

These are the minutes of the workshop of the Texas Transportation Commission, which was held on February 23, 2011, in Austin, Texas. The meeting opened at 1:37 p.m. with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Deirdre Delisi	Chair
Ned Holmes	Commissioner
Ted Houghton	Commissioner
William Meadows	Commissioner
Fred Underwood	Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

Amadeo Saenz, Jr., Executive Director
Steve Simmons, Deputy Executive Director
Joanne Wright, Deputy General Counsel
Roger Polson, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director
JoLynne Williams, Chief Minute Order Clerk

A public notice of this workshop containing all items on the agenda was filed in the office of the Secretary of State at 11:01 a.m. on February 15, 2011, 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.

The Commission received a report and comments of appreciation from Michael Morris representing the Super Bowl Committee regarding the efforts of TxDOT employees to maintain the roads throughout the severe winter weather in the Dallas area during all of the recent Super Bowl activities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 1. Discussion concerning establishment of a policy for the department to share in the revenue of a toll project when the department provides financial assistance from certain funding categories to pay for the costs of a toll facility of a public or private entity.

This item was presented by Chief Financial Officer James Bass. The commission also received comments from NTTA chairman Victor Vandergriff.

ITEM 2. Discussion of transportation development credits (TDC) and their potential use toward the non-federal share of eligible projects.

This item was presented by Chief Financial Officer James Bass. The commission also received comments from Michael Morris, executive director of the Regional Transportation Council.

ITEM 3. Discuss the development of a rural component to the 2035 Statewide (HOV) Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP).

This item was presented by the Transportation Planning and Programming Division Director Jim Randall.

ITEM 4. Discussion of studies being conducted by Texas State University related to the total costs of performing engineering activities in-house as compared to contracting with the private sector for those services.

This item was introduced by Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations John Barton. A report was presented by Texas State University's Roselyn Morris. Comments were also received from TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz and NTTA chairman Victor Vandergriff.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 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 February 23, 2011, in Austin, Texas.


JoLynne Williams, Chief Minute Order Clerk
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