

These are the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on December 11, 2019, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairman Bugg with the following commissioners present:

**Texas Transportation Commission:**

J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.	Chairman
Laura Ryan	Commissioner
Alvin New	Commissioner
Robert C. Vaughn	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 3:38 p.m. on December 3, 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 screens in the Ric Williamson hearing room.

**ITEM 2. Discussion Item**

**a. Rural and statewide connectivity update (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Transportation Planning and Programming Division Director Peter Smith. The commission asked questions of staff and joined in the discussion. The commission also heard remarks from Lubbock County Judge Curtis Parrish, Tom Green County Judge Stephen Floyd, Chairman of the Ports-to-Plains Advisory Committee and Lubbock Mayor Dan Pope, and Acuna Coah, Mexico, Mayor Roberto de los Santos as translated by Jaime Garza.

**b. Additional safety program funding update (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Traffic Safety Division Director Michael Chacon. The commission asked questions of staff and joined in the discussion.

**c. Additional Permian Basin energy sector funding update (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Administration Project Advisor, Lauren Garduno. The commission asked questions of staff and joined in the discussion.

d. Texas Transportation Plan 2050 (Presentation)

This discussion was led by Transportation Planning and Programming Division Director Peter Smith. The commission asked questions of staff and joined in the discussion.

e. Potential update to the 2020 Unified Transportation Program (Presentation)

This discussion was deferred.

**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 Zenobia Joseph concerning bus stop safety on North Lamar Blvd. and Breaker Lane, in Austin.

Commissioner Ryan motioned adjournment and Commissioner New seconded the motion. The commission voted 4 - 0 to adjourn. The workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED by the Texas Transportation Commission on January 30, 2020:

J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., 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 workshop meeting on December 11, 2019, in Austin, Texas.



Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk  
Texas Department of Transportation