

These are the minutes of the workshop of the Texas Transportation Commission, which was held on February 25, 2009, in Austin, Texas. The meeting opened at 1:34 p.m. with the following members present:

**Commission Members:**

Deirdre Delisi	Chair
Ted Houghton, Jr.	Commissioner
Ned Holmes	Commissioner
Fred Underwood	Commissioner
Bill Meadows	Commissioner

**Administrative Staff:**

Amadeo Saenz, Jr., Executive Director  
Bob Jackson, General Counsel  
Roger Polson, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director

A public notice of this workshop containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the office of the Secretary of State at 4:17 p.m. on February 17, 2009, as required by Chapter 551, of the Government Code, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

The workshop was called to order by Chair Delisi.

**ITEM 1. REPORTS**

**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.**

This item was presented by Chief Financial Officer James Bass.

**ITEM 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**b. Discussion of the department's plans for the use of Texas' portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for transportation related activities.**

This item was presented by Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations John Barton. The commission received comments from Yoakum District Engineer Lonnie Gregorcyk; Houston District Engineer Delvin Dennis; Fort Worth District Engineer Maribel Chavez; Dallas District Engineer Bill Hale; Tyler District Engineer Randy Hopmann; San Angelo District Engineer Walter McCullough; Waco District Engineer Richard Skopik; Pharr District Engineer Mario Jorge; Representative Joe Pickett; Representative Tim Kleinschmidt; Representative Diana Maldonado; Ellis County Commissioner Ron Brown; Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos; Dallas-Fort Worth director of transportation Michael Morris; Houston-Galveston director of transportation Alan Clark; Associated General Contractors of Texas representative Kristen Ogden; Sierra Club member Dick Kallerman; and Texas Public Policy Foundation representative Justin Keener.

**ITEM 1. REPORTS**

**a. Update on the status of the development of business process improvements for vehicle titles and registration**

This item was presented by Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Director Rebecca Davio.

**ITEM 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a. Update on the status of the pass-through toll program and potential future applications of the program**

This item was presented by Assistant Executive Director for Innovative Project Development Phillip Russell.

**c. Update on the status of the implementation of recommendations made in the State Auditor's Office Cash Financial Forecasting and Fund Allocation Audit.**

This item was presented by Finance Division Director Brian Ragland.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Deirdre Delisi, Chair  
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 on February 25, 2009 in Austin, Texas.

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Dee Hernandez, Chief Minute Clerk  
Texas Department of Transportation