

Texas Transportation Commission Minutes

Introduction

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) held on May 21, 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

Steven D. Alvis, Commissioner

Pat Gordon, Commissioner

Administrative Staff

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

Jeff Graham, General Counsel

Amanda Brown, Commission Chief 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 3:46 p.m. on May 13, 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 April 30, 2026, regular meeting of the commission

Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis. The commission approved the minutes of the April 30, 2026, regular meeting by a vote of 5-0.

Item 4. Acknowledgements of Service

- a.** Recognize by resolution Kenneth Wood, CPPO, CTCD, CTCM for more than 28 years of service to the Texas Department of Transportation (department)

This resolution was presented by Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Davis. Mr. Wood thanked the commission and the Texas Department of Transportation (department). The commissioners thanked Mr. Wood and made additional remarks.

- b.** Recognize by resolution James Stevenson, P.E., for more than 27 years of service to the department

This resolution was presented by Chief Engineer Carl L. Johnson, P.E. Mr. Stevenson thanked the commission and the department. The commissioners thanked Mr. Stevenson and made additional remarks.

Item 5. 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 Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117184 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117184 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 117185 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117185 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 6. Discussion Items**a. World Cup Update**

This discussion was led by Traffic Safety Division Director George Villarreal, P.E., Houston District Engineer Glenn Allbritton, P.E., and Fort Worth District Engineer David Salazar, P.E. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission received no comments.

b. Legislative Appropriations Request

This discussion was led by Financial Management Division Director Amanda Landry, CPA. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission received no comments.

Item 7. Strategic Plan

Consider the adoption of the fiscal year 2027-2031 Strategic Plan for submission to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor

This item was presented by Strategic Initiatives & Innovation Division Director Erika Kemp. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117186 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117186 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 8. Aviation

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

This item was presented by Aviation Division Director Dan Harmon. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117187 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117187 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 9. Public Transportation

Various Counties - Consider the award of federal and state funds to multiple entities for a variety of program eligible purposes

This item was presented by Public Transportation Division Director Eric Gleason. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117188 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117188 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 10. Promulgation of Administrative Rules Under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, and the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code, Chapter 2001:

Final Adoption**Chapter 2 - Environmental Review of Transportation Projects**

Adopts amendments to §§2.201-2.206, and the repeal of §2.207 concerning the Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

This item was presented by Environmental Affairs Division Director Doug Booher. Commissioner Pat Gordon made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117189 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117189 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 11. 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 department'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 117190 was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117190 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 12. Routine Minute Orders and Reports

This item was presented by Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Orders 117191-117199 by a vote of 5-0.

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 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 117191 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Real Estate Dispositions

- (1) Fort Bend County - Farm to Market Road (FM) 1093 - Consider the exchange of a drainage easement as part of a transaction to acquire a drainage easement needed for a state highway purpose**

Minute Order 117192 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

- (2) Harrison County - State Highway Loop 281 - Consider the sale of right of way to the city of Longview, Texas**

Minute Order 117193 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

- (3) Williamson County - FM 685 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner**

Minute Order 117194 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 funds invested at the direction of the commission

The written report was provided to the commission.

d. Finance

(1) Central Texas Turnpike System Bonds

Consider approving the Tenth Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of Central Texas Turnpike System (CTTS) new money and refunding bonds in one or more series, the documents relating to such bonds, and the refinancing or remarketing of certain outstanding CTTS bonds if financial market conditions are favorable for refinancing; and designating department officials to take all actions necessary to deliver the bonds

Minute Order 117195 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(2) Highway Improvement General Obligation Bonds

Consider approving the Eighth Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance of Highway Improvement General Obligation (HIGO) refunding bonds in one or more series, the documents relating to the issuance of such bonds, and the refinancing of certain outstanding HIGO bonds if financial market conditions are favorable for refinancing; and designating department officials to take all actions necessary to deliver the bonds

Minute Order 117196 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(3) State Highway Fund Bonds

Consider approving the Eleventh Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance of one or more series of State Highway Fund revenue refunding bonds, the documents relating to the issuance of such bonds, and the refinancing or remarketing of certain outstanding State Highway Fund revenue bonds if financial market conditions are favorable for refinancing; and designating department officials to take all actions necessary to deliver the bonds

Minute Order 117197 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(4) Texas Mobility Fund Bonds

Consider approving the Sixteenth Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance of new money and refunding obligations of the Texas Mobility Fund (TMF) in one or more series, the documents relating to the issuance of such bonds, and the refinancing or remarketing of certain outstanding TMF obligations if financial market conditions are favorable for refinancing; and designating department officials to take all actions necessary including making any required findings or determinations to deliver the bonds; and approve application to the Texas Bond Review Board, if necessary, for authority to issue such bonds

Minute Order 117198 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

e. 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 117199 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 13. 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 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 department. 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 City of Brownsville Commissioner Nurith Galonsky about the city of Brownsville projects, and The Door Christian Fellowship Church Pastor Roland Perez spoke about road safety issues on FM 1625 in Austin, Texas. The commission received no further comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III motioned adjournment and Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn seconded the motion. The commission voted 5-0 to adjourn. The regular meeting of the commission was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by the commission on June 24, 2026.



W. Alvin New, Acting Chairman

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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 commission at its regular meeting on May 21, 2026, in Austin, Texas.



Amanda Brown, Commission Chief Clerk

Texas Department of Transportation