

Texas Transportation Commission Minutes

Introduction

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) held on January 29, 2026, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman W. Alvin New with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission

W. Alvin New, Acting Chairman

Robert C. Vaughn, Commissioner

Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, Commissioner

Steven D. Alvis, Commissioner

Administrative Staff

Marc D. Williams, P.E., Executive Director

Jeff Graham, General Counsel

Nicole Kennedy, Commission Clerk

Rebecca Herrera, Commission 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 4:36 p.m. on January 21, 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. Consider the approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission

Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved the minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular meeting by a vote of 4-0.

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 117109 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117109 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 Alejandro "Alex" Meade III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117110 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117110 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 Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117111 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117111 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 5. Discussion Item

Development of the 2027 Unified Transportation Program Planning Targets

This item was presented by Transportation Planning and Programming Division Director Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., M.B.A. The commission discussed this item with Deputy Executive Director of Program Delivery Brian R. Barth, P.E., Chief Financial Officer Stephen Stewart, CPA, and Transportation Planning and Programming Division Director Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., M.B.A. The commission heard three comments from Port of Victoria Vice-Chair Annie Lamantia Cullen; Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnerships President and Chief Executive Officer Amy Skicki; and Port of Houston Director of Seaport Connectivity Callie Barnes.

Item 6. Aviation

Various Counties - Consider the award of federal non-primary entitlement grant funding, federal apportionment grant funding, Infrastructure Investment and 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 Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117112 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117112 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 7. Public Transportation

Various Counties - Consider the award of state and federal funds to multiple entities for a variety of program-eligible purposes

This item was presented by Public Transportation Division Director Eric L. Gleason. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117113 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117113 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 8. State Infrastructure Bank Loan

Various Counties - Consider approval of applications for State

Infrastructure Bank loans from various applicants

This item was presented by Project Finance and Toll Operations Division Senior Lead Portfolio Manager Dallas Teston. The commission received two comments from El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director Eduardo Calvo; and Granbury City Manager Chris Coffman. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117114 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117114 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:

Rule Proposals

a. Chapter 2 - Environmental Review of Transportation Projects - Amendments to §2.201-2.206, and repeal of §2.207 concerning Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

This item was presented by Environmental Affairs Division Director Doug Booher. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117115 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117115 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Chapter 9 - Contract and Grant Management - Amendments to §9.12-§9.15 and §9.17 concerning contracts for highway projects

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 117116 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117116 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. Chapter 28 - Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads - Amendments to §28.11, and §28.12(e), repealing the requirement for surety bonds to be approved by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Attorney General's Office

This item was presented by Maintenance Division Director James Stevenson, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117117 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117117 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 10. Eminent Domain

Galveston County - Authorize condemnation of a parcel of land along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway for dredge material placement

This item was presented by Right of Way Division Director Kyle Madsen, J.D. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117118 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117118 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 11. 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 Steven D. Alvis 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 and that the first record vote applies to all units of property described therein. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, and Minute Order 117119 was

approved by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117119 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 12. Routine Minute Orders and Reports

This item was presented by Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, and the commission approved Minute Orders 117120 – 117128 by a vote of 4-0.

a. Donations to the Department

Various Districts - Consider the acknowledgment of donations with a value of \$500 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 117120 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Real Estate Dispositions

(1) Atascosa County - SH 97 - Consider the quitclaim of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117121 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(2) Austin County - I 10 & FM 1458 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117122 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(3) Bexar County - I 10 - Consider the exchange of a drainage easement as part of a transaction to acquire a drainage easement needed for a state highway purpose

Minute Order 117123 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(4) Dallas County - SL 12 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117124 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(5) Grimes County - FM 244 - Consider a highway easement release to the underlying fee owner

Minute Order 117125 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(6) Tarrant County - West Lancaster Avenue - Consider the sale of right of way to a governmental entity with the authority to condemn the property

Minute Order 117126 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(7) Tarrant County - SH 26 - Consider the removal from the system, transfer of jurisdiction, control, and maintenance, and transfer of right of way to the city of Colleyville, Texas

Minute Order 117127 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. Reports

(1) Compliance Division Report

The written report was provided to the commission.

(2) Letting Allocation Report

Quarterly report on the fiscal year 2026-2027 letting allocation, the actual allocation utilized through the quarter, and proposed remaining highway maintenance and construction contract letting for the fiscal year

The written report was provided to the commission.

(3) Quarterly Cash Report

Quarterly report on fiscal year 2026 State Highway Fund 6 cash activity

The written report was provided to the commission.

(4) Short-term Borrowing Program Report

Short-term Borrowing Program Report

The written report was provided to the commission.

d. 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 117128 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 13. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551 §551.071 - Consultation with advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda, pending or contemplating 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 open comment period was addressed prior to Item 13 Executive Session. The commission received five comments from Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO) Executive Director Michael Medina regarding RGVMPO strategic mobility plan development and the US Bicycle Route Designation request; Transportation Advocacy Group (TAG) – Houston Executive Director Christina Cabral stating appreciation for funding; Grayson County Commissioner Josh Marr stating appreciation for funding projects within Grayson County; Brownsville City Commissioner Nurith Galonsky stating appreciation for projects in Brownsville; and El Paso

Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director Eduardo Calvo stating appreciation for funding from the Texas Transportation Commission.

Adjournment

Commissioner Steven D. Alvis motioned adjournment and Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade III seconded the motion. The commission voted 4-0 to adjourn. The regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on February 26, 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 January 29, 2026, in Austin, Texas.



Rebecca Herrera, Commission Clerk

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