



Harris County Catches Evaders on Video

The Harris County Toll Road Authority recently announced that a new Video Enforcement System (EMS) is now operational on its Houston and Hardy Toll Roads.

The system, which is expected to reduce toll evasions by identifying violators, captures toll transaction data on a 24-hour basis from cameras installed in the lanes. Violations are computer-verified and registered owners of offending vehicles are identified. Violation notices and collection procedures are then implemented. For more information, contact Harris County Toll Road Authority, (713) 875-1400. ▼

Conference to Focus on Public-Private Opportunities

Washington, D.C. in June will be the site for the National Council for Public-Private Partnership's 8th National Conference, "Creating Partnership Opportunities with Reinvented Governments." Top business leaders and senior public officials will gather to share their expertise and exchange views on the practical use of public-private partnerships for providing public services and developing, financing, and implementing public works and community facilities.

The conference will feature sessions on Infrastructure/Financing, Services/Contracting, High-Tech Innovations, and a special "how-to" session on the basics of competitive solicitations, RFP writing and evaluation, and program organization. Of special interest to IBTTA members will be sessions on current trends in Transportation and Environment Protection, among others.

For a detailed registration brochure, call IBTTA at (202) 659-4620. ▼

IRF Conference Offers Keys to Competitiveness

This year, the International Road Federation Conference and Exposition, July 3 - 7, 1994, in Calgary, Alberta, CANADA, will focus on competitiveness in today's road sector. An estimated 1,200 transportation specialists from more than 25 countries — including Canada, the United States, England, France, India, Argentina, Malaysia, Yugoslavia, and South Africa — will discuss the latest ideas, innovations, and technology in roads and transportation.

More than 200 papers will be presented through technical presentations, panel discussions, and plenary sessions. Sessions of interest to IBTTA

members, include discussions of North America's largest tollroad project, the Highway 407 in the Toronto, Ontario area; construction of Canada's longest bridge, the 13-km (8-mile) Northumberland Strait Bridge; and the challenges and opportunities of the North America Free Trade Agreement.

Additionally, attendees may visit the conference's international transportation industry products and suppliers exposition. For more information, contact: The Transportation Association of Canada, 2323 St. Laurant Blvd., Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA, K1G 4K6, telephone: (613) 736-1350; fax (613) 736-1395. ▼

FORMER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSIONER REMEMBERED

On January 27, 1994, M.A. Barnes, 68, a former Commissioner of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission passed away.

Mr. Barnes, a respected, internationally-known engineer, was also a retired district director for the Corps of Engineers. "He will be missed by all whose lives he has touched," said Expressway Commission General Manager Hunter O. Wagner, Jr.

Mr. Barnes is survived by his wife Anne, their two sons, and other family members. ▼

TTA Seeks Executive Director

The Texas Turnpike Authority (TTA) is currently seeking a transportation/public administration executive to serve as its Executive Director. The Executive Director is the TTA's Senior Operating Officer and is responsible for implementing the policies and directives set forth by the Board of Directors. The position reports to the TTA's Chairman and Board of Directors.

Requirements: a minimum ten years experience; success in finance, administration, and development and operation of public construction works; ability to establish and maintain satisfactory working relationships with Board Members, transportation officials, citizen groups, and other state employees; bachelors degree in public administration, business, transportation, civil engineering, or related field preferred.

Duties: Must prepare, administer, and achieve annual budget; responsible for a strategic plan identifying long-term statewide opportunities for the TTA, including cross-border opportunities impacted by NAFTA.

Interested candidates, please forward resume to: P.O. Box 720067, Dallas, Texas 75372. ▼