

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on August 27, 2014, in Dallas, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 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:**

LtGen. 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 3:18 p.m. on August 19, 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 Bill Hale.

Chairman Houghton recognized Commissioner Moseley to introduce a guest. Former Ambassador to Panama, Ambassador Juan Sosa, spoke to the commission. Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, Dallas City Councilwoman Vonciel Jones Hill, Collin County Commissioner, and Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition member Duncan Webb provided welcoming remarks. Chairman Houghton recognized Representative Roberto Alonzo, Representative Cindy Burkett, Representative Jeff Leach, Representative Scott Sanford, and Representative Kenneth Sheets. Representative Roberto Alonzo addressed the commission.

**ITEM 2. Discussion**

**a. Dallas and Fort Worth District Overview**

Presentation of key projects in the Dallas and Fort Worth TxDOT Districts

This item was presented by Dallas District Engineer Bill Hale, Fort Worth District Engineer Brian Barth, and Dallas Strategic Projects Office CDA Program Director Randy Redmond. Joining the discussion were Tarrant County Judge Gary

Fickes; Denton County Commissioner Andy Eads; Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins; Collin County Judge Keith Self; Senator Ken Paxton; Senator Royce West; City of Plano Mayor Harry LaRosalier; City of Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka; City of Allen Mayor Steve Terrell; and City of Garland Mayor Douglas Athos.

b. Regional Discussion of Transportation Priorities

This item was introduced by Dallas County Commissioner and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Chairman Mike Cantrell. Joining in the discussion and presentation were RTC member and North Texas Council of Governments Director of Transportation Michael Morris; Chairman North Texas Tollway Authority Kenneth Barr; DFW Airport Board and RTC member Bernice Washington; RTC member and Denton County Transportation Authority Chairman Charles Emory; RTC member and City of Dallas Councilwoman Vonciel Jones Hill.

c. Dallas / Fort Worth Commission For High Speed Rail Update

This item was introduced by Chief Planning and Projects Officer Russell Zapalac. Chairman of the Dallas/Fort Worth Commission for High Speed Rail Bill Meadows provided a summary of the Commission's August 27, 2014 meeting.

**ITEM 3. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551**

**a. Section 551.071 - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda**

**b. Section 551. 074 - Deliberate on the employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of individual staff reporting to the commission office.**

**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 commission received no further comments.

The regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Ted Houghton, Chairman  
Texas Transportation Commission

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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 regular meeting on August 27, 2014, in Dallas, Texas.

  
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Robin Carter, Assistant Chief Clerk  
Texas Department of Transportation