Texas Transportation Commission Minutes

Introduction

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) held on September 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 3:44 p.m. on September 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 August 26, 2026, regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission

Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III. The commission approved the minutes of the August 26, 2026, regular meeting by a vote of 5-0.

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 117282 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117282 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 Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117283 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117283 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 117284 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117284 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 and Investment 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 117285 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117285 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 6. Public Transportation

El Paso County - Consider the award of federal and state funds to El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC

This item was presented by Public Transportation Division Director Eric Gleason. Commissioner Pat Gordon made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117286 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117286 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 department's Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program Call for Projects

This item was presented by Rail Division Director Don Franks. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117287 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117287 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 8. State Infrastructure Bank

Montgomery County - City of Magnolia - Consider final approval of a request from the city of Magnolia 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 Road 1488 in Montgomery County, Texas

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 117288 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117288 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 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

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 117289 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117289 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

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

Proposed amendments to §15.171, Definitions; and §15.174, Safety Projects

This item was presented by Transportation Planning & Programming Division Director Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., M.B.A. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117290 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117290 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(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

This item was presented by Transportation Planning & Programming Division Director Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., M.B.A. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117291 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117291 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(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

This item was presented by Maintennce Division Director Jace Lee, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pat Gordon, and the commission approved Minute Order 117292 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117292 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

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

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 117293 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117293 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 Center of Excellence Section Director Dan Neal. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117294 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117294 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(3) Chapter 25 - Installation of Pay Telephones

Repeal of §25.3 relating to the installation of pay telephones

This item was presented by Maintennce Division Director Jace Lee, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117295 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117295 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(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

This item was presented by Public Transportation Division Director Eric Gleason. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117296 by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117296 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 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

This item was presented by Right of Way Division Director Kyle 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 Steven D. Alvis, and Minute Order 117297 was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Minute Order 117297 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 11. 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 Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Orders 117298-117306 by a vote of 5-0.

a. Donations to the Department

Various Counties – 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 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 117298 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Real Estate Disposition

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

Minute Order 117299 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. Report

Compliance Division Report

The written report was provided to the commission.

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 117300 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

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 117301 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

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 402 and the removal of a segment of BU 287-S from the state highway system

This item was DEFERRED to a later date.

(2) **Freestone County** - In Freestone County, consider removing Park Road 64 from the state highway system

Minute Order 117302 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

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

Minute Order 117303 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(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 117304 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

g. Land Acquisition for Facilities

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

Minute Order 117305 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

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 117306 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 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

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 received no comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner Steven D. Alvis motioned adjournment and Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III seconded the motion. The commission voted 5-0 to adjourn. The regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on October 29, 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 September 24, 2026, in Austin, Texas.



Amanda Brown, Commission Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation