



Texas Transportation Commission Meeting Agenda

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Agenda

Meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

1. Safety Briefing

Staff will provide general safety instructions.

2. Opening Comments from Commissioners and Executive Director

- a. Commissioner Pat Gordon
- b. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis - Project Nexus; Milby Groundbreaking Event
- c. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III - Border Trade Advisory Committee
- d. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn - LBJ East Ribbon Cutting; Ross Fire
- e. Acting Chairman W. Alvin New - Texas Freight Advisory Committee
- f. Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E. - Texas Department of Transportation (department) Updates

3. Approval of Minutes

Consider approval of the minutes of the August 26, 2026, regular meeting of the commission

4. **Contracts**

Consider the award or rejection of contracts for highway construction and maintenance, and for construction and rehabilitation of buildings ([Presentation](#))

These minute orders contain information concerning the receipt of bids for highway improvement contracts. The department may reschedule receipt of bids for those projects where the commission rejects all bids. Those bids accepted by the commission will result in conditional contract awards to the low bidders. Contract award conditions may involve securing funding from other sources, the contractor's ability to satisfy statutory requirements, or other requirements as outlined in the project bid proposal.

- a. **Highway Improvement and Other Transportation Facilities** ([Minute Order](#))
- b. **Routine Maintenance** ([Minute Order](#))
- c. **Construction and Rehabilitation of Buildings** ([Minute Order](#))

5. **Aviation**

Various Counties - Consider the award of federal non-primary entitlement grant funding, federal apportionment grant funding, Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) grant funding, and state grant funding for airport improvement projects at various locations ([Minute Order](#))

Federal law authorizes the award of federal non-primary entitlement grant funding, federal apportionment grant funding, and IIJA grant funding to preserve and improve the state's general aviation system. State law authorizes the award of state grant funding for capital improvement projects.

6. **Public Transportation**

El Paso County - Consider the award of federal and state funds to El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC ([Minute Order](#))

The awards identified in this minute order reflect the allocation of remaining balances of federal §5311, §5339, and state funds originally awarded to El Paso County under prior actions of the commission, to El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC. El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC will serve as the rural transit district providing transit service to the area previously served by El Paso County.

7. **Rail Transportation**

Various Counties - Consider the award of state funding to local entities for projects selected in the department's Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program Call for Projects ([Minute Order](#))

The awards identified in this minute order reflect the allocation of state funds for off-system rail grade separation projects pursuant to Texas Transportation Code §471.010.

8. **State Infrastructure Bank**

Montgomery County - City of Magnolia - Consider final approval of a request from the city of Magnolia (city) for a State Infrastructure Bank loan in the amount of up to \$1,168,000.00 for utility relocation necessary for a non-tolled, on-system project to widen Farm to Market (FM) Road 1488 in Montgomery County, Texas ([Presentation](#)) ([Minute Order](#))

The city will secure the loan with a pledge of utility fund revenues. The loan will be used to pay the city's costs of utility relocation necessary for a non-tolled, on-system project to widen FM 1488 in Montgomery County, Texas.

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

a. **Rules Proposals**

(1) **Chapter 2 - Environmental Review of Transportation Projects**

Proposed amendments to §§2.251, 2.253, 2.256, 2.259, 2.265, 2.267, 2.268, 2.270, and 2.271 concerning Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) ([Minute Order](#))

The proposed amendments revise and update the department's memorandum of understanding with the THC, which is required by Texas Transportation Code §201.607.

(2) **Chapter 15 - Financing and Construction of Transportation Projects**

Proposed amendments to §15.171, Definitions; and §15.174, Safety Projects ([Minute Order](#))

The proposed amendments align Texas Highway Trunk System language with related department rules, update terminology, and clarify safety project eligibility provisions.

(3) **Chapter 16 - Planning and Development of Transportation Projects**

Proposed amendments to §16.2, Definitions and Acronyms; §16.56, Texas Highway Trunk System; and §16.153, Funding Categories ([Minute Order](#))

The proposed amendments update Texas Highway Trunk System provisions, align related definitions and funding category language, and clarify administration of the Texas Highway Trunk System.

(4) **Chapter 28 - Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads**

Repeal of §§28.20-28.22, §§28.30-28.32, §§28.40-28.47, §§28.60-28.67, §§28.100-28.107, §§28.110-28.117, and §§28.120-28.127, and new §§28.150-28.170, Subchapter K, Issuance of Permits for Oversize or Overweight Vehicles by Other Governmental Entities ([Minute Order](#))

The proposed amendments streamline existing rules by repealing existing subchapters C, D, E, F, H, I, and J and replacing them with a new Subchapter K. In addition, the rules add provisions allowing the department to enter into an agreement with the city of Laredo to issue permits for oversize and overweight vehicles and loads on roads designated by Texas Transportation Code §623.382.

b. **Final Rules Adoptions**

(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 (TCEQ) ([Minute Order](#))

The amendments to multiple rule sections revise and update the department's memorandum of understanding with the TCEQ, which is required by Texas Transportation Code §201.607.

(2) **Chapter 9 - Contract and Grant Management**

Amendments to §9.32 concerning Selection Processes, Contract Types, Selection Types, and Projected Contracts ([Minute Order](#))

The amendments will delegate the authorization to extend the four-year period to issue work authorization to the executive director. The amendments will also incorporate an exception to the five-year limit on indefinite deliverable contracts using the federal selection process, allowing an extension to complete authorized work.

(3) **Chapter 25 - Installation of Pay Telephones**

Repeal of §25.3 relating to the installation of pay telephones ([Minute Order](#))

The repeal of §25.3 eliminates language allowing for the installation of pay telephones in rest areas and other locations. With the widespread use of cell phones, pay telephone usage has all but disappeared. All pay phones that were installed under this section have been removed.

(4) **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 ([Minute Order](#))

The amendments repeal an obsolete rule, update rules to comply with current state and federal requirements, and streamline and clarify language.

10. **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 ([Minute Order](#))

Commission findings, determinations, and authorizations for the state, by motion made in accordance with Senate Bill 18, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, to acquire by eminent domain, upon the payment of adequate and just compensation, various ownership interests in specific parcels of real property that are needed to develop or improve both non-controlled and controlled access state highways, to include requesting the state attorney general to bring and pursue condemnation suits relating to those specific parcels of real property.

11. **Routine Minute Orders and Reports**

a. **Donations to the Department**

Various Districts - Consider the acknowledgment of donations with a value of \$500.00 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](#))

State statutes require the commission to acknowledge the acceptance of a gift to the department that is valued at \$500.00 or more. By the adoption of this minute order, the commission acknowledges the receipt and acceptance of the property specified in the minute order.

b. **Real Estate Disposition**

The commission must approve the sales, transfers, and exchanges of state rights of way and other real properties that are no longer needed for a state highway purpose. It must also approve, accept, and acknowledge donations to the state of real property that is valued at \$500.00 or more.

Lubbock County - United States Highway (US) 62/State Highway (SH) 114 and US 84 - Consider the transfer of jurisdiction, control, and maintenance, and the transfer of right of way to the city of Lubbock, Texas (city) ([Minute Order](#))

The Lubbock District has recommended that the commission determine that four segments of roadway may be transferred to the city. The city has agreed to assume jurisdiction, control, and maintenance and has requested that the right of way be transferred to the city. The right of way may be transferred to the city without cost to remain in use for public road purposes and will revert to the state if it ceases to be used for public road purposes, if the unrestricted motor vehicle lanes are reduced in number or width, or if the capacity of the roadways is reduced at all.

c. **Report**

Compliance Division Report

State law requires the commission to establish a compliance program, which must include a compliance division to oversee the program. The Compliance Division is responsible for acting to prevent and detect serious breaches of the department's policy, fraud, waste, and abuse of office, including any acts of criminal conduct within the department. The Compliance Division is required to provide a monthly report to the commission regarding investigations and a summary of information relating to trends and recommendations.

d. **Designation of Access Control**

Reeves County - Interstate Highway (I) 20 eastbound frontage on the southeast quadrant of the Country Club Drive intersection, and approximately 90 feet west of the original designation of access, and approximately 1,450 feet east of Country Club Drive on the south side of the eastbound I-20 frontage road - Consider the re-designation of one location on the south side of I-20 eastbound frontage road at which access will be permitted to the abutting property ([Minute Order](#))

The redesignation of one 83.90-foot break in the control-of-access line with one proposed 83.88-foot break in the control-of-access line will allow the abutting landowner to open one commercial driveway for access to and from the eastbound frontage road of I-20. The district has determined that access may be permitted at the designated location.

e. **Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2027**

Various Counties - Consider the certification of eligible counties for the FY 2027 Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program; establish local match adjustments for each county and certain cities, and delegate the statutory reporting responsibility to the executive director or designee ([Minute Order](#))

State law requires the commission to annually certify economically disadvantaged counties as soon as possible after the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reports on the relevant economic indicators. This minute order certifies the counties eligible to participate in the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program for FY 2027 and establishes the local match adjustment for each county and certain cities participating in the program. This minute order also delegates the statutory reporting responsibility to the department executive director or designee.

f. **Highway Designations**

- (1) **Ellis County** - In Ellis County, consider the designation of a segment of Business United States Highway (BU) 287-S as State Spur (SS) 402 and the removal of a segment of BU 287-S from the state highway system ([Minute Order](#))
This minute order designates a segment of BU 287-S as SS 402 from US 287 eastward to Farm to Market Road (FM) 1722, a distance of approximately 2.6 miles, and removes a segment of BU 287-S from the state highway system from FM 1722 eastward to Business Interstate Highway (BI) 45-G, then southward and southeastward along BI 45-G to US 287 and I-45, a total distance of approximately 4.4 miles.
- (2) **Freestone County** - In Freestone County, consider removing Park Road (PR) 64 from the state highway system ([Minute Order](#))
This minute order removes PR 64 from the state highway system from the former Fairfield State Park entrance at its intersection with FM 3285, northward to the boat ramp on the lake, a distance of approximately 1.4 miles.

- (3) **Goliad County** - In Goliad County, consider removing State Loop (SL) 71 from the state highway system ([Minute Order](#))

This minute order removes the designation of SL 71 from the state highway system in its entirety, from US 183 at Camino de Bexar Road, extending eastward along Camino de Bexar Road to Baldez Road, southward along Baldez Road to Lopez Road, eastward along Lopez Road to Cabrera Road, southward along Cabrera Road, and westward to US 183, a total distance of approximately 0.6 miles.

- (4) **Lubbock County** - In the city of Lubbock, consider removing segments of US 62, SH 114 and US 84 from the state highway system and designating US 62 concurrent with US 82, SH 114 concurrent with SL 289, and US 84 concurrent with US 82 and I-27 ([Minute Order](#))

This minute order removes segments of US 62 and SH 114 along 19th Street and US 84 along Avenue Q from the state highway system within the city of Lubbock and designates segments of US 62 concurrent with US 82, SH 114 concurrent with SL 289, and US 84 concurrent with US 82 and I-27.

g. **Land Acquisition for Facilities**

Ector County - Consider the grant of authority to the department to acquire real property for facilities ([Minute Order](#))

The department is in the process of acquiring real property for the construction of new facilities and the expansion of existing facility sites. Funds for the purchase of these properties were appropriated by the General Appropriations Act, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, for the FY 2026-2027 Biennium. The department requests the commission's authorization to enter into purchase contracts and related documents to complete the acquisition of the listed properties.

h. **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](#))

This minute order establishes or alters regulatory and construction speed zones on various sections of highways in the state.

12. **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.

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 . Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Speakers must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period.

Adjournment