



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
 - e. Acting Chairman W. Alvin New - Performance Summary; Safety Update
 - f. Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E. - Texas Department of Transportation (department) Updates
3. **Approval of Minutes**
Consider approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2026, regular meeting of the commission
4. **Acknowledgement of Service**
Recognize by resolution San Angelo District Engineer Christopher M. Cowen, P.E., for more than 26 years of service to the department.

5. **Contracts**

Consider the award or rejection of contracts for highway construction and maintenance, and for construction and rehabilitation of buildings (Presentation)

These minute orders contain information concerning the receipt of bids for highway improvement contracts. The department may reschedule receipt of bids for those projects where the 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](#))
- b. **Routine Maintenance** ([Minute Order](#))
- c. **Construction and Rehabilitation of Buildings** ([Minute Order](#))

6. **Discussion Item**

Legislative Appropriations Request

Discussion regarding the development of the department's fiscal year (FY) 2028-2029 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR). Staff will discuss the development of the LAR with the commission and seek direction on components of the LAR. ([Presentation](#))

7. **Public Transportation**

Various Counties - Consider the award of federal and state funds to multiple entities for a variety of program-eligible purposes ([Minute Order](#))

The awards identified in this minute order reflect the allocation of federal §5304 funds to designated lead planning agencies; the allocation of federal §5310 second year awards to various entities for the biennial coordinated call for projects; the reallocation of unused federal §5339 competitive program funds and state funds for capital projects; and the allocation of funds to various entities that responded to the biennial coordinated call for projects.

8. **Acquisition of Parcels**

Galveston County - Consider the approval of the acquisition of parcels of land along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) for dredge material placement ([Minute Order](#))

This minute order authorizes the department to purchase the combined 665-acre sites for the placement of material dredged from the GIWW and future beneficial use projects, in accordance with the department's role as the non-federal sponsor as designated by the Texas Coastal Waterways Act.

9. **Transportation Corporation**

Fort Bend County - Designate certain portions of State Highway (SH) 99 (Grand Parkway) located within Fort Bend County that have been agreed to be developed, operated, and maintained by the department, including Segment C-1, and a portion of Segment C-2, and a portion of Segment D (collectively the Fort Bend Segments), as a toll project on the state highway system; authorize the Grand Parkway Transportation Corporation (GPTC) to act on behalf of the commission in connection with the development, financing, refinancing, design, construction, reconstruction, expansion, operation, and maintenance of the Fort Bend Segments; authorize amendments to the toll rate agreement between the commission and the GPTC to include the Fort Bend Segments; authorize the department to execute a project agreement with the GPTC to provide for the allocation of responsibilities relating to the Fort Bend Segments; authorize the department and the GPTC to enter into, assign, and assume all contracts relating to the Fort Bend Segments and perform any function necessary for the exercise of powers delegated to the GPTC; and provide for the assignment of revenues of the Fort Bend Segments to the GPTC ([Minute Order](#))

In Minute Order 113046, dated March 29, 2012, the commission adopted a resolution creating the GPTC pursuant to Chapter 431 of the Texas Transportation Code to assist in the development, financing, refinancing, design, construction, reconstruction, expansion, operation, and/or maintenance of the SH 99 (Grand Parkway) toll project. In subsequent minute orders, the commission delegated authority to the GPTC for several segments of SH 99 (Grand Parkway) that were to be developed by the department. This minute order would designate the Fort Bend Segments as a toll project on the state highway system and extend all power and authority to the GPTC to develop, finance,

refinance, design, construct, reconstruct, expand, toll, operate, and/or maintain the Fort Bend Segments as a part of SH 99 (Grand Parkway).

10. **Design-Build Contract**

Harris County - Consider authorizing the department to issue a request for qualifications to design and construct the North Houston Highway Improvement Project 3C-2 Project (Project). The Project consists of non-tolled improvements of the Interstate (I) 45, I-10, and United States (US) Highway 59 /I-69 interchange in the downtown Houston area. The Project includes widening and realigning main lanes on I-45, realigning and reconstructing main lanes and adding non-tolled managed lanes on I-10, and realigning and reconstructing main lanes on US 59/I-69. The Project includes constructing associated ramps, bridges, utility bridges, rail line crossings, local collector roads, frontage roads, intersections, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The Project also includes constructing direct connectors to and from I-69 to the future Hardy Toll Road and realigning and reconstructing the existing ramps with termini at Jackson Street and Chenevert Street that extend to the Houston Metro reversible High Occupancy Vehicle/High Occupancy Toll Lane ([Presentation](#)) ([Minute Order](#))

Texas Transportation Code §223.242 authorizes the department to enter into, in each state fiscal biennium, up to six design-build contracts for highway projects with a construction cost estimate of \$150 million or more. The purpose of the Project is to improve the I-45, I-10, and US 59/I-69 interchange in the downtown Houston area. The Project enhances connectivity, improves traffic flow, and manages congestion within the downtown Houston freeway system. The I-45, I-10, and US 59/I-69 portions of the Project are ranked second and tenth on the list of Top 100 most congested roadways in Texas. The Project meets the requirements for design-build delivery.

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

a. **Rule Proposal**

Chapter 25 - Traffic Operations

Amendments to §25.1, Uniform Traffic Control Devices ([Minute Order](#))

The proposed amendments revise the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted by reference in §25.1 to address an item pending with the Federal Highway Administration at the time of the amendments adopted in November 2025 and to substantially conform to the recently issued Revision 1 of the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 11th Edition, as required by state and federal law.

b. **Final Rule Adoptions**

(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](#))

The 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 (SB) 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](#))

The 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 department 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 Texas 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](#))

The 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 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.

12. **Water Supply Corporation Relocation Reimbursement**

La Salle County - Consider the approval of a request from Fowlerton Water Supply Corporation to make the relocation of the Fowlerton Water Supply Corporation's utility facilities required by the SH 97 highway improvement project an expense of the state under Texas Transportation Code §203.092(a-4) ([Minute Order](#))

Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, §21.25 sets forth the requirements for a utility to qualify for reimbursement under this program. Payment for this relocation will not cause the department to exceed \$10,000,000 in any fiscal year. The utility is a water supply service corporation with a financial condition that prevents the utility from being able to pay the cost in full or in part or, if paid at that time, the payment would adversely affect the utility's ability to operate or provide essential services to its customers. The utility is a water supply service corporation operating under Chapter 67, Water Code. The utility is unable to receive a state infrastructure bank loan to finance the cost of the relocation and is otherwise unable to finance that cost.

13. **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](#))

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.

14. **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 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](#))

State statutes require the commission to acknowledge the acceptance of a gift to the department 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 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) **Bastrop County** - SH 95/State Highway Loop 109 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner ([Minute Order](#))

The Austin District has recommended that the 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) **Travis County** - Ranch to Market Road 1431 - 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](#))

The Austin District has recommended that the commission determine that the drainage easement to be conveyed by the state in the exchange is no longer needed for a state highway purpose. The governor, on the recommendation of the commission, may execute an instrument exchanging an interest in real property acquired but not needed for a highway purpose as whole or partial consideration for another interest in real property needed for a state highway purpose.

- (3) **Williamson County** - US 183/Toll Road 183A - Consider the sale of right of way to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) ([Minute Order](#))

The Austin District has recommended that the commission determine that the land is no longer needed for highway purposes. The CTRMA has requested to purchase the land, and it may be sold to the CTRMA.

c. **Reports**

- (1) **Compliance Division Report**

State law requires the 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 the department's 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 FY 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 FY 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 FY 2026 State Highway Fund 6 cash activity ([Report](#))

This report updates the 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. **Finance**

Investment Policy and Investment Strategies

Various Counties - Consider approving the annual review and any changes to the investment policy and investment strategies applicable to all funds of the commission not otherwise required to be invested by the comptroller ([Minute Order](#))

This minute order evidences the annual review and approves any changes to the commission's investment policy and investment strategies. The Public Funds Investment Act requires the commission to review the investment policy and investment strategies on an annual basis, and to issue an order stating that it has conducted its review and is adopting a written instrument that records any changes made to either the investment policy and investment strategies.

e. **Highway Designations**

(1) **Nueces County** - In the city of Corpus Christi and Nueces County, consider removing State Spur (SS) 407 from the state highway system ([Minute Order](#))

This minute order removes SS 407 (Leopard Street) from the state highway system from I-37 at Loma Alta Road eastward to its terminus at SS 544, (Water Street), a total distance of approximately 14.4 miles, in Nueces County.

- (2) **Wharton County** - In the city of Wharton, consider removing a segment of Farm to Market Road (FM) 102 from the state highway system ([Minute Order](#))

This minute order removes a segment of FM 102 from the state highway system from 0.1 miles east of the northbound US 59 frontage road, eastward to SH 60, approximately 1.4 miles, within the city limits of Wharton, Texas.

f. **Land Acquisition**

Oldham County - Consider the grant of authority to the department to acquire real property for facilities ([Minute Order](#))

The department is in the process of acquiring real property for the construction of new facilities and the expansion of existing facility sites. Funds for the purchase of these properties were appropriated by the General Appropriations Act, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, for the 2026-2027 Biennium. The department requests the commission's authorization to enter into purchase contracts and related documents to complete the acquisition of the listed properties.

g. **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](#))

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

15. **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 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 department. 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