

BRUCE MANN Director, Freight Mobility Port of Houston Authority

Bruce Mann is the Director of Freight Mobility for the Port of Houston Authority. He is responsible for maritime-related freight transportation activities, including rail, roadway and barge transportation. He also identifies and supports freight transportation projects that improve access to Port of Houston facilities (public and private) to enable growth in commerce, increase transportation options and reduce transportation costs.

Mr. Mann is an accomplished transportation manager with more than 15 years' experience in procurement and operations for some of the world's largest chemicals manufacturers and trading companies as well as a Class I railroad. His most recent position prior to the Port of Houston Authority was managing Trafigura's crude, coal and metals (ferrous and non-ferrous) groups, moving materials in gondolas, box cars, tank cars and open-top hopper cars, which equated to 55,000 railcar loads in 2013.

Mr. Mann has managed fleets of up to 7,200 railcars and can speak in depth about crude by rail, plastics, chemicals and other commodities. He is also accomplished in freight contract negotiation, transportation equipment leasing, site logistics contractors and third-party logistics providers in the rail space.

He is the treasurer for the North American Rail Shippers Association, on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers, a member of the Houston Transportation Club, a member of the Houston Transportation Professionals Association, a dynamic public speaker and recognized industry expert in the crude oil space.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Jacksonville University in Florida and an MBA from the University of Phoenix, Houston.