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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
125 E. 11th Street
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WEDNESDAY
January 26, 2011

1:30 P.M. CONVENE MEETING

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Report from the 2030 Committee on transportation needs. **(Report)** **(Report)**
A committee of citizens working with the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M, the Center for Transportation Research at UT-Austin and UT-San Antonio has examined transportation needs. The committee will report to the commission on current trends in pavement and bridge quality, urban mobility and rural connectivity. The committee has also developed improvement scenarios to achieve a range of goals for the movement of people and freight in Texas. A list of funding level scenarios and associated opportunity and impact costs relating the level of investment to personal and state economic impacts will also be provided.
2. Discussion regarding fees to be charged for administering electronic toll collection customer accounts.
State law authorizes the department to charge reasonable fees for administering electronic toll collection customer accounts. Amendments to the department's administrative rules related to toll operations, which become effective on March 1, 2011, provide that those fees will be set by order of the commission. Customer account fees may include fees for various types of tags, account statements, account maintenance, returned checks, and account reactivation. Staff will discuss a potential fee structure and the methodology for determining those fees.
3. Discussion on modifying the existing network of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Harris County. **(Report)**
The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) currently operates a network of HOV lanes through agreement with TxDOT on portions of I-45, US 59, and US 290. METRO has requested permission to operate these facilities as high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes where vehicles that do not meet the existing occupancy requirements would be allowed to use the facility for a toll during non-peak hours. These tolls would be collected electronically and METRO and TxDOT would share in any increased revenue. HOT lanes are designed to improve the efficiency of a corridor in the movement of people and vehicles.

4. Discussion concerning proposed rule of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) implementing Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) requirements for the registration of municipal advisors. [\(Report\)](#)

The proposed SEC rule would include appointed members of governing bodies of state and local governmental entities within the meaning of municipal advisors who are required to comply with the federal registration provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act.

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