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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483**

**WEDNESDAY
January 27, 2010**

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 the review and present any issues identified as they develop the final recommendations/report.
2. Discussion on the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) planned use of the payments received from the North Texas Tollway Authority for the right to develop, finance, design, construct, operate and maintain the SH 121 toll project (SH 121 Regional Toll Revenues), and the project costs that may be paid from these funds.
Staff from TxDOT and the NCTCOG will brief the commission on the NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council plan for the use of the SH 121 Regional Toll Revenues, the department's expenditures that may be included as eligible project costs for these planned projects and paid from these revenues, and how the department will account for and track the planned projects and project costs funded with these revenues.
3. Discussion of potential scenarios for developing and implementing the SH 161 project from SH 183 to I-20 in Dallas County and the SH 121 project from I-30 to US 67 in Tarrant and Johnson Counties (Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail) and adjacent projects.
The commission directed staff to work cooperatively with the NTTA and NCTCOG staffs to develop possible alternatives for developing and implementing both the SH 161 and SH 121 Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail projects in the DFW Metroplex region. The staff will update the commission on the status of these projects, the results of these efforts and the potential solutions identified by the staffs of these three entities.

4. Discussion of potential scenarios for developing and implementing the I-35E Managed Lane Project from US 380 to I-635 in Dallas and Denton counties, the I-35W/I-820 Interchange Project in Tarrant County, and projects along US 77 (future I-69) south of Refugio County and adjacent projects.
The commission directed staff to work cooperatively with the local elected officials to investigate possible alternatives for developing and implementing these projects. The staff will update the commission on the results of these efforts and the potential solutions identified for these projects.
5. Federal legislative update, including an update on The Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 and preparations for implementation if it becomes law.
A status report on federal legislative matters of importance to TxDOT will be presented. Included in the discussion will be an update on The Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 and preparations by TxDOT to implement the act should it become law.
6. Update on the implementation of the spirit of Sarbanes-Oxley including a report by Deloitte.
In January 2009, the commission adopted a minute order directing the chief financial officer to develop and implement policies and procedures which incorporate the spirit of Sarbanes-Oxley into department financial practices. The directive included developing and implementing certifications for quarterly and annual financial reports; developing a code of ethics for senior finance personnel; and developing and implementing a process for establishing and maintaining and adequate internal control structure, including an annual assessment. Deloitte was contracted to assist with the directive as it relates to internal controls and will provide an update on their work.

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