8:30–9 a.m.  COFFEE AND NETWORKING

9–10 a.m.  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Provide welcome, introductions and opening remarks. Members share thoughts about their participation on the committee and the value of the committee.

Committee Members Roundtable

10:00–10:05 a.m.  ADOPTION OF MAY 21, 2019, MEETING MINUTES

Committee adopts Minutes from last meeting.

Ruth R. Hughs, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

10:05–10:15 a.m.  SUMMARY OF BTAC ACTIVITIES

Provide a brief summary of committee efforts to-date.

Caroline Mays, Texas Department of Transportation

10:15–11:50 a.m.  DISCUSSION ON THE TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Provide an update and discuss the development of the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan to include goals and objectives; overview and status of BTMP Data Collection, and discussion on corridor identification process, development of analysis areas, and designation and area profiles.

Ruth R. Hughs, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee
Caroline Mays, Texas Department of Transportation
Timoteo “Tim” Juarez, Jr., Texas Department of Transportation
Consultant Team

11:50 a.m.–Noon  OPEN DISCUSSION — FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS

Discuss any outstanding issues and summary of action items and future meetings and topics.

Ruth R. Hughs, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

Noon  ADJOURN

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Ruth R. Hughs  
**Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee**

Ruth Ruggiero Hughs was sworn in as the 113th Texas Secretary of State on August 19, 2019. Secretary Hughs is one of six state officials named by the Texas Constitution to form the Executive Department of the State. In addition to serving as Texas' Chief Elections Officer, Secretary Hughs is also senior advisor and liaison to the Governor for Border and Mexican Affairs, and is the state’s Chief International Protocol Officer. In that role, she serves as the Border Commerce Coordinator, facilitating communication and coordination of border initiatives among local officials, state agencies, and the federal governments of the United States, Mexico, and Canada, as well as chairing the Border Trade Advisory Committee, which works to identify and address key border trade transportation challenges facing Texas.

Secretary Hughs has a proven record of public service, most recently having served as Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers at the Texas Workforce Commission, where she worked to foster opportunities for economic growth by partnering with the business community to provide employers with a variety of resources to expand their businesses, as well as implementing initiatives for youth, veterans, women entrepreneurs, and people with disabilities.

Prior to her appointment, Secretary Hughs worked as a licensed attorney and was a small business owner. She also previously served at the Office of the Texas Attorney General as the Director of Defense Litigation, where she was responsible for the successful management and oversight of the civil litigation divisions representing agencies across the state.

Secretary Hughs received a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Texas at Austin, and a Juris Doctor degree from the Rutgers Camden School of Law, and she earned a certificate in Leader Development at the U.S. Army War College’s National Security Seminar.

Marc D. Williams, P.E.  
**Deputy Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation**

Marc D. Williams, P.E., serves as Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation. In this role he assists the department’s executive director and management team with oversight of all TxDOT functions, including the management and operation of the state's transportation system. He is charged with ensuring Texas' transportation system is planned, constructed and maintained in a cost-effective manner in order to effectively address the state's growing safety, mobility and reliability needs.

Williams’ career experience in transportation planning and program efforts includes public- and private-sector organizations involving state, county and local jurisdictions. He has served in leadership positions with two state departments of transportation and has worked with national, private-sector transportation engineering organizations. His professional assignments have included directing statewide transportation planning and programming efforts as well as managing project-specific highway and multimodal transportation plans and programs.

He has worked extensively with public and agency outreach, transportation plans of various modes, regional and corridor-level plans and programs, environmental planning and approval, economics and finance, project design and development, along with work in the areas of construction management, operations and maintenance.

Bill Hale, P.E.  
**Chief Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation**

Bill Hale, P.E., serves as TxDOT’s chief engineer. In this role, he is responsible for management and control of the Engineering & Safety Operations, District Operations, Project Planning & Development divisions, and transportation programming and delivery for TxDOT.

Hale joined TxDOT’s Ellis County Area Office in the Dallas District in 1983 and became the area engineer for Southeast Dallas County in Hutchins in 1992. In January 1999, Hale was appointed district engineer for the Abilene District and then later appointed district engineer for the Dallas District in 2003.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1983 from the University of Texas at Arlington, Hale earned his master's degree in civil engineering from the university in 1989.
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