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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

WEDNESDAY
December 16, 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 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan, including comments on the draft strategic direction statements and the results of the Strategic Planning Workgroup's efforts to develop draft objectives, strategies, and performance measures. ([Report](#))
The staff will present a summary of the comments received from TxDOT employees and the public on the draft strategic direction statements adopted by the commission in September 2009 for the 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan. Staff will also present the results of the internal Strategic Planning Workgroup's efforts to develop draft objectives, strategies, and performance measures that align with the draft strategic direction statements. The commission will discuss the factors influencing the agency over the next 5-20 years in meeting the transportation challenges of Texas. The commission will provide guidance to the agency staff on the subsequent strategic planning process, which will include: the refinement of strategies, performance measures, and targets; additional public outreach; plan drafting; and final commission approval, publication, and distribution.
3. Discussion of the commission's goals and objectives relating to capitalizing the State Infrastructure Bank using the proceeds from bonds, notes, and other public securities issued under Transportation Code, Section 222.004 (Proposition 12 Bonds), and the implementation of a program to loan those proceeds to public entities for eligible projects. ([Report](#))
The 81st Legislature appropriated \$1 billion in Proposition 12 bonds to capitalize the State Infrastructure Bank to be used to make loans to public entities. Subsequently, the commission has established a rules advisory committee assist with the development of rules implementing the loan program. Given the significance of this new funding source for highway projects and the numerous policy initiatives associated with the establishment of such a loan program, a discussion on the commission's goals and objectives will provide both the rules advisory committee and staff with insight and guidance on how to proceed with implementation.

4. Discussion of development of the upcoming Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013. ([Report](#))
Every two years the Department is required to submit a Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for the upcoming biennium to be considered by the Texas Legislature. It is anticipated that the upcoming LAR for the department will be due in late August of 2010. Staff will present an anticipated time-line for the development of the LAR and seek the commission's direction on overall approach and areas of emphasis for the LAR.
5. 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.
6. Federal legislative update. ([Report](#))
At the August 26, 2009 Commission Workshop, the Commission directed Government and Public Affairs staff to work with Texas transportation partners to develop a federal legislative priorities document. This is an update on those meetings and a presentation on the draft federal priorities that have been crafted as a result of the discussions with stakeholders.

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