportation and has worked with national, private-sector transportation engineering organizations. His professional assignments have included directing statewide transportation planning and programming efforts as well as managing project-specific highway and multimodal transportation plans and programs.

He has worked extensively with public and agency outreach, transportation plans of various modes, regional and corridor-level plans and programs, environmental planning and approval, economics and finance, project design and development, along with work in the areas of construction management, operations and maintenance.

Texas Department of Transportation

Houston District DBE/HUB Event: *A Focus on Expanding Professional Services Contracting Opportunities*

Thursday, April 19, 2018
Ned S. Holmes Auditorium
8:30 am–4:30 pm



Program Overview

Master of Ceremony - Quincy D. Allen, P.E., Houston District Engineer

8:30–8:50 am	Registration
8:50–9:15 am	Welcome Laura Ryan, Texas Transportation Commissioner
9:15–9:30 am	TxDOT Overview
9:30–10:00 am	PEPS Overview Gail Morea, PEPS Houston Service Center Director
10:00–10:15 am	Break
10:15–11:15 am	HUB/DBE Overview Michael Bryant, Civil Rights Division Director
11:15–12:00 pm	Meet our Partners in the Industry – ACEC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of ACEC - Houston Chris Lindsay, Executive Director• Chris Cotter, Transportation Committee Chair• DBE/HUB Member Spotlights• Prime Provider Perspectives• How to join ACEC Houston
12:00–1:15 pm	Speed Networking Session during Lunch (Lunch provided by ACEC, Room 105/106)
1:15–1:30 pm	Break
1:30–2:15 pm	How TxDOT Procures Professional Services Sargon Youhannazad, PEPS Houston Service Center Assistant Manager
2:15–3:00 pm	Upcoming Houston District Professional Services Opportunities Sargon Youhannazad & Varuna Singh
3:00–4:00 pm	Overview of I-45 NHHIP Varuna Singh, HOU Alternative Delivery Program Director
4:00–4:30 pm	Wrap Up and Final Q&A Marc Williams, TxDOT Deputy Executive Director

Today's Presenters



Quincy Allen, P.E., is the District Engineer for TxDOT's Houston District.

He is responsible for overseeing the planning, designing, building, operation and maintenance of the state transportation system for the six counties in the district.

The Houston District has a larger population, higher number of registered vehicles and more vehicle miles traveled than any other district. The district runs 24-hour automobile ferry service between Galveston Island and Port Bolivar and has the largest roadway maintenance budget in the state. It oversees the Green Ribbon Project, an innovative landscaping enhancement program, and Houston TranStar, the largest freeway traffic management system in the United States.

Allen began his career at TxDOT in Houston in 1985. He became area engineer for the Houston District's East Harris Area office in October 1997, where he administered many construction contracts, including contracts to remove the Baytown tunnel and reconstruction of US 59/Spur 527.

From March 2012 through March 2015, Allen served as deputy district engineer for the Houston District before becoming DE. He earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering in 1984 from the University of Texas and a bachelor's in civil engineering in 1990 from the University of Houston.



Laura Ryan is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. She was appointed by Governor Greg Abbot on July 11, 2016, to fill a vacancy; reappointed March 2, 2017; and confirmed by the Senate on April 19, 2017, for a six-year term.

Ryan is CEO of Purdy Motors USA. Purdy Motors is Costa Rica's exclusive Toyota distributor, with growing operations in the U.S. In her role, Commissioner Ryan is responsible for strategically expanding and diversifying Purdy's U.S. business operations, which currently consists of three Texas-based Toyota dealerships. She recently served as vice president of market representation and dealer development for Gulf States Toyota Inc., a private distributor for Toyota Motor Sales based in Houston. Before that Ryan was vice president of sales and marketing with an affiliated Freidkin Company, GSFSGroup Inc., and chair of the Board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), where she represented the vehicle manufacturing and distribution industry. In her more than 25 years in the automotive industry, she also held positions with retail dealerships, Nissan Motor Sales (in both variable and fixed operations) and worked as an independent automotive consultant.

She attended Penn State University and has been engaged in executive education programs including Gallup Organization Strengths Training, University of Texas Future Leaders and the Columbia University Finance Program.



Gail Eileen Morea, P.E.

TxDOT PEPS Houston Service Center Director

Ms. Morea's career spans over thirty years in the civil engineering field from project design evolving into engineering management in both the public and private sectors. Currently, her primary responsibilities are:

- Assists the Houston District in the development of their rolling four year Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) and Fiscal Year Procurement Plans;
- Manages the Houston District procurement and contract administrative activities in accordance with federal and state regulations;
- Manages negotiations towards contract development and execution; and
- Monitors the fiscal year consultant budget activities for the Houston District

