



BORDER TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Texas Department of Transportation
Greer Building: Ric Williamson Hearing Room
125 E 11th St, Austin, TX 78701

TELECONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS: VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Join with Link:

[Microsoft Teams BTAC February 24, 2022 Virtual Meeting](#)

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February 24, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Meeting Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Log on and Technology Preparation

Provide Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) committee members time to log in to the WebEx. BTAC members should log on no later than 8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Roll Call

- Provide welcome, introductions, and opening remarks to include discussion of virtual participant procedures.
- Roll call to identify participating BTAC members.



John Scott
Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee



Caroline A. Mays, AICP
Director, Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section, TxDOT



Laura Ryan
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Adoption of May 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Committee adopts minutes from last meeting.

- John Scott, *Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee*

9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Recap of May 25, 2021, BTAC meeting

Recap of previous BTAC meeting.

- Giacomo Yaquinto, *Texas Department of Transportation*

9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Traffic Safety Issues and Trends in the Border Regions and Beyond

Presentation and discussion about regional traffic safety issues in the border districts and trends related to safety from a statewide perspective.

- Michael Chacon, *Traffic Safety Division Director, Texas Department of Transportation*
- Pedro Alvarez, P.E., *Pharr District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation*
- David Salazar, P.E., *Laredo District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation*
- Tomás Treviño, P.E., *El Paso District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation*

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Texas – Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan Implementation – Milestones and Progress

US 57 Corridor Study Update

1-10 Corridor Study Update

US 83 Corridor Study Update

Border Crossing Information System (BCIS) Expansion Update

BTMP Project Implementation progress

Provide an overview of BTMP Phase II Efforts since May 2021.

- Caroline A. Mays, AICP, *Texas Department of Transportation*
- Cary Karnstadt, *Texas Department of Transportation*
- Steve Linhart, *Texas Department of Transportation*
- Consultant Team

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

SB 1308 Study Update

Review and discussion SB 1308, Working Group, Legislation, Study Update and Discussions.

- Caroline A. Mays, AICP, *Texas Department of Transportation*
- Terry Martinez, SLA, *Texas Department of Transportation*
- Consultant Team

11:45 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.

Open Discussion – Future Meetings and Topics

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

- John Scott, *Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee*

12:00 p.m.

Adjourn

- John Scott, *Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee*

Speaker Bio



John Scott

Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

John B. Scott was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to serve as the 114th Texas Secretary of State on Oct. 21, 2021. Scott has over 33 years of experience as an attorney, having successfully tried over 100 lawsuits and handled cases at the United States Supreme Court, Supreme Court of Texas, and state and federal appellate and district courts where he facilitated historic courtroom victories.

Previously, Scott served as Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation for then-Attorney General Greg Abbott, overseeing all civil rights litigation and included over 22,000 lawsuits involving Texas.

Scott was subsequently appointed the first Chief Operating Officer of the Health and Human Services Commission. He oversaw its 56,000 employees, and its over \$50 billion biannual budget.

After returning to private practice, Governor Abbott appointed Scott as the Chair of the Board for the Department of Information Resources, where he developed the strategic plan for technology and security at Texas executive branch agencies and boards.

A passionate advocate for Texans and their businesses, Scott has worked with numerous global companies to help them expand their footprint in Texas and contribute to economic development in communities across the state.

Scott lives in Fort Worth and has offices in Austin. He has been married to his wife, Talley, for 34 years and has two sons, a daughter, and a grandson.



Laura Ryan

Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Laura Ryan has spent most of her over 25 year corporate career in executive level and c-suite positions for a broad range of professional industries providing leadership experience in both B2B and B2C businesses. Her diverse experience comes from working with OEMs, such as Nissan and Toyota, retail dealer groups with international ownership, financial services companies, and innovative start-ups looking to enter new industries. Her business experience has focused on all size companies, domestic and international, and a wide breath of responsibilities.

In her previous public service role, Ryan was chair of the Board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, where she represented the vehicle manufacturing and distribution industry.

Additionally, she sits on the Board of Child Advocates – Houston. Child Advocates recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who provide a voice for children in foster care by providing lifesaving advocacy that helps abused and neglected children exit foster care to a safe, permanent home.

Ryan is an avid learner and student of both business and leadership. She attended Penn State University and executive education programs at University of Texas – McCombs Business School and Columbia University Business School. She is married with two children and lives in Cypress, Texas.



Caroline A. Mays, AICP

Director, Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section, TxDOT

Caroline Mays joined the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in late 2012 and has held several positions including Statewide Freight Coordinator, Freight Planning Branch Manager, Director of Freight and International Trade/Border Section, and currently serves as the Director of Freight, Trade, and Connectivity. She is charged with developing and managing TxDOT's multimodal Freight Planning Program, International Trade and Border Planning Program, and Statewide Corridor Planning Program. She is responsible for overseeing the Texas Freight Advisory Committee and the Border Trade Advisory Committee and she has been instrumental in the development of the state's multimodal Texas Freight Mobility Plan and is currently leading the development of the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan and overseeing multiple corridor studies throughout the state.

Mays is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners. She serves as the Vice-Chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Special Committee on Freight and is a member of AASHTO's Committee on Transportation Systems Operations Working Group on Freight Operations. Mays was recently appointed to the World Road Association Technical Committee on Freight. Mays holds a bachelors degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo, Canada and a masters degree of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto, Canada.

Border Trade Advisory Committee



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John B. Scott**
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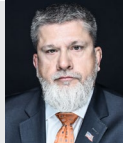
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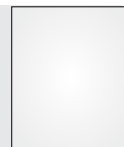
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