



# I-27 Advisory Committee Meeting #6

Center Pointe Event Center | 4925 Marsha Sharp Fwy W | Lubbock, TX 79407  
April 11, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

# Meeting Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee and Networking</b>	Virtual members can join online at 8:45 a.m.
9:00 - 9:10 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <b>Honorable Brenda Gunter</b> <i>Mayor, City of San Angelo, I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</i> <b>Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E.</b> <i>Division Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</i> <b>Caroline Mays, AICP</b> <i>Director, Planning and Modal Programs, TxDOT</i> <b>Andrew Canon</b> <i>Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</i> <b>Alvin New</b> <i>Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission</i> <b>Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III</b> <i>Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission</i>	Welcome and introductions  Opening remarks and perspectives
9:10 - 9:15 a.m.	<b>Roll Call /Safety Minute</b> <b>Cary Karnstadt</b> <i>Project Development Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</i>	
9:15 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Ports-to-Plains System in Texas - Interstate Implementation Plan Recommendations and Committee Workshop</b> <b>Wendy Travis</b> <i>Southwest Region Director, Transportation, Garver</i> <b>Consultant Team Garver</b>	Discussion of Category 4 Funding  Opportunity for Committee Members to provide input on Implementation Plan recommendations
11:00 - 11:20 a.m.	<b>District Updates</b> <b>Blair Johnson, P.E.</b> <i>Amarillo District Engineer</i> <b>Steven Warren, P.E.</b> <i>Lubbock District Engineer</i> <b>Glenn Allbritton, P.E.</b> <i>Abilene District Engineer</i> <b>Eric Lykins, P.E.</b> <i>Odessa District Engineer</i> <b>Chris Cowen, P.E.</b> <i>San Angelo District Engineer</i> <b>Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E.</b> <i>Laredo District Engineer</i>	Studies and UTP Investments feeding the interstate implementation efforts
11:20 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Meeting Schedule</b> <b>Honorable Brenda Gunter</b> <i>Mayor, City of San Angelo, I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</i> <b>Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.</b> <i>Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</i>	Update on schedule adjustments  Discussion of logistics for future meetings
11:30 a.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>	

# Speaker Bios



## Honorable Brenda Gunter

**Mayor, City of San Angelo, Advisory Committee Chair**

Brenda has been instrumental in the revitalization of downtown and the creation of the TIRZ program to help local businesses. She was named San Angelo's 2009 Citizen of the Year, served as the 2010 United Way Campaign chair and has received awards for the Girl Scout's Women of Distinction and the Standard-Times' Jefferson Award. She is well known for her successful work in downtown revitalization and now wants to put her energy to work helping all small business and citizens in San Angelo.



## Alvin New

**Texas Transportation Commissioner**

Alvin has lived in or near San Angelo since 1981. He is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission. During his time in San Angelo he has been a business investor, rancher and former Mayor. Currently he is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission which oversees activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was reappointed on February 24, 2021 by the Texas Governor.



## Caroline Mays, AICP

**Director of Planning and Modal Programs**

Caroline has over 20 years of experience in freight transportation planning, international trade, cross-border transportation, corridor planning, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) planning, systems management and operations, and transit planning. As the Director of Planning and Modal Programs, Caroline directs TxDOT's planning activities through a comprehensive systems approach, ensuring the implementation of a robust multimodal, multidisciplinary, innovative and consensus-oriented planning process.



## Andrew Canon

**Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section Director**

Andrew directs and manages a wide range of projects including the Statewide Freight Mobility Plan, Corridor Planning Projects, and international trade and transportation planning studies. Andrew joined TxDOT as a Transportation Planner in the Transportation Planning and Programming Division. From 2004 to the present, he's served as Executive Director of the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and then the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.



## Cary Karnstadt

**Project Development Manager**

Cary has worked at TxDOT for more than 25 years in various roles before joining the TPP Division as a Corridor Planning Project Manager. His experience includes corridor planning, crash analysis, and management of transportation projects.



## Honorable Curtis Parrish

**Judge, Lubbock County, Advisory Committee Vice-Chair**

Curtis was elected Lubbock County Judge in 2018, serving as the probate, guardianship and mental health judge for Lubbock County, as well as administrative duties with the Commissioners Court. Judge Parrish has always been active in the Lubbock community, having worked with and served on the boards of several organizations, including Civic Lubbock, Inc., Lubbock United Neighborhood Association and The Salvation Army of Lubbock. He also had an active part in establishing the Buddy Holly Museum and was an integral part of the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame for many years.



## Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III

**Texas Transportation Commissioner**

Alex is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was appointed commissioner by Governor Greg Abbott on March 21, 2023. Meade, who lives in Mission, was appointed to serve on the Commission for a term set to expire Feb. 1, 2025.



## Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E.

**Division Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division**

Tito has over 19 years of experience. He was appointed as the Deputy District Engineer for the Laredo District where he oversees the day-to-day operations for the eight counties within the district while managing the unique transportation & international trade challenges along the border region to help improve the safety & reliability of the District's transportation network. Tito oversaw the accelerated development of \$200M of rehabilitation projects to help mitigate the impacts of the Eagle Ford Shale boom in the region. As the Director of Transportation Planning & Development, he managed a high \$1.63 billion 10-Year UTP for the district.



## Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.

**Corridor Planning Branch Manager**

Lorena has over 30 years of experience in the private and public sectors. Her experience includes planning, design, management, and construction of urban and rural transportation projects. Before being named Manager of the TPP Division Corridor Planning Branch, she held different positions at the Pharr, San Antonio, and Austin Districts, as well as in the Professional Engineering Procurement Services (PEPS) Division.

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