

These are the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on April 23, 2014, in Lubbock, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chairman Houghton with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission:

Ted Houghton	Chairman
Fred Underwood	Commissioner
Jeff Austin III	Commissioner
Jeff Moseley	Commissioner
Victor Vandergriff	Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

General Joe Weber, Executive Director
 Jeff Graham, General Counsel
 Rose Guajardo Walker, Chief Clerk
 Robin Carter, Assistant Chief Clerk

Registration sheets listing others in attendance are on file with the Texas Department of Transportation, Assistant Chief Clerk.

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 4:26 p.m. on April 15, 2014, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act."

ITEM 1. Safety Briefing

This item was presented by District Engineer Doug Eichorst.

Recognition of area public officials, community and civic leaders, and private citizens. The commission recognized and received remarks from Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson.

ITEM 2.

a. District Report and Presentation (Presentation)

This item was presented by District Engineer Doug Eichorst. The commission also heard from Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson.

b. Overview of TxDOT-sponsored research at Texas Tech University (Presentation)

This item was presented by Director of Research Shannon Crum. The commission also heard comments from Al Sacco Jr., Ph.D., Dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering and Dr. Sanjaya Senadheera (Dr. Sanjay), Interim Director of the Texas Tech Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Transportation (TechMRT).

c. Review of rural transportation and connectivity initiatives, including an update on the Ports to Plains Corridor (Presentation)

This item was presented by Director of Planning Marc Williams, who also introduced Amarillo District Engineer Ron Johnston, Abilene District Engineer Stan Swiatek, and San Angelo District Engineer Tracy Cain. The commission heard comments from President of the Ports to Plains Alliance Michael Reeves.

d. Coordinated emergency operations within TxDOT and with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (Presentation)

This item was presented by Maintenance Division Director Howard Holland, who also introduced the department's Emergency Management Coordinator Gilbert Jordan. The commission heard comments from Department of Public Safety Major Patrick Mulligan, who also introduced Department of Emergency Management State Coordinators for Region Five David Solis and Colleen O'Neal.

e. Energy Development Impacts - discuss impact on the state highway system of energy development activities in the Panhandle / Permian Basin (Presentation)

This item was presented by Deputy Executive Director John Barton. The commission heard comments from District Engineer Doug Eichorst and District Engineer Stan Swiatek.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD - At the conclusion of all other agenda items, the commission will allow an open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the department. No action will be taken. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Speakers must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period.

The workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ted Houghton, Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct record of all proceedings and official records of the Texas Transportation Commission at its workshop meeting on April 23, 2014, in Lubbock, Texas.



Robin Carter, Assistant Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation