

These are the minutes of the special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on January 25, 2023, 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:**

Marc Williams, Executive Director  
Jeff Graham, General Counsel  
Nicole Lawson, 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 12:02 p.m. on January 17, 2023, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

**ITEM 1. Safety Briefing**

Executive Director Marc Williams directed that the Greer building safety video be shown on the screens in the Ric Williamson hearing room.

**ITEM 2. Discussion Item**

**a. Statewide and Rural Connectivity**

This discussion was led by Caroline Mays Director of Planning and Modal Programs. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission also heard comments from Jim Jarratt City of Grandbury Mayor speaking as a board member on SH 21. The commission also heard comments from Chris Coffman City of Grandbury City Manager and Vice Chair of Tex 21.

**b. Energy Sector Update**

This discussion was led by Carl Johnson Director of District Operations. Joining Director Johnson, Odessa District Engineer Eric Lykins, San Angelo District Engineer Christopher Cowen, and Corpus Christi District Engineer Valente Olivarez Jr., each District Engineer discussed projects currently funded in their Districts, and completed projects. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. There were no public comments on this agenda item.

**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 did not meet in executive session.

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 one comment from Michael Morris, Director of Transportation for North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Commissioner Ryan motioned adjournment and Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. The commission voted 4 - 0 to adjourn. The special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

APPROVED by the Texas Transportation Commission on February 23, 2023:



J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., Chairman  
Texas Transportation Commission

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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 25, 2023, in Austin, Texas.



Nicole Lawson, Commission Chief Clerk  
Texas Department of Transportation