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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
125 East 11th Street
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WEDNESDAY
August 26, 2009

1:30 P.M. CONVENE MEETING

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion on the status of the independent management and organizational review of the department.
At its June 2009 meeting the commission requested that Grant Thornton, the consultant selected to conduct a thorough review of TxDOT's organization and management structure, provide regular updates on the status of review and present any issues identified as they develop the final recommendations/report.
2. Discussion of the mission, vision, values, goals, and focus areas for the 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan. ([Report](#))
The staff will facilitate a commission strategic planning session to identify the draft agency mission, vision, values, and goal statements and focus areas for the 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan. The commission will discuss the factors influencing the agency over the next 20 years in meeting the transportation challenges of Texas. The commission will provide guidance to the agency staff on the subsequent strategic planning process, including proposed strategic planning workshops with TxDOT staff and metropolitan planning organization representatives to develop strategies, performance measures, and targets; additional public outreach; plan drafting; and final commission approval, publication, and distribution.
3. Discussion of the development of the Texas Transportation Plan. ([Report](#))
Federal law requires states to prepare long-range statewide transportation plans that provide for the development and implementation of a multimodal transportation system. These plans must consider connections between public transportation, non-motorized modes, rail, commercial motor vehicles, waterways and aviation facilities, particularly with respect to intercity travel. As the department embarks on the development of the next plan, staff will engage the commission in a discussion of the federal requirements pertaining to the plan, relevant Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations and other federal initiatives.

4. **Federal legislative update. (Report)**
Update on federal activities that affect TxDOT operations, including but not limited to, the reauthorization of federal transportation laws, highway trust fund solvency, extensions of current surface transportation laws, appropriations, and budget matters. Also included will be a discussion of the agency's formation of federal legislative priorities.
5. **Status of participation in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project and transparency of financial reports. (Report)**
The Comptroller is managing the development and implementation of an ERP project that includes TxDOT, the Health and Human Services Commission, and the Department of Information Resources in a first-phase deployment. In essence, ERP is about a single set of books, which for Texas state government means and includes the administration of a state agency's general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, budgeting, inventory, asset management, billing, payroll, projects, grants, human resources and procurement. In addition, TxDOT has assisted the Comptroller's efforts by serving as a pilot agency for many of the reports found on the "Where the Money Goes" website managed by the Comptroller. This is an update on the relevant activities of the department.
6. **Discussion of options for the establishment of eligibility, prioritization, and selection criteria for highway improvement projects to be funded using the proceeds from bonds, notes, and other public securities issued under Transportation Code, Section 222.004 (Proposition 12 Bonds). (Report)**
The Texas Legislature passed enabling legislation authorizing the commission to issue general obligation bonds, notes, and other public securities for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of highway improvement projects. For FY 2010-2011, the Legislature appropriated \$90 million for right of way, \$60 million for engineering, and \$850 million for progress payments on no more than \$1.85 billion of non-tolled highway improvement project awards, and appropriated \$1 billion to capitalize the State Infrastructure Bank, and be used to make loans to public entities. The staff will brief the commission on the limitations and restrictions placed on the use of these funds and present scenarios of possible approaches to identify, prioritize and select projects that may be funded with these newly available funds.
7. **Discussion of plan for development of rules to establish a comprehensive transportation planning, project selection, and funding program that will implement the major concepts contained in Article 2 of HB 300, 81st Legislature, Regular Session. (Report)**
At its July 2009 meeting, the commission created an 11-member rulemaking advisory committee to assist the department in development of a transparent, well-defined and readily understandable system of project programming. The staff will brief the commission on the goals to be accomplished, solicitation of public comment, integration of on-going department reviews and studies, and the plan for implementation.

8. Status report and update of the overall Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) Program and specific CDA projects. ([Report](#))

The 81st Legislature adjourned without enacting legislation extending the department's authority to enter into CDAs. The department's general authority to enter into CDAs expires on August 31, 2009. The department may enter into CDAs for certain projects on or before August 31, 2011. This discussion will provide commissioners with a status report on the CDA program and activities being carried out in connection with ongoing and candidate CDA projects.

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