



Texas Transportation Commission Meeting Agenda

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Agenda

Meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

1. **Safety Briefing**

Staff will provide general safety instructions

2. **Opening Comments from Commissioners and Executive Director**

- a. Commissioner Pat Gordon
- b. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis
- c. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III
- d. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn - Trinity Forest Spine Trail Phase II
- e. Acting Chairman W. Alvin New – Loop 88 and Maintenance Section Visits
- f. Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E. - Texas Department of Transportation Updates

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Consider approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2026, regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission

4. **Contracts**

Consider the award or rejection of contracts for highway construction and maintenance and construction ([Presentation](#))

These minute orders contain information concerning the receipt of bids for highway improvement contracts. The Texas Department of Transportation may reschedule receipt of bids for those projects where the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) rejects all bids. Those bids accepted by the commission will result in conditional contract awards to the low bidders. Contract award conditions may involve securing funding from other sources, the contractor's ability to satisfy statutory requirements, or other requirements as outlined in the project bid proposal.

a. **Highway Improvement and Other Transportation Facilities**
([Minute Order 117161](#))

b. **Routine Maintenance** ([Minute Order 117162](#))

5. **Discussion Items**

a. **Texas Bridges and Pavements**

Staff will provide a high-level status update on the condition and performance of the state's bridges and pavement systems, two of the Texas Department of Transportation's most critical and visible assets. In addition to performance trends, this presentation will highlight best practices and innovations that contribute to the preservation, operation, safety, and reliability of our Texas transportation system ([Presentation](#)).

b. **Population Update**

This presentation will provide an update on Texas' growth and its impact on transportation planning ([Presentation](#)).

6. **Aviation**

Various Counties - Consider the award of federal non-primary entitlement grant funding, federal apportionment grand funding, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act grant funding, and state grant funding for airport improvement projects at various locations ([Minute Order 117163](#))

Federal law authorizes the award of federal non-primary entitlement grant funding, federal apportionment grant funding, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act grant funding to preserve and improve the state's general aviation system. State law authorizes the award of state grant funding for capital improvement projects.

7. **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program**

Various Counties - Consider approval to issue a request for grant applications to construct electric vehicle charging stations in rural county seats and metropolitan areas ([Minute Order 117164](#))

This minute order approves the Texas Department of Transportation to utilize federal formula funds to issue a request for grant applications to construct electric vehicle charging stations in rural county seats and metropolitan areas.

8. **Design-Build Contract**

Brazoria and Galveston Counties - Consider approving the selection of the proposer who submitted the best value proposal and the conditional award of a design-build contract and a corresponding capital maintenance contract to the selected proposer, for the design, construction, and maintenance of the State Highway 99 Grand Parkway Segment B-1 Design-Build Project and authorizing the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation to negotiate and execute a Design-Build Agreement and associated Capital Maintenance Agreement with the selected proposer

([Presentation](#)) ([Minute Order 117165](#))

On April 24, 2025, in Minute Order 116930, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) authorized the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to issue a request for proposals to design, construct, and maintain the State Highway (SH) 99 Grand Parkway Segment B-1 Design-Build Project (Project). The Project consists of two tolled lanes in each direction along SH 99 from south of Farm to Market Road (FM) 2403 to FM 646, and non-tolled operational improvements along SH 99 and SH 35 in Brazoria and Galveston counties. The department has completed its review and evaluation of proposals and is presenting its best value recommendation to the commission.

9. **Promulgation of Administrative Rules** Under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, and Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code, Chapter 2001:

a. **Rule Proposals**

(1) **Chapter 7 - Rail Facilities**

New §§7.160-7.173, contained in new Subchapter H, concerning the Short Line Railroad Improvement State Fund Program ([Minute Order 117166](#))

The proposed new rules describe the policies and procedures for the implementation and administration of the grant program for certain short line railroad projects as authorized by Senate Bill 2366, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and codified as Texas Transportation Code §201.981.

(2) **Chapter 30 - Aviation**

Amendments to §§30.202 - 30.203, §30.206, and §30.210 concerning Aviation Facilities Development Financial Assistance Rules ([Minute Order 117167](#))

The proposed amendments necessitate a change to the definition of a grant to reflect an offer of financial assistance of state or federal funds to improve, repair, upgrade, or add to an airport included in the Texas Airport System Plan; the removal of "nonreliever" from the language to align with the Federal Aviation Administration, which no longer funds reliever airports separately from general aviation airports, and brings the statute in line with the State Block Grant Program agreement, with the Texas Department of Transportation serving as the agent for federal funds for general aviation airports; includes language to reflect that a grant of state funds must be matched with at least 10% of local funds or 5% of local funds if the airport is located in an economically disadvantaged county, as defined by Transportation Code, §222.053; and a requirement to conform those rules to the statutory change.

(3) **Chapter 30 - Aviation**

Amendments to §30.502 and §30.503 concerning Meteorological Evaluation Towers ([Minute Order 117168](#))

The proposed amendments change the definition of a Meteorological Evaluation Tower, increasing the diameter at the base of the structure from 6 to 12 feet, adds a definition of "military aviation training facility", and requires that not later than the 30th day after the date the Texas Department of Transportation (department) receives notice of a person's intent to erect a meteorological evaluation tower, the department will notify each federally owned or operated radar installation or military aviation training facility in this state whose boundaries are within 50 nautical miles of the military aviation training facility.

b. **Final Adoptions**

(1) **Chapter 9 - Contract and Grant Management**

Adopts amendments to §§9.12-9.15 and §9.17 concerning contracts for highway projects ([Minute Order 117169](#))

These amendments extend the prequalification grace period to four months for all qualification levels, standardize language for clarity and consistency, clarify requirements for electronic bid bonds, allow the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to determine a bid nonresponsive if a discrepancy with a bidder certification is discovered prior to contract award, and document that the department may delay its notification of contract award pending resolution of necessary conditions.

(2) **Chapter 28 - Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads**

Adopts 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 ([Minute Order 117170](#))

These amendments allow for Texas Department of Transportation (department) legal staff to review bonding requirements for Highway Crossing Agreements that allow the transport commodities or products from private property across a highway to another private property. These agreements are subject to review by the area office and prior to this rule required approval from the State Comptroller's Office and the Attorney General's Office. The proposed rule will streamline the process for applicants and ease department coordination.

c. **Rules Review**

Consider the re-adoption of Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 10, Ethical Conduct by Entities Doing Business with the Department; Chapter 11, Design; Chapter 12, Public Donation and Participation Program; Chapter 13, Materials Quality; Chapter 15, Financing and Construction of Transportation Projects; Chapter 16, Planning and Development of Transportation Projects; Chapter 21, Right of Way; and Chapter 22, Use of State Property, in accordance with Government Code, §2001.039 ([Minute Order 117171](#))

State law requires a state agency to review each of its rules every four years. After the review, the agency must re-adopt the rule with amendments or repeal the rule. The Texas Department of Transportation reviews its rules on a rotating basis.

10. **Contested Case**

Travis County - AZA Construction, Inc. v. Texas Department of Transportation - Consider action on proposal for decision by administrative law judge concerning Texas Department of Transportation's decision to debar AZA Construction, Inc. for a period of 12 months, final order for ethical violations ([Minute Order 117172](#))

The executive director issued an order on April 3, 2025, sanctioning AZA Construction, Inc. (AZA) with a 12-month debarment and immediate suspension, disqualifying them from entering into contracts with the Texas Department of Transportation, but they may still participate as a subcontractor. AZA appealed the decision and on January 30, 2026, the State Office of Administrative Hearings issued a proposal for decision upholding the 12-month debarment.

11. **State Infrastructure Bank Loan**

Various Counties - Consider approval of applications for State Infrastructure Bank loans from various applicants ([Presentation](#)) ([Minute Order 117173](#))

This minute order will authorize the executive director or their designee to enter into a financial assistance agreement with each applicant pursuant to the terms of this minute order and 43 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 6.

12. **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 ([Minute Order 117174](#))

Texas Transportation Commission findings, determinations, and authorizations for the state, by motion made in accordance with Senate Bill 18, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, to acquire by eminent domain, upon the payment of adequate and just compensation, various ownership interests in specific parcels of real property that are needed to develop or improve both non-controlled and controlled access state highways, to include requesting the state attorney general to bring and pursue condemnation suits relating to those specific parcels of real property.

13. **Routine Minute Orders and Reports**

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 117175](#))

State statutes require the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to acknowledge the acceptance of a gift to the Texas Department of Transportation that is valued at \$500 or more. By the adoption of this minute order, the commission acknowledges the receipt and acceptance of the property specified in the minute order.

b. **Real Estate Dispositions**

The Texas Transportation Commission must approve the sales, transfers, and exchanges of state rights of way and other real properties that are no longer needed for a state highway purpose. It must also approve, accept, and acknowledge donations to the state of real property that is valued at \$500 or more.

- (1) **Atascosa County** - State Highway 97 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner ([Minute Order 117176](#))

The San Antonio District has recommended that the Texas Transportation Commission determine that the land is no longer needed for highway purposes. An abutting landowner has requested to purchase the land, and it may be sold to the requester.

- (2) **Collin County** - United States Highway 75 - Consider an easement release to the underlying fee owner ([Minute Order 117177](#))

The Dallas District has recommended that the Texas Transportation Commission determine that the easement is no longer needed for highway purposes. The easement may be released to the underlying fee owner.

- (3) **Denton County** - United States Highway 380 - Consider an easement release to the underlying fee owner ([Minute Order 117178](#))

The Dallas District has recommended that the Texas Transportation Commission determine that the easement is no longer needed for highway purposes. The easement may be released to the underlying fee owner.

- (4) **Grayson County** - United States Highway 377 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner ([Minute Order 117179](#))

The Paris District has recommended that the Texas Transportation Commission determine that the land is no longer needed for highway purposes. An abutting landowner has requested to purchase the land, and it may be sold to the requester.

- (5) **Grayson County** - United States Highway 377 - Consider an easement release to the underlying fee owner ([Minute Order 117180](#))

The Paris District has recommended that the Texas Transportation Commission determine that the easement is no longer needed for highway purposes. The easement may be released to the underlying fee owner.

- (6) **Grimes County** - Farm to Market Road 244 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner ([Minute Order 117181](#))

The Bryan District has recommended that the Texas Transportation Commission determine that the land is no longer needed for highway purposes. An abutting landowner has requested to purchase the land, and it may be sold to the requester.

c. **Reports**

(1) **Compliance Division Report**

State law requires the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to establish a compliance program, which must include a compliance division to oversee the program. The Compliance Division is responsible for acting to prevent and detect serious breaches of Texas Department of Transportation (department) policy, fraud, waste, and abuse of office, including any acts of criminal conduct within the department. The Compliance Division is required to provide a monthly report to the commission regarding investigations and a summary of information relating to trends and recommendations.

(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 ([Report](#))

This report will provide the current overall allocation status, by district and metropolitan planning organization, of the fiscal year 2026-2027 letting allocation and will also provide the anticipated effect on the letting allocation of remaining proposed highway maintenance and construction letting.

(3) **Quarterly Cash Report**

Quarterly report on fiscal year 2026 State Highway Fund 6 cash activity ([Report](#))

This report updates the Texas Transportation Commission on the year-to-date cash balance and activity of Fund 6.

The report will include original projections and actual revenues/inflows and expenditures/outflows on a cash basis.

d. **Toll Rates**

SH 99 (Grand Parkway) Segment B-1 Toll Rates - Consider approval of the initial toll rates for a portion of Segment B of SH 99 (Grand Parkway) from I-45S to south of FM 2430 Segment B-1 in Galveston and Brazoria counties ([Minute Order 117182](#))

This minute order adopts the initial toll rates for Segment B-1, which shall be escalated annually in accordance with the Texas Transportation Commission's toll rate escalation policy.

e. **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 117183](#))

This minute order establishes or alters regulatory and construction speed zones on various sections of highways in the state.

14. **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.

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.

Adjournment