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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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WEDNESDAY
February 25, 2009

1:30 P.M. CONVENE MEETING

1. REPORTS

- a. Update on the status of the development of business process improvements for vehicle titles and registration. (Video)
Vision 21 is a Vehicle Titles and Registration Division initiative to improve customer service to its 21 million customers by making full use of current technology and streamlining current business processes. The resulting improvements will increase efficiency within the department, as well as, county tax assessors offices, auto dealers, and law enforcement.
- b. Discussion on the differences between the department's Legislative Appropriations Request and the introduced version of the General Appropriations Act for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. (Video)
The department submitted its Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 after approval by the commission at its August 2008 meeting. Recently the introduced version of the General Appropriations Act was released for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and there are many differences that staff would like to bring to the attention of the commission.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Update on the status of the pass-through toll program and potential future applications of the program. (Video)
The commission recently passed revised rules concerning the pass-through toll program. These rules allow for the commission to consider pass-through application either on an individual basis or through application of a program call for potential projects. Due to cash flow considerations, the pass-through toll program has generally been suspended for more than twelve months. With the recent revisions to the pass-through rules, there may be a need to consider re-opening the program on a very limited funding basis.

2. **DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

- b. Discussion of the department's plans for the use of Texas' portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for transportation related activities. [\(Video\)](#)

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed legislation enacting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which created an economic stimulus package aimed at bolstering the economy through activities that will create new jobs. One element of this package provides investment in transportation infrastructure projects. TxDOT is working with the Texas Division of the Federal Highway Administration and Texas' metropolitan planning organizations, tolling authorities and transit providers to develop a list of potential projects that would qualify for funding from the stimulus package. This discussion item will allow the commission to discuss the activities TxDOT and our partners have taken thus far and the planned approach we will take to select projects from across the state to recommend to the commission for funding from the program.

- c. Update on the status of the implementation of recommendations made in the State Auditor's Office Cash Financial Forecasting and Fund Allocation Audit. [\(Video\)](#)

The State Auditor's Office recently completed an audit on the financial forecasting and fund allocation processes of the department. The report made a number of recommendations, many of which the department has already implemented. This is an update on the progress of implementing the recommendations of the state auditor.

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