

**Economic Development Regional  
Highlights and Events Newsletter**  
8/11/2020

**Key Services**

- Comprehensive Planning
- Historic Preservation
- New Elected Officials Guide
- Grant Writing & Administration
- City Homepage Templates
- [Economic Development](#)
- [Transportation Planning](#)
- [GIS Mapping Services](#)

**Upcoming Events**

**2020 Policy and Advocacy Conference (Virtual)**

Sept. 23-24,2020

[Click Here!](#) to register by Sept. 21, 2020.

**Planners' Day on Capitol Hill**

Sept. 23,2020

[Click Here!](#) to register at Policy and Advocacy Conference.

**TML Annual Conference and Exhibition**

Oct. 14-16, 2020

Grapevine, TX

[Click Here!](#) for more information.

**TEDC Fall Basic Economic Development Course**

Oct. 27-30, 2020

Embassy Suites

600 Commerce St

Fort Worth, TX 76102

[Click Here!](#) To register.

**Central Texas Highlights**



If members of your community are looking for jobs or the opportunity to explore career options, help register them now for **Workforce Solutions of Central Texas** upcoming Job Fair, [Here!](#) This is a multi-profession, multi-industry VIRTUAL event; being held on Aug. 18,2020 from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

**Did You Know?**



**State Representative Hugh Shine** will be available for a Legislative update on Governmental Affairs and Public Policy. He will be available every 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00am.

Belton Chamber  
412 E Central Ave.  
Belton, TX

**Financial Grants Offered by Bell County Historical Commission** will offer small grants for projects that preserve and/or promote Bell County History. The grants are available to non-profit, tax-exempt organizations or institutions located in Bell County, Texas. [Click Here](#) for more information.

**Rail-Trails** are multi-use trails developed on former railroad corridors. With the increasing popularity of rail-trails across the country, communities are looking for other innovative ways of securing land for safe, popular and effective trail development. An emerging answer is rails-with-trails, which are trails adjacent to or within an active railroad corridor. The rail-with-trail concept provides even more opportunities for the creation of trail systems that enhance local transportation systems, offering safe and attractive community connections. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

Texas is the state with the best business climate, in the **Business Facilities'** 16th Annual State and Metro Rankings Report. Texas received a whopping 50 state and metro rankings across 22 categories! The top honor of Best Business Climate in America adds to our state's unmatched portfolio of awards and rankings from the magazine, including four State of the Year Awards. [Click Here!](#) To read more.