

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair  
Senator Kelly Hancock, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Charles Schwertner

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Royce West

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Committee heard invited testimony on the following Interim Charges:

- **Monitoring:** Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Transportation passed by the 86th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:
  - SB 1915, relating to the board of pilot commissioners for Harris County ports; and
  - SB 2223, as it relates to two-way directional routes.

- **Safety:** Study the primary causes for traffic-related accidents and fatalities, including fatality rates as a result of intoxicated driving. Make recommendations for effective strategies to improve roadway safety.
- **Texas Department of Transportation Flight Services:** Evaluate the current funding, maintenance procedures, and staffing levels at Texas Department of Transportation's Flight Services. Make recommendations to ensure the safest fleet and most efficient service.

All witnesses are shown on the attached list.

There being no further business, at 12:16 PM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

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Amy Jeter, Clerk