



I-27 Advisory Committee Meeting #4

University of Texas at Austin, Thompson Conference Center, Room 3.102

2405 Robert Dedman Drive | Austin, Texas 78712

APRIL 13, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |

TxDOT Leadership



Alvin New

Texas Transportation Commissioner

Alvin has lived in or near San Angelo since 1981. He is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission. During his time in San Angelo he has been a business investor, rancher and former Mayor. Currently he is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission which oversees activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was reappointed on February 24, 2021 by the Texas Governor.



Mildred Litchfield

Deputy Division Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

Mildred serves as the Deputy Director of the Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Division at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In this capacity, she helps ensure division operations including directing the development of the 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP), the Statewide Multi-modal Transportation Plan, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, freight and international planning activities, public involvement as well as monitoring of the statewide traffic analysis system and transportation data management.



Caroline Mays, AICP

Director of Planning and Modal Programs

Caroline has over 20 years of experience in freight transportation planning, international trade, cross-border transportation, corridor planning, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) planning, systems management and operations, and transit planning. As the Director of Planning and Modal Programs, Caroline directs TxDOT's planning activities through a comprehensive systems approach, ensuring the implementation of a robust multimodal, multidisciplinary, innovative and consensus-oriented planning process.



Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.

Corridor Planning Branch Manager

Lorena has over 30 years of experience in the private and public sectors. Her experience includes planning, design, management, and construction of urban and rural transportation projects. Before being named Manager of the TPP Division Corridor Planning Branch, she held different positions at the Pharr, San Antonio, and Austin Districts, as well as in the Professional Engineering Procurement Services (PEPS) Division.



Humberto "Tito" Gonzales Jr., P.E.

Division Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

Tito has over 19 years of experience. He was appointed as the Deputy District Engineer for the Laredo District where he oversees the day-to-day operations for the eight counties within the district while managing the unique transportation & international trade challenges along the border region to help improve the safety & reliability of the District's transportation network. Tito oversaw the accelerated development of \$200M of rehabilitation projects to help mitigate the impacts of the Eagle Ford Shale boom in the region. As the Director of Transportation Planning & Development, he managed a high \$1.63 billion 10-Year UTP for the district.



Cary Karnstadt

Project Development Manager

Cary has worked at TxDOT for more than 25 years in various roles before joining the TPP Division as a Corridor Planning Project Manager. His experience includes corridor planning, crash analysis, and management of transportation projects.

I-27 Advisory Committee



Honorable Brenda Gunter - Mayor, City of San Angelo, Advisory Committee Chair

Brenda has been instrumental in the revitalization of downtown and the creation of the TIRZ program to help local businesses. She was named San Angelo's 2009 Citizen of the Year, served as the 2010 United Way Campaign chair and has received awards for the Girl Scout's Women of Distinction and the Standard-Times' Jefferson Award. She is well known for her successful work in downtown revitalization and now wants to put her energy to work helping all small business and citizens in San Angelo.



Honorable Curtis Parrish - Judge, Lubbock County, Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

Curtis was elected Lubbock County Judge in 2018, serving as the probate, guardianship and mental health judge for Lubbock County, as well as administrative duties with the Commissioners Court. Judge Parrish has always been active in the Lubbock community, having worked with and served on the boards of several organizations, including Civic Lubbock, Inc., Lubbock United Neighborhood Association and The Salvation Army of Lubbock. He also had an active part in establishing the Buddy Holly Museum and was an integral part of the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame for many years.

Meeting Agenda

Time	Item	Presenting	What to Expect
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<p>Honorable Brenda Gunter Mayor, City of San Angelo, I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</p> <p>Humberto “Tito” Gonzales Division Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</p> <p>Caroline Mays, AICP Director, Planning and Modal Programs, TxDOT</p> <p>Alvin New Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission</p> <p>Cary Karnstadt Project Development Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Opening remarks and perspectives</p> <p>Roll Call / Safety Minute</p>
9:15 a.m.	Communication Toolkit for Committee Outreach	<p>Honorable Brenda Gunter I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</p> <p>Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E. Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</p>	<p>Review and finalize draft fact sheets</p> <p>#1 - International Trade #2 - Economic Impact #3 - Freight Movement</p>
9:45 a.m.	Legislative Update	<p>Trent Thomas Director of Government Affairs, TxDOT</p>	<p>Update on legislative activities</p>
10:00 a.m.	Ports-to-Plains System in Texas Implementation Strategy and Plan and Statewide Connectivity Initiative	<p>Cary Karnstadt TxDOT</p> <p>Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E. TxDOT</p>	<p>Overview of TxDOT’s implementation strategy and schedule</p>
10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:30 a.m.	District Updates	<p>Kit Black, P.E. Amarillo District Director of Transportation, Planning and Development</p> <p>Michael Haithcock, P.E. Abilene District Director of Transportation, Planning and Development</p> <p>Steven Warren, P.E. Lubbock District Engineer</p> <p>Chris Cowen, P.E. San Angelo District Engineer</p> <p>Robert Ornelas, P.E. Odessa District Director of Transportation, Planning and Development</p> <p>Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E. Laredo District Engineer</p>	<p>Updated information about project development along the corridor</p>
11:30 a.m.	Long Range Planning Presentation	<p>Adriana Torcat, AICP Statewide Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</p>	<p>Update on Long Range Planning</p>
11:40 a.m.	International Trade Presentation	<p>Claudia J. Lagos Galindo International Trade and Border Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT</p>	<p>Impacts of International trade</p>
11:55 a.m.	Adjourn	<p>Honorable Brenda Gunter I-27 Advisory Committee Chair</p>	<p>Discussion of logistics for future meetings</p>