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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483**

**WEDNESDAY
March 24, 2010**

1:30 P.M. CONVENE MEETING

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion on 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 the department's organization and management structure, provide regular updates on the status of review, and present any issues identified as they develop the final recommendations/report.
2. Update on the implementation of recommendations made in the State Auditor's Office Cash Financial Forecasting and Fund Allocation Audit.
(Report)
The State Auditor's Office audited the financial forecasting and fund allocation processes of the department. The report made a number of recommendations, many of which the department has already implemented. This is an update on the progress of implementing the recommendations of the state auditor.
3. Planning Activities
 - a. Discussion of the draft 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan.
(Report) (Presentation)
As required by statute, and at the direction of the commission, the department staff has worked over the past year to develop the 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan. The staff will discuss the draft text of the primary components of that plan. The staff will discuss the agency level performance measures, priorities, and targets to be included in the plan. Staff may also discuss the need for potential changes to the department's legislative budget structure to complement the new strategic plan.

3. Planning Activities (continued)
 - b. Discussion of the development of the Texas Transportation Plan. (Report) (Presentation)

Federal law requires states to prepare long-range statewide transportation plans that provide for the development and implementation of a multimodal transportation system. These plans must consider connections between public transportation, non-motorized modes, rail, commercial motor vehicles, waterways and aviation facilities, particularly with respect to intercity travel. The development of a Texas Transportation Plan covering the next 24 years is underway. Staff will update the commission on the scope of the plan and ongoing activities.

- c. Discussion of the status of the update and additions to the Texas Rail Plan. (Report) (Presentation)

The Texas Legislature requires the department to prepare and update annually a long-term plan for a statewide passenger rail system. Furthermore, through federal legislation known as the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act, states must develop a state rail plan which addresses both freight and passenger rail in order to be eligible for federal funds. The department's latest plan was published in 2005 and addressed mostly freight. The department is currently in the process of updating and adding to the plan so that it conforms with federal and state regulations. This discussion will bring the commission up to date on the effort and solicit further direction for the development of the plan.

4. Report on the implementation of the SH 130 Segments 5 and 6, DFW Connector, North Tarrant Express, and LBJ projects that are being delivered under comprehensive development agreements. (Report)(Presentation)

This discussion will provide commissioners with a status report and update concerning activities being carried out in connection with the implementation of four major CDA projects that have been approved by the commission.

5. Report on the implementation of highway improvement projects to be funded using the proceeds from bonds, notes, and other public securities issued under Transportation Code, Section 222.004 (Proposition 12 Bonds). (Report)(Presentation)

In November 2009, the commission approved a list of projects funded with Proposition 12 general obligation bonds. This discussion will provide the commission with a status report and update on the delivery of the projects.

6. Discussion to update the commission on the 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. (Report)(Presentation)

Staff previously presented a plan to the commission regarding the department's efforts 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 continuing efforts and the potential solutions identified for these projects.

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