



I-27 Advisory Committee Meeting #7

Ramada by Wyndham | 2101 Veterans Blvd. | Del Rio, TX 78840
September 19, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Coffee and Networking	Virtual members can join online at 8:45 a.m.
9:00 - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks Honorable Brenda Gunter <i>Mayor, City of San Angelo, I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</i> Caroline Mays, AICP <i>Director, Planning and Modal Programs, TxDOT</i> Mildred Litchfield. <i>Deputy Division Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division</i> Alejandro “Alex” G. Meade III <i>Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission</i>	Welcome and introductions Opening remarks and perspectives
9:10 - 9:15 a.m.	Roll Call /Safety Minute Cary Karnstadt <i>Project Development Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</i>	
9:15 - 9:25 a.m.	I-27 Designation Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E. <i>Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</i>	
9:25 - 9:30 a.m.	Update from Ports-to-Plains Alliance Lauren Garduno <i>President and CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance</i>	
9:30 - 10:40 a.m.	2025 Unified Transportation Program Update Blair Johnson, P.E. <i>Amarillo District Engineer</i> Steven Warren, P.E. <i>Lubbock District Engineer</i> Michael Haithcock, P.E <i>Abilene Director of Transportation Planning and Development</i> Eric Lykins, P.E. <i>Odessa District Engineer</i> John DeWitt, P.E. <i>San Angelo Director of Transportation Planning and Development</i> Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E. <i>Laredo District Engineer</i>	
10:40 - 11:10 a.m.	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update Juan Mendive <i>MPO Director, Laredo and Webb County MPO</i> Major Hofheins <i>MPO Director, San Angelo MPO</i> Placido Madera <i>MPO Director, Eagle Pass MPO</i>	
11:10 - 11:30 a.m.	Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan Giacomo Yaquinto <i>Statewide Planning Branch Manager</i>	
11:30 a.m.	Adjourn	

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.



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.



Caroline Mays, AICP

Director of Planning and Modal Programs

Caroline Mays is a senior leader with over 24 years of experience in multimodal transportation planning, programming, policy, project development, and implementation at various levels. She currently serves as the Director of Planning and Modal Programs at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), overseeing transportation planning activities across multiple divisions. Ms. Mays is a member of TxDOT's senior leadership team and currently serves as the Director of Planning and Modal Programs.



Mildred Litchfield

Deputy Division Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

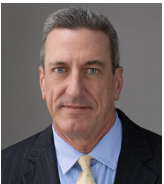
Mildred serves as the Deputy Director of the Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Division at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In this capacity, she helps ensure division operations including directing the development of the 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP), the Statewide Multi-modal Transportation Plan, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, freight and international planning activities, public involvement as well as monitoring of the statewide traffic analysis system and transportation data management.



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.



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.

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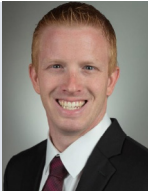
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