

## Texas Transportation Commission Minutes

### Introduction

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) held on February 26, 2026, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman W. Alvin New with the following present:

#### **Texas Transportation Commission**

W. Alvin New, Acting Chairman

Robert C. Vaughn, Commissioner

Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, Commissioner

Pat Gordon, Commissioner

#### **Administrative Staff**

Marc D. Williams, P.E., Executive Director

Jeff Graham, General Counsel

Rebecca Herrera, Commission Clerk

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 2:52 p.m. on February 18, 2026, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act."

### Agenda

#### **Item 1. Safety Briefing**

Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E., directed the Dewitt C. Greer State Highway Building safety video be shown on the screens in the Ric Williamson Hearing Room.

**Item 2. Opening Comments from Commissioners and Executive Director**

The commissioners and executive director made opening remarks.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes**

Consider the approval of the January 29, 2026, regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission

Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn. Commissioner Pat Gordon abstained from voting on this item. The commission approved the minutes of the January 29, 2026, regular meeting by a vote of 3-0.

**Item 4. Contracts**

Consider the award or rejection of contracts for highway construction and maintenance, and construction and rehabilitation of buildings

**a. Highway Improvements and Other Transportation Facilities**

This item was presented by Construction Division Director Duane S. Milligan, P.E. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117129 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117129 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**b. Routine Maintenance**

This item was presented by Construction Division Director Duane S. Milligan, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission approved Minute Order 117130 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117130 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**c. Construction and Rehabilitation of Buildings**

This item was presented by Support Services Division Director Brian Sweat, R.A. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission

approved Minute Order 117131 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117131 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**Item 5. Aviation**

**Various Counties** – Consider the award of federal non-primary entitlement grant funding, federal apportionment grant funding, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act grant funding, and state grant funding for airport improvement projects at various locations

This item was presented by Airport Planning and Program Section Director Michael E. Van Vliet. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117132 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117132 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**Item 6. County Toll Road Authority**

**Brazoria County and Brazoria County Toll Road Authority** – Consider approval of the connection of the Brazoria County Expressway Extension Project (Extension Project) to the state highway system; approve payment for use of state-owned right-way; approve the Extension Project; provide that the Extension Project will become part of the state highway system when the bonds issued by Brazoria County (county) for the Extension Project are paid; authorize the executive director to enter into a project development agreement with the county and the Toll Road Authority for the Extension Project

This item was presented by Transportation Planning and Programming Director Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., M.B.A. The commission heard comments from Pearland Chamber of Commerce President Jim Johnson. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission approved Minute Order 117133 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117133 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**Item 7. Rail Transportation**

**Various Counties** – Consider the award of state funding to local entities for projects selected in the Texas Department of Transportation’s Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program Call for Projects

This item was presented by Rail Division Director Donald Franks. The commission heard comments from Texas Rail Advocates President Peter J. LeCody. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117134 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117134 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**Item 8. Eminent Domain**

**Galveston County** – Authorize condemnation of a parcel of land along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway for dredge material placement

This item was presented by Right of Way Division Deputy Director Greg Faber. Commissioner Pat Gordon made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117135 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117135 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**Item 9. Eminent Domain Proceedings**

**Various Counties** – Consider the authorization of the filing of condemnation proceedings to acquire real property by eminent domain for non-controlled and controlled access highways

This item was presented by Right of Way Division Deputy Director Greg Faber. Commissioner Pat Gordon made a motion in accordance with §2206.053(e) of the Texas Government Code for the Texas Department of Transportation’s use of eminent domain to acquire certain properties described in the minute order therein. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III, and Minute Order 117136 was

approved by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117136 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

### **Item 10. Routine Minute Orders and Reports**

This item was presented by Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission approved Minute Orders 117137-117144 by a vote of 4-0.

#### **a. Donations to the Department**

**Various Counties** – Consider the acknowledgment of donations with a value of \$500 or more, including donations of money, materials, services, or real property, that are made to the Texas Department of Transportation (department) for the purpose of assisting the department in carrying out its functions and duties or for improving access to or from a highway on the state highway system

Minute Order 117137 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

#### **b. Real Estate Dispositions**

**(1) Dallas County** – SH 310 – Consider the removal from the system, transfer of jurisdiction, control, and maintenance, and transfer of right of way to the city of Dallas, Texas

Minute Order 117138 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**(2) Ellis County** – I 45 – Consider an easement release to the underlying fee owner

Minute Order 117139 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**(3) Harris County** – FM 521 – Consider the rescission of Minute Order 116689, dated April 25, 2024, authorizing the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117140 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**c. Reports**

**(1) Compliance Division Report**

The written report was provided to the commission.

**(2) Quarterly Investment Report**

Quarterly Investment Report for all of the funds invested at the direction of the Texas Transportation Commission

The written report was provided to the commission.

**d. Debt Management Policy**

Consider approving the Debt Management Policy for financing programs of the Texas Transportation Commission

Minute Order 117141 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**e. Designation of Access Control**

**Harris County - SH 88, northbound frontage road in the city of Houston**  
- Consider the designation of three locations on the northbound frontage road of SH 88 at which access will be permitted to the abutting property

Minute Order 117142 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**f. Highway Designation**

**Dallas County - In the city of Dallas, consider removing a segment of SH 310 from the state highway system**

Minute Order 117143 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**g. Speed Zones**

**Various Counties - Consider the establishment or alteration of regulatory and construction speed zones on various sections of highways in the state**

Minute Order 117144 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

**Item 11. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551 §551.071 – Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda, pending or contemplated litigation, or other legal matters**

The commission did not meet in executive session.

**Open Comment Period**

At the conclusion of all other agenda items, the Texas Transportation Commission will allow an open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Transportation. No action will be taken. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Speakers must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period.

The commission heard comments from Rethink Transportation Alliance President Miriam Schoenfield about the Texas Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan 2050 and Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran). President Amy Skicki about the 2027 Unified Transportation Program and the projects that BayTran is supporting.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III motioned adjournment and Commissioner Pat Gordon seconded the motion. The commission voted 4-0 to adjourn. The regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on March 25, 2026.



W. Alvin New, Acting Chairman

Texas Transportation Commission

### **Certification of Minutes**

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 regular meeting on February 26, 2026, in Austin, Texas.



Amanda Brown, Commission Chief Clerk  
Texas Department of Transportation