

## **The House Committee on Transportation**

87th Legislature

September 8, 2022

1:00 p.m.

UTRGV Brownsville Campus (See below)

Pursuant to a notice posted on August 8, 2022, revised on September 2, 2022, the House Committee on Transportation met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Canales, at 1:02 p.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Canales; Ashby; Bucy; Ortega; Perez; and Rogers.

A quorum was present for the sole purpose of taking testimony, pursuant to Rule 4, Section 16A.

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(Representative Smithee now present.)

(Representative Landgraf now present.)

The Transportation Committee met to hear invited testimony on the following interim charges and topics:

*The committee will receive brief welcoming remarks from local leaders.*

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

*Discuss tools available to reduce the unprecedented increase in fatalities on Texas roads.*

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

*Study policies impacting truck transportation, a key link in the supply-chain, including utilizing state property and right-of-way for natural gas fueling stations and truck parking, the potential shortage of drivers and sellers of commercial trucks, the shortage of truck parking options to accommodate hours of service regulations, and ways to reduce border crossing wait times. Examine regulatory and statutory impediments to connected vehicle and autonomous technologies aimed at improving the safety and efficiency of trucking in Texas.*

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

*Examine the ability of the state's seaports to promote the public purposes of state economic growth, diversification, and commerce through development of port-owned properties within their boundaries. Review the investments needed for Texas ports to remain competitive in handling increased cargo volumes and ensuring a resilient supply chain.*

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 4:08 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Canales, Chair

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Dylan Matthews, Clerk