

These are the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on February 22, 2017, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Lewis with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission:

Tryon D. Lewis	Chairman
Jeff Austin, III	Commissioner
Victor Vandergriff	Commissioner
J. Bruce Bugg	Commissioner
Laura Ryan	Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

Marc Williams, Deputy Executive Director
 Jeff Graham, General Counsel
 Robin Carter, Commission 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 1:28 p.m. on February 14, 2017, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

ITEM 1. Safety Briefing

This item was presented by Chief Administrative Officer Rich McMonagle.

ITEM 2. Discussion Item

2017 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) March updates, including proposed statewide connectivity corridors, and Texas Clear Lanes Initiative (Presentation)

This item was presented by Project Planning and Development Director Lauren Garduno. Commissioner Bugg presented his Texas Clear Lanes Initiative, highlighting Governor Abbott's directive concerning congestion relief, and recognizing the five largest metropolitan area district engineers in the audience, Terry McCoy, Kelly Selman, Brian Barth, Quincy Allen, and Mario Jorge. Throughout the presentation the commission asked questions and discussed the UTP and Texas Clear Lanes. Austin District Engineer Terry McCoy, Dallas District Engineer Kelly Selman, and Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams also participated in the discussion and answered questions from the commission.

The commission took a short break from 3:42 p.m. to 3:52 p.m. Commissioner Bugg did not return to the hearing room following the break.

The commission continued the discussion with staff. Mr. Don Dixon, private citizen and engineer, also made comments to the commission.

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, pending or contemplated litigation, or other legal matters.

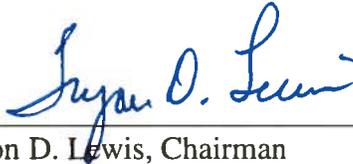
The commission did not meet in executive session.

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 additional comments from Mr. Don Dixon.

Commissioner Ryan motioned adjournment and Commissioner Vandergriff seconded the motion. The commission voted 4 - 0 to adjourn. The workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

APPROVED:



Tryon D. Lewis, 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 February 22, 2017, in Austin, Texas.



Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation