

These are the minutes of the special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on January 27, 2021, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Bugg with the following commissioners present:

**Texas Transportation Commission:**

J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.	Chairman
Laura Ryan	Commissioner
Alvin New	Commissioner
Robert C. Vaughn	Commissioner

**Administrative Staff:**

James Bass, Executive Director  
 Jeff Graham, General Counsel  
 Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 4:07 p.m. on January 19, 2021, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

**ITEM 1. Meeting Guidelines**

Executive Director James Bass provided guidance and instruction for the meeting. The public was invited to watch and listen to the meeting through the Texas Department of Transportation website, [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). In addition, for those members of the public who wanted to make a comment on an agenda item or comment during the open comment period of the meeting a toll free number was provided on the agenda and the callers were assisted by operators on the call.

**ITEM 3. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551 Section 551.071 - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda, pending or contemplated litigation, or other legal matters.**

The commission recessed to executive session at 10:06 a.m. and returned from executive session at 10:51 a.m.

**ITEM 2. Discussion Items**

**a. Energy Sector**

**Permian Basin Energy Sector Funding Update (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Engineering Project Advisor Lauren Garduno. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission also heard comments from Representative Brooks Landgraf.

**b. Safety**

**(1) Safety Program Funding Update (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Engineering and Safety Operations Director Michael Lee. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic.

**(2) Statewide Truck Parking Study (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section Director Caroline Mays. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission also heard comments from John Esparza, President of the Texas Trucking Association.

**(3) Speed Zones (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Traffic Safety Division Director Michael Chacon. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission also heard comments from Eagle Pass Mayor Luis Sifuentes.

**c. Rural and Statewide Connectivity (Presentation)**

This discussion was led by Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section Director Caroline Mays. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission also heard comments from City of Del Rio City Manager Matt Wojnowski; Eagle Pass Mayor Luis Sifuentes; Executive Vice President, IBC Bank Laredo, Gerald Schwebel; Lubbock County Judge Curtis Parrish; and San Angelo Mayor Brenda Gunter.

**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.**

The commission received no further comments.

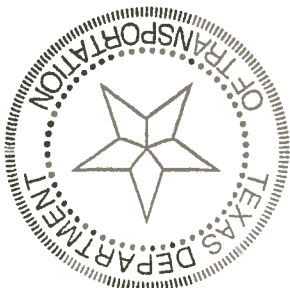
Commissioner New motioned adjournment and Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion. The commission voted 4 - 0 to adjourn. The special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

APPROVED by the Texas Transportation Commission on February 25, 2021:

  
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J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., Chairman  
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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 special meeting on January 27, 2021, in Austin, Texas.



  
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Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk  
Texas Department of Transportation