

These are the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on July 26, 2017, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 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:

James Bass, 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 2:42 p.m. on July 18, 2017, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

ITEM 1. Safety Briefing

This item was presented by Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams.

ITEM 2. Discussion Item

a. Overview of the department's Sunset Bill and the General Appropriations Act from the 85th Regular Legislative Session (Presentation)

This item was presented by State Legislative Affairs Director Trent Thomas. The commission discussed the item. Information Management Division Director Dana Glover also answered questions from the commission. Private citizen and engineer Don Dixon spoke to the commission.

b. Development of 2018 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) (Presentation)

This item was presented by Project Planning and Development Director Lauren Garduno. The commission discussed the item.

c. Internal department budget (Presentation)

This item was presented by Financial Management Division Director Stephen Stewart. The commission discussed the item. District Operations Director Randy Hopmann also answered questions from 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 comments from Vidor Mayor Robert Viator and from Texas Conservation Alliance Executive Director Janice Bezantzen concerning FM 299 in Orange County.

Commissioner Austin motioned adjournment and Commissioner Vandergriff seconded the motion. The commission voted 5 - 0 to adjourn. The workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 4:15 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 July 26, 2017, in Austin, Texas.



Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation