



## I-27 Advisory Committee Meeting #8

Etter-Harbin Alumni Center (Legends Room) | 2110 San Jacinto Blvd | Austin, TX 78712

University of Texas at Austin

April 10, 2025 | 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# Meeting Agenda

Senate Bill 1474 established the I-27 Advisory Committee to: Provide the department with information on the concerns and interests along the I-27 Corridor; and Advise the department on transportation improvements impacting the I-27 Corridor.

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

## Refreshments and Networking

Virtual members can join online at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 - 1:40 p.m.

## Welcome and Opening Remarks

Welcome and introductions

Opening remarks and perspectives



**Honorable Brenda Gunter**  
*Mayor, City of San Angelo, I-27 Advisory Committee Chair*



**Commissioner Alvin New**  
*Texas Transportation Commission*



**Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III**  
*Texas Transportation Commission*

1:40 - 1:45 p.m.

## Roll Call /Safety Minute

**Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.**

*Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT*



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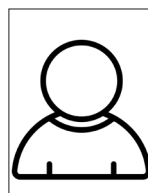
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1:45 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>I-27 Implementation Plan Project Updates</b> <b>Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.</b> <i>TxDOT</i> <b>Zach Ashburn</b> <i>Garver</i> <b>Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E.</b> <i>Laredo District Engineer</i> <b>John DeWitt, P.E.</b> <i>San Angelo Director of Transportation Planning and Development</i> <b>Eric Lykins, P.E.</b> <i>Odessa District Engineer</i> <b>Michael Haithcock, P.E.</b> <i>Abilene Director of Transportation Planning and Development</i> <b>Steven Warren, P.E.</b> <i>Lubbock District Engineer</i> <b>Kit Black, P.E.</b> <i>Amarillo Director of Transportation Planning and Development</i>	I-27 projects in the 2025 UTP  I-27 Dashboard update  I-27 District updates
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Review of Legislation related to I-27</b> <b>Trent Thomas</b> <i>Director, Government Affairs Division, TxDOT</i>	I-27 Legislative update
3:15 - 3:20 p.m.	<b>Update from Ports-to-Plains Alliance</b> <b>Lauren Garduno</b> <i>President and CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance</i>	Ports-to-Plains Alliance update
3:20 - 3:35 p.m.	<b>Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update</b> <b>Cameron Walker, AICP</b> <i>Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO</i>	I-27 Corridor MPO updates
3:35 - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Customs and Border Patrol</b> <b>Honorable Brenda Gunter</b> <i>Mayor, City of San Angelo, I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</i>	Discussion of customs and border patrol
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Election of New Chair and Vice Chair/Elect Economic Professional Member</b> <b>Honorable Brenda Gunter</b> <i>Mayor, City of San Angelo, I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</i>	Discussion and election of Chair and Vice Chair and elect Economic Professional Member for Segment 3
4:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>	

## I-27 Advisory Committee Leadership



### 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 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 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.

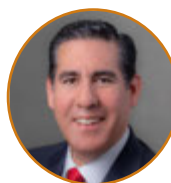


### Honorable Curtis Parrish

**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.

## Texas Transportation Commission



### Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III

**Texas Transportation Commissioner**

Alex Meade previously served as the city manager of Pharr, where he managed a \$200 million budget and almost 700 employees. He also has served as the chief executive officer of the Mission Economic Development Corporation. Meade is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. Meade, who lives in Mission, was appointed by Governor Abbott on March 21, 2023.



### Alvin New

**Texas Transportation Commissioner**

Alvin New is a business investor, rancher and former San Angelo Mayor. He is a former member of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Board and the Concho Valley Center Economic Development Board. New is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. New, who lives in San Angelo, was reappointed by Governor Abbott on April 8, 2021.

## TxDOT Leadership



### Caroline Mays, AICP

**Director of Planning and Modal Programs**

Caroline is a senior leader in the Texas Department of Transportation with over 25 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 where she oversees transportation planning activities across multiple divisions.



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

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

Tito has over 20 years of experience and currently serves as the TxDOT Director of the Transportation Planning and Programming Division. As the TPP Division Director, Tito manages statewide planning activities such as development of the Unified Transportation Program, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and Corridor, Freight, and Border Planning.



### Andrew Canon

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

Andrew has over 25 years of experience. He started as the Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section Director in November 2023. He directs and manages a wide range of projects including the Statewide Freight Mobility Plan, corridor planning projects, and international trade and transportation planning studies. From 2004 to 2023, he served as Executive Director of the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and then the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.



### Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.

**Corridor Planning Branch Manager**

Lorena has over 25 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 TxDOT 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.





### **Steven Warren, P.E.**

#### **District Engineer, Lubbock District**

Steven has over 25 years of experience with TxDOT. He was named the Director of Transportation Planning and Development in the Lubbock District overseeing all advance planning, environmental, right-of-way, utilities, and plan development. In 2012, he was honored with the Gibb Gilchrist Award in recognition of outstanding service in highway engineering to the State of Texas. He was named Lubbock District Engineer in August 2016.



### **Jeremy Dearing, P.E.**

#### **District Engineer, Abilene District**

Jeremy has over 25 years of experience with TxDOT and was appointed as the Director of Transportation Operations for the Lubbock District in February 2019 to help improve the safety communications for district ITS networks, device monitoring systems for signal, ITS, illumination systems, and identifying intersections for new innovative designs. Dearing has served on the statewide Safety Task Force. He was appointed District Engineer for the Abilene District in March 2025.



### **Eric Lykins, P.E.**

#### **District Engineer, Odessa District**

Eric has over 25 years of experience in the private and public sectors. When Eric joined TxDOT he became a key member of the Brownwood District, where he served as Area Engineer. The following year took on the position of Director of Construction before being appointed Director of Operations in 2018. Eric was appointed District Engineer for the Odessa District in June 2022.



### **Chris Cowen, P.E.**

#### **District Engineer, San Angelo District**

Chris has over 25 years of experience with TxDOT. He has held several positions assisting with the design, construction, and maintenance operations. In 2011, he served as the Director of Construction for the Bryan District where he oversaw the construction program with contracts totaling more than \$500 million dollars. Chris began his current role as San Angelo District Engineer in October 2020.



### **Epigmenio Gonzalez P.E.**

#### **District Engineer, Laredo District**

Epigmenio has over 25 years of experience with TxDOT. He served as the Director of Transportation Operations for the Pharr District, where he helped modernize operations. Epigmenio currently oversees the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance in the Laredo District. Epigmenio began his current role as Laredo District Engineer in November 2022.

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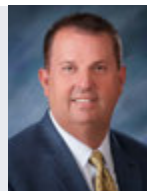
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