

These are the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on February 21, 2018, 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 4:00 p.m. on February 13, 2018, 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. Stewardship: Fiscal responsibility through innovation, efficiencies, and cost savings (Presentation)

This discussion was led by Strategy and Innovation Director Darran Anderson. Chief Financial Officer Brian Ragland and Chief Engineer Bill Hale joined Mr. Anderson for the discussion. Private citizen Don Dixon also spoke to the commission. The commissioners asked questions and discussed the topic.

b. Federal infrastructure briefing with U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary Anthony Bedell (Presentation)

This discussion was led by Federal Legislative Affairs Section Director Andrea Lofye. Deputy Assistant Secretary Anthony Bedell was unable to attend the meeting. The commissioners asked questions and discussed the topic.

Chairman Bugg left the dais at 2:59 p.m. and Commission Austin presided over the meeting until Chairman Bugg returned at 3:10 p.m.

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.

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.

b. Section 551.074 - Discuss the evaluation and duties of the executive director.

The commission recessed to executive session at 3:15 p.m. and returned from executive session at 5:04 p.m.

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 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED by the Texas Transportation Commission on March 29, 2018:



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 February 21, 2018, in Austin, Texas.



Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation