

These are the minutes of the workshop of the Texas Transportation Commission, which was held on January 27, 2010, in Austin, Texas. The meeting opened at 1:31 p.m. with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Deirdre Delisi	Chair
Ted Houghton	Commissioner
Ned Holmes	Commissioner
William 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 12:04 p.m. on January 15, 2010, 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 1. Discussion on the status of the independent management and organizational review of the department.

This item was presented by Assistant Executive Director for Support Operations Edward Serna.

ITEM 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.

This item was presented by Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations John Barton. The commission received comments from director of Transportation at the North Central Texas Council of Governments Michael Morris and Dallas District Engineer Bill Hale.

ITEM 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.

This item was presented by Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations John Barton. The commission also received comments from director of Transportation at the North Central Texas Council of Governments Michael Morris; Executive Director of North Texas Tollway Authority Allen Clemson; and Chief Financial Officer James Bass.

ITEM 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.

This item was presented by Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations John Barton. The commission received comments from Bob Brown; Dallas District Engineer Bill Hale; Executive Director for the Corinth Economic Development Corporation Wayne Boling; Fort Worth District Engineer Maribel Chavez; Secretary of the Regional Transportation Council Jungus Jordan; Texas Turnpike Authority Division Director of Corridor Systems Ed Pensock; Pharr District Engineer Mario Jorge; Corpus Christi District Engineer Russell Lenz; Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos; and San Benito Judge pro tem David Garza.

ITEM 5. Federal legislative update, including an update on The Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 and preparations for implementation if it becomes law.

This item was presented by Government and Public Affairs Division Director Coby Chase and Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations John Barton.

ITEM 6. Update on the implementation of the spirit of Sarbanes-Oxley including a report by Deloitte.

This item was presented by Finance Division Director Brian Ragland. The commission also received comments from Deloitte & Touche Partner Kathie Schwerdtfeger.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

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 January 27, 2010 in Austin, Texas.

Dee Hernandez, Chief Minute Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation