

Texas Transportation Commission Minutes

Introduction

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) held on June 24, 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 1:56 p.m. on June 16, 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 May 21, 2026, regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission

Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis. The commission approved the minutes of the May 21, 2026, regular meeting by a vote of 5-0.

Item 4. Acknowledgement of Service

Recognize by resolution Lubbock District Engineer Steven P. Warren, P.E., for more than 45 years of service to the department.

This resolution was presented by Chief Engineer Carl L. Johnson, P.E. Mr. Warren thanked the commission and the department. The commissioners thanked Mr. Warren 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 Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117200 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117200 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Other Transportation Facilities

This item was presented by Construction Division Director Duane S. Milligan, P.E. and Maritime Division Director Geir Kalhagen. The commission heard comments from Alethea Bugg. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117201 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117201 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. 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 117202 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117202 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

d. Construction and Rehabilitation of Buildings

This item was presented by Support Services Division Director Brian Sweat, R.A. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117203 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117203 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 6. Discussion Items**a. 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 heard comments from Texas Rail Advocates President Peter LeCody.

b. Unified Transportation Program

This discussion was led by Transportation Planning & Programming Division Director Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., M.B.A. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission heard comments from El Paso Metropolitan Organization Executive Director Eduardo Calvo.

Item 7. Annual Grant Application for Highway Safety**Various Counties - Consider approval of funding for the fiscal year 2027 Annual Grant Application**

This item was presented by Traffic Safety Section Director David Palmer. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117204 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117204 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 117205 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117205 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 9. Public Transportation

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

This item was presented by Public Transportation Division Director Eric L. Gleason. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117206 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117206 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 10. State Infrastructure Bank Loan

Various Counties - Consider approval of applications for State Infrastructure Bank loans from various applicants

This item was presented by State Infrastructure Bank Program Manager Dallas Teston. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117207 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117207 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 11. Promulgation of Administrative Rules Under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, and Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code, Chapter 2001:

a. Rule Proposals

(1) Chapter 2 - Environmental Review of Transportation Projects

Amendments to §§2.302-2.306 and 2.308 concerning Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

This item was presented by Environmental Affairs Division Director Doug Booher. Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission approved Minute Order 117208 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117208 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(2) Chapter 9 - Contract and Grant Management

Amendments to §9.32 concerning Selection Processes, Contract Types, Selection Types, and Projected Contracts

This item was presented by Professional Engineering Procurement Services Division Director Martin L. Rodin, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission approved Minute Order 117209 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117209 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(3) Chapter 9 - Contract and Grant Management

New §9.43 concerning Preclusions

This item was presented by Professional Engineering Procurement Services Division Director Martin L. Rodin, P.E. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission approved Minute Order 117210 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117210 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(4) Chapter 25 - Installation of Pay Telephones

Repeal of §25.3 relating to the installation of pay telephones

This item was presented by Maintenance Division Deputy Director Chris Henry. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117211 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117211 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(5) Chapter 31 - Public Transportation

Repeal of §31.3 Definitions; §31.16 Section 5309 Grant Program; and 31.57 Disposition; enactment of new §31.3 Definitions and §31.57 Disposition; and amendments to §§31.16, 31.30, 31.31, and 31.36 regarding Federal Programs; §§31.40, 31.43, 31.44, 31.45, 31.46, 31.47, 31.48, and 31.49 regarding Program Administration; and §31.50 regarding Recordkeeping and Inventory Requirements

This item was presented by Public Transportation Division Director Eric L. Gleason. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117212 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117212 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Final Adoptions

(1) Chapter 4 - Employment Practices

Amendments to §4.21 and §4.25, modifying and updating program rules to the department's Conditional Grant Program

This item was presented by Human Resources Division Director Chris Young, PhD. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117213 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117213 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(2) Chapter 12 - Public Donations and Participation Program

Amendments to §12.2 and the repeal of §12.5 concerning the Landscape Cost Sharing Program

This item was presented by Design Division Director Jason Pike, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117214 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117214 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 12. 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 Director Kyle J. Madsen, J.D. 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 117215 was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117215 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 13. 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 Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Orders 117216-117228 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 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 117216 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Real Estate Dispositions

- (1) Atascosa County** - State Highway (SH) 16/State Highway Loop (SL) 282 - Consider an easement release to the underlying fee owner

Minute Order 117217 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

- (2) Bastrop County** - SH 95/SL 109 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

This item was DEFERRED to a later date.

- (3) Bexar County** - Principal Arterial Street System 1502 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117218 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

- (4) Ector County** - Business Interstate Highway 20E - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117219 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

- (5) Ellis County** - Business United States Highway 287S - Consider the transfer of jurisdiction, control, and maintenance, and the transfer of right of way to the city of Ennis, Texas

Minute Order 117220 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(6) Goliad County - SL 71 - Consider the transfer of jurisdiction, control, and maintenance, and the transfer of right of way to the Texas Historical Commission

Minute Order 117221 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(7) Harrison County - Consider a recommendation to the governor regarding the execution and delivery of a quitclaim deed, correction deed, or other conveyance instrument necessary to resolve an ambiguity or error that conveyed an interest in real property to the state and which resulted in the acquisition of an interest in real property not intended to be included and not needed for a highway purpose

Minute Order 117222 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(8) Morris County - SH 77 - Consider an easement release to the underlying fee owner

Minute Order 117223 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(9) Nueces County - United States Highway (US) 181 -

Consider the quitclaim of an easement interest no longer needed for a highway purpose to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, formerly known as the Nueces County Navigation District No. 1, in order to comply with a reversionary clause contained in the instrument that originally conveyed the easement interest to the state

Minute Order 117224 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(10) Nueces County - US 181 - Consider the quitclaim of an easement interest no longer needed for a highway purpose to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, successor in interest to the Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company, in order to comply with a reversionary clause contained in the instrument that originally conveyed the easement interest to the state

Minute Order 117225 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. Reports

(1) Compliance Division Report

The written report was provided to the commission.

(2) Environmental Report

Consider the acceptance of the Environmental Report on projects being processed under the procedures of Transportation Code, Chapter 201, Subchapter I-1

The written report was provided to the commission.

d. Highway Designation

DeWitt County - In DeWitt County, consider extending a segment of Farm to Market Road (FM) 240 and removing a segment of FM 240 from the state highway system

Minute Order 117226 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

e. Land Acquisitions

Bowie County - Consider the grant of authority to the department to acquire real property for facilities

Minute Order 117227 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

f. 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 117228 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 14. 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 City of Brownsville Commissioner Nurith Galonsky expressing the city's appreciation for the department; Glen Blankenship spoke about faulty traffic signal controllers and equipment in Texas, specifically in Houston; John Stark expressed gratitude for having access to intercity transit rail; and Joshua Fike spoke about the SH 68 Project. 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 Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on July 30, 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 Texas Transportation Commission at its regular meeting on June 24, 2026, in Austin, Texas.



Amanda Brown, Commission Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation