

These are the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on July 24, 2019, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chairman Bugg with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission:

J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.	Chairman
Jeff Austin, III	Commissioner
Laura Ryan	Commissioner
Alvin New	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 2:40 p.m. on July 16, 2019, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

ITEM 1. Safety Briefing

Mr. Bass directed that the Greer building safety video be shown on the screen in the Ric Williamson hearing room.

ITEM 2. Discussion Items

a. Proposed safety program funding (Presentation)

This discussion was led by Engineering and Safety Operations Director Michael Lee. The commission received comments from private citizen and engineer Don Dixon. The commission discussed the topic and asked questions of each other and of staff.

b. Proposed Permian Basin energy sector funding (Presentation)

This discussion was led by District Operations Director Randy Hopmann. The commission heard comments from Representative Brooks Landgraf and Permian Strategic Partnership CEO Tracee Bentley. The commission discussed the topic and asked questions of each other and of staff.

c. Texas Clear Lanes update (Presentation)

This discussion was led by Project Planning and Development Director Brian Barth. The commission discussed the topic and asked questions of each other and of staff.

d. Proposed maintenance funding (Presentation)

This discussion was led by Engineering and Safety Operations Director Michael Lee. The commission discussed the topic and asked questions of each other and of staff.

e. Rural and statewide connectivity (Presentation)

This discussion was led by Project Planning and Development Director Brian Barth. The commission discussed the topic and asked questions of each other and of staff.

**ITEM 3. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551
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 all of the following concerning Grand Parkway, SH 99, and its inclusion in the Unified Transportation Program: Representative Ed Thompson, League City Mayor Pat Hallisey, League City Councilman Larry Milligan, Galveston County Commissioner and H-GAC TPC Chairman Kenneth Clark, H-GAC MPO Director Alan Clark, and Brazos County Commissioner and H-GAC Chairman Stacy Adams.

Commissioner Ryan motioned adjournment and Commissioner Austin seconded the motion. The commission voted 4 - 0 to adjourn. The workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

APPROVED by the Texas Transportation Commission on August 29, 2019:



J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., 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 24, 2019, in Austin, Texas.



Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation