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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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WEDNESDAY
July 28, 2010

1:30 P.M. CONVENE MEETING

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Grant Thornton management and organizational review
The commission-appointed transition team will report on initial efforts to implement recommendations contained in the Grant Thornton study.
2. Update of the Texas Rail Plan. ([Report](#))
The Texas Rail Plan identifies current and proposed rail projects, determines infrastructure and capacity constraints on the rail network, develops an awareness of rail issues impacting Texas, and analyzes various options to address system improvements. Stakeholder meetings have been completed and a draft plan has been assembled. A series of nine public meetings to discuss the plan have started. Next steps include a public hearing followed with a comment period, with presentation of the plan to the commission at the September meeting.
3. Discussion of the National Infrastructure Investment Program, referred to as TIGER II Discretionary Grants. ([Report](#))
On April 26, 2010, the U.S. Department of Transportation published an interim notice of funding availability for TIGER II Discretionary Grants. This is a \$600 million nationwide program funded in the federal FY 2010 Appropriations Act. On June 8, 2010 the commission directed staff to work with other sponsoring entities to prepare applications for ten specific projects. Staff will update the commission on the development of these applications being prepared to submit in response to this notice of funding availability to best position the department and the state to receive funds.
4. Update and discussion regarding the draft of TxDOT's Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR).
Every two years the department is required to submit an LAR for the upcoming biennium to be considered by the Texas Legislature. Staff delivered a draft of the LAR to the commission in June and will update the commission on the development of the final LAR to this date and seek commission direction on rail funding, rider revisions, and other LAR components.

5. **Report on Fiscal Year 2010 State Highway Fund (Fund 6) cash status. ([Report](#))**
Staff will update the commission on year-to-date cash balance and activity of Fund 6. The report will include original projections and actual revenues/inflows and expenditures/outflows on a cash basis for FY 2010.
6. **Discussion about low carbon-emitting freight transportation facilities. Evaluate whether to begin rulemaking for the leasing of right of way for such purposes, and the best process for a possible procurement. ([Report](#))**
Discuss the history and summarize major points to consider in planning for a request for proposal for the lease of department ROW for low carbon-emitting freight transportation facilities. The department issued a request for information and received information from various sources. Staff has reviewed this information and will discuss the possibility of entering into a competitive lease process to allow implementation of this technology on state-owned ROW.
7. **Executive Session** Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551
Section 551.071 – Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda

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