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## "FLAWS OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND MARKET BASED REMEDIES" TO BE TOPIC AT SPECIAL HPRA PRESENTATION

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Featuring Randal O'Toole *Senior Fellow, Cato Institute*

Underwritten by Jeremy Davis

Noon, Friday, April 23, 2010

Cost: \$20 per person (includes lunch)

Courtyard on St. James - 1885 Saint James Place (south of San Felipe; close to Yorktown)

Buffet lunch - 12:00 to 2:00, Program starts at 12:30 PM

(Directions: The Courtyard is south of San Felipe, west of Yorktown, and east of Chimney Rock.)

Cato Institute scholar Randal O'Toole is one of the best received speakers in the history of the Houston Property Rights Association. After beginning his career as an environmental economist, Mr. O'Toole developed an interest in [transportation](#) and urban planning. He is best known for his advocacy of buses over urban rail. He has a new book dealing with the political impasse in transportation [policy](#) reform, which will be the theme of his talk.

*Gridlock* is the title of Mr. O'Toole's latest book and he will have copies for sale.

<https://store.cato.org/index.asp?fa=ProductDetails&method=cats&scid=33&pid=1441451>

Mr. O'Toole also has a new report on rail transit (Houston's failed system is discussed on page 25)

[http://www.cato.org/pub\\_display.php?pub\\_id=11608](http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=11608)

Randal O'Toole is one of the nation's foremost experts on urban growth, public land, and transportation issues. His book, "The Vanishing Automobile and Other Urban Myths," has influenced decisions in cities across the country.

He also has a blog:

<http://www.ti.org/antiplanner/?p=90>

Mr. O'Toole is also founder of the American Dream Coalition, which helps people across the country protect their quality of life.

<http://americandreamcoalition.org/>

To RSVP for the luncheon, e-mail Barry Klein, [bjklein@swbell.net](mailto:bjklein@swbell.net), or call 713-224-4144 by noon, April 22.

### Additional Information

Randal O'Toole is recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts on urban growth, public land, and transportation issues. O'Toole's research on national forest [management](#), culminating in his 1988 book, *Reforming the Forest Service*, has had a major influence on Forest Service policy and on-the-ground management. His analysis of urban land-use and transportation issues, brought together in his 2001 book, *The Vanishing Automobile and Other Urban Myths*, has influenced decisions in cities across the country. His research on the harm that government planning does to our quality of life, our wealth, and our future will be found in his 2007 book, *The Best-Laid Plans*.

O'Toole has also written for *Regulation* magazine, as well as op-eds and articles for numerous other national journals and newspapers. O'Toole travels extensively and has spoken about free-market [environmental issues](#) in dozens of cities. An Oregon native, O'Toole was educated in forestry at Oregon State [University](#) and in economics at the University of Oregon. In 1998, Yale University named him its McCluskey Conservation Fellow, and he designed and taught a course there titled *Incentive-Based Conservation*, which offered free-market solutions to a variety of [environmental problems](#). In 1999 and 2001 he taught the course at the University of California at Berkeley. In 2000, O'Toole served as the Merrill Visiting Professor at Utah State University.



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