



Transportation Council Features City of Houston Deputy Director of Public Works and Engineering

The Partnership Transportation Council welcomed Jeffrey Weatherford, deputy director of public works and engineering for the City of Houston, as a guest speaker on Tuesday, August 9. In this role, Mr. Weatherford oversees all traffic operations and transportation engineering functions in the greater Houston area. During his presentation, he discussed intelligent transportation systems (ITS) within the City of Houston.

Since 2009, investment in ITS totaled more than \$50 million, including intersection upgrades, software and arterial travel time deployment. Accomplishments to date include 2,070 advanced traffic signal controllers, 25 closed-circuit TV cameras and WiMax radios for 1,450 traffic signals with plans for additional communication tools to help commuters learn about traffic incidents and find alternative routes. Operators and engineers will have the tools to monitor traffic, make real-time decisions and distribute information to the public and media outlets.

Mr. Weatherford is a licensed professional traffic operations engineer and holds a degree in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

The next Transportation Council is October 25.