



Texas Department *of* Motor Vehicles

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TxDMV Board Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
4000 JACKSON AVE., BUILDING 1, LONE STAR CONFERENCE ROOM
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023
2:00 P.M.

The presiding officer of the Committee will be physically present in the Lone Star Conference Room of Building 1, 4000 Jackson Avenue, Austin, Texas 78731. Some committee members may attend via videoconferencing.

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1. **Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**
2. **Pledges of Allegiance - U.S. and Texas**
3. **Comments and Announcements from Committee Chair, Committee Members, and Executive Director**

BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS

4. **Consideration and Possible Recommendation for Action to the Full Board and Briefings:**

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CLOSED SESSION

5. **The Committee may enter into closed session under one or more of the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551, including but not limited to:**

Section 551.071 - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding:

- pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer;
- a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Government Code Chapter 551; or
- any item on this agenda.

Section 551.076 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.

- the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or
- a security audit.

Section 551.089 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits; Closed Meeting.

- security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology;
- network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b); or
- the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

6. **Action Items from Closed Session**

7. **Public Comment**

8. **Adjournment**

The Committee will allow an open comment period to receive public comment on any agenda item or other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Committee. No action will be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda for the meeting. For subjects that are not otherwise part of the agenda for the meeting, Committee members may respond in accordance with Government Code Section 551.042 and consider the feasibility of placing the matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

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1. a completed [Public Comment Registration Form](#); or
2. the following information:
 - a. the agenda item you wish to comment on;
 - b. your name;
 - c. your address (optional), including your city, state, and zip code; and
 - d. who you are representing.

Public comment will only be accepted in person. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, and time allotted to one speaker may not be reassigned to another speaker.

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I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Laura Moriaty, General Counsel, (512) 465-5665.

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BRIEFING ITEM

To: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board
From: Keith Yawn, Government & Strategic Communications Division Director
Agenda Item: 4.A
Subject: Legislative Activity Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide an update on legislative activity related to the department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Texas Legislature concluded the 88th Regular Session on May 29, 2023. Since that time, the Governor has called four special sessions related to property tax, education, and border security. The special sessions have not included any items directly related to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, or state transportation policy more generally. While additional special sessions could be called, there is no indication they would impact issues pertaining to department operations.

In addition to ongoing work informing legislative offices about department operations and aiding their constituents with motor vehicle transactions, Government Relations staff have also had conversations with various offices about possible interim charges. Interim charges are research and policy review assignments given to House and Senate committees for the time between regular legislative sessions. Such charges usually include oversight of implementation for significant pieces of legislation passed during the prior regular session.

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BRIEFING ITEM

To: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board
From: Keith Yawn, Government & Strategic Communications Division Director
Agenda Item: 4.B
Subject: 88th Texas Legislature Bill Implementation Status Report

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide updates on bill implementation projects and activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The 88th Texas Legislature's regular session resulted in 68 bills becoming law that impact TxDMV core programs or general state agency administrative functions.

No active implementation efforts are needed for 18 bills. Of the remaining 50 bills, 59 active implementation projects have been identified, including multiple projects for House Bill 718 (replacing paper tags) and House Bill 1 (General Appropriations Act). Of those projects, 37 were complete as of November 28. Twenty-three projects remain in progress. The requirements of three have been implemented by program divisions and are awaiting the completion of related rule revisions.

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Completed Implementation Projects

1	HB 53	Thompson, Ed	Relating to the exemption from registration fees of certain vehicles used by nonprofit disaster relief organizations.
2	HB 108	Cortez	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for certain classroom teachers and retired classroom teachers; imposing fees.
3	HB 139	Klick	Relating to the provision of notice of certain proposed rules by state agencies.
4	HB 198	Noble	Relating to vehicle safety inspections of certain travel trailers.
5	HB 282	Swanson	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for Gold Star family members and recipients of certain Texas military awards.
6	HB 433	VanDeaver	Relating to the definition of a commercial fleet.
7	HB 567	Bowers	Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hairstyle associated with race.
8	HB 627	Harris, Cody	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to the surviving spouse of a posthumous recipient of certain awards.
9	HB 628	Harris, Cody	Relating to issuance of specialty license plates to honor fallen law enforcement officers.
10	HB 659	Cook	Relating to specialty license plates issued for recipients of the Commendation Medal.
11	HB 1315	Herrero	Relating to the creation of the open burn pit registry fund and the issuance of specialty license plates to honor members of the United States armed forces exposed to open burn pits.
12	HB 1633	Ortega	Relating to certain offenses regarding parking privileges of veterans with disabilities.
13	HB 2157	Metcalfe	Relating to the salary of certain employees who transfer within a state agency.
14	HB 2195	Noble	Relating to wrong, fictitious, altered, or obscured license plates; increasing a criminal penalty.
15	HB 2503	Lujan	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for veterans with disabilities and recipients of the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal and federal Humanitarian Service Medal.
16	HB 2754	Bell, Cecil	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for retired peace officers.
17	HB 2876	Cain	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for industrial firefighters; authorizing a fee.
18	HB 2921	Paul	Relating to the issuance of Antarctica Service Medal specialty license plates.
19	HB 3033	Landgraft	Relating to the public information law.
20	HB 3130	Guerra	Relating to the protection of certain occupational licensing information regarding clients of family violence shelter centers, victims of trafficking shelter centers, and sexual assault programs and survivors of family violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault.
21	HB 3224	Guillen	Relating to the status of the registration of a vehicle after a failure to establish financial responsibility.
22	HB 3288	Canales	Relating to notice of transfer of a used motor vehicle.
23	HB 3599	Thierry	Relating to an exemption from certain motor fuel taxes for, and registration fees for motor vehicles owned by, certain nonprofit food banks.
24	HB 3730	Wilson	Relating to the directory of users of the centralized telephone service for entities in the capitol complex.
25	HB 3860	Goldman	Relating to the liability of county tax assessor-collectors for certain acts of deputies.
26	HB 4559	Darby	Relating to the application of statutes that classify political subdivisions according to population.
27	HB 5135	Kacal	Relating to the issuance of K9s4KIDs specialty license plates.
28	SB 222	Nichols	Relating to paid leave by certain state employees for the birth or adoption of a child.
29	SB 280	Zaffirini	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for members of the military who served in Operation Freedom's Sentinel.
30	SB 505	Nichols	Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an electric vehicle.

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31	SB 702	Perry	Relating to the sourcing, marketing, and sale of certain license plates.
32	SB 904	Springer	Relating to the offense of the unauthorized use of parking designated for persons with disabilities.
33	SB 1115	Hancock	Relating to the titling, registration, and operation of an autocycle.
34	SB 1364	Alvarado	Relating to weight limitations for certain natural gas or electric vehicles.
35	SB 1376	Parker	Relating to an employment preference for members of the military and their spouses for positions at state agencies.
36	SB 2221	Schwertner	Relating to issuance of specialty license plates to honor personnel of sheriff's offices.
37	SB 2376	Campbell	Relating to the issuance of Support Adoption specialty license plates and to the Support Adoption account and certain voluntary contributions to that account.

Implementation Projects In-Progress

1	HB 1	Bonnen	General Appropriations Bill
2	HB 1	Bonnen	General Appropriations Bill - Camp Hubbard Renewal
3	HB 1	Bonnen	General Appropriations Bill - RTS Replacement (Phase 1)
4	HB 1	Bonnen	General Appropriations Bill - RSC Office Expansions (Dallas/Houston)
5	HB 1	Bonnen	General Appropriations Bill - License Plate Production
6	HB 1	Bonnen	General Appropriations Bill - RSC Facilities Master Plan Review
7	HB 718	Goldman	Relating to the issuance of certain tags, permits, and license plates authorizing the movement of vehicles.
8	HB 718	Goldman	Metal Plates: Rule Implementation
9	HB 718	Goldman	Access Management and Identity Validation
10	HB 718	Goldman	Inventory Management System
11	HB 718	Goldman	Update Existing Systems
12	HB 915	Craddick	Relating to the creation of a workplace violence hotline and a requirement that employers post notice regarding the hotline.
13	HB 2190	Canales	Relating to the terminology used to describe transportation-related accidents.
14	HB 2323	Hayes	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates commemorating the 100th anniversary of the writing of the state song.
15	HB 3297	Harris, Cody	Relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety inspections for noncommercial vehicles and the imposition of replacement fees.
16	HB 4510	Smithee	Relating to reporting of certain information by state agencies and counties, including information related to appropriated money, activities of certain consultants, and tax revenue.
17	SB 30	Huffman	Relating to supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.
18	SB 224	Alvarado	Relating to catalytic converters, including criminal conduct involving catalytic converters; providing an administrative penalty; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty; increasing a fee.
19	SB 422	Paxton	Relating to the authority of certain military service members to engage in a business or occupation in this state.
20	SB 510	Perry	Relating to the confidentiality of certain information maintained by state licensing agencies.
21	SB 2102	Miles	Relating to the initial registration and inspection period for certain rental vehicles; authorizing fees.
22	SB 2304	LaMantia	Relating to the regulation of driver education courses and driving safety courses and the provision of information regarding the Texas Driving with Disability Program to certain public school students.

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Bills Not Requiring Active Implementation Efforts

1	HB 679	Bell, Keith	Relating to limitations on the use of workers' compensation insurance experience modifier values in soliciting and awarding public construction contracts.
2	HB 1778	Hinojosa	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to certain professional sports teams.
3	HB 1817	Capriglione	Relating to the validity of a contract for which a disclosure of interested parties is required.
4	HB 2453	Guillen	Relating to the issuance of a digital occupational license by a state agency, county, or municipality.
5	HB 2518	Bell, Keith	Relating to required lease terms for public property leased to a nongovernmental entity; creating a criminal offense.
6	HB 3013	Slawson	Relating to exempting certain contracts from procurement notice requirements.
7	HB 3014	Harris, Caroline	Relating to the motor vehicle safety inspection of electric vehicles.
8	HB 3461	Bonnen	Relating to the creation and re-creation of funds and accounts, the dedication and rededication of revenue and allocation of accrued interest on dedicated revenue, and the exemption of unappropriated money from use for general governmental purposes.
9	HB 3485	Bell, Keith	Relating to a contractor's or subcontractor's right to elect not to proceed with additional work under a contract.
10	HB 4012	Kitzman	Relating to the administration of the electronic state business daily.
11	HB 4123	Guillen	Relating to access to and use of certain criminal history record information.
12	HB 4595	Leach	Relating to nonsubstantive additions to, revisions of, and corrections in codes and to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from codes.
13	SB 29	Birdwell	Relating to prohibited governmental entity implementation or enforcement of a vaccine mandate, mask requirement, or private business or school closure to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
14	SB 271	Johnson	Relating to state agency and local government security incident procedures.
15	SB 493	Hughes	Relating to qualifications for certain individuals for veterans benefits.
16	SB 768	Parker	Relating to the process for notifying the attorney general of a breach of security of computerized data by persons doing business in this state.
17	SB 1045	Huffman	Relating to the creation of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals with jurisdiction over certain civil cases, the compensation of the justices of that court, and the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals in this state.
18	SB 1893	Birdwell	Relating to prohibiting the use of certain social media applications and services on devices owned or leased by state agencies.

Committee Meeting Date: 12/13/2023
BRIEFING ITEM

To: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board
From: Keith Yawn, Government & Strategic Communications Division Director
Agenda Item: 4.C
Subject: Proposed Development Schedule for Statutory Change Recommendations to the 89th Legislature

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide the proposed development schedule for Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV)'s statutory change recommendations to the 89th Texas Legislature.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Under Transportation Code, Section 1001.025, the TxDMV Board may recommend to the Texas Legislature statutory changes that would improve the operation of the department.

The 89th Texas Legislature will convene again in regular session on January 14, 2025. Developing recommendations for proposed statutory changes typically begins a year out from the start of the session. The proposed schedule facilitates this work and ensures proposed recommendations are available for appropriate consideration by the next legislature.

In January 2024, the Government and Strategic Communications (GSC) Division will work with department program divisions and the Board to identify potential statutory changes. Such changes could range from minor adjustments, or clean-up of statutory language to align with existing operations, to new authorizations for regulating motor vehicle-related functions. Potential changes will be reviewed and vetted through various department offices before presentation of final recommendations to the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee in June 2024 for initial review. Using Board and stakeholder input, the department will refine the recommendations before final consideration and approval by the Board in August 2024. After approval by the Board, the recommendations will be presented to legislative offices.

Statutory Change Recommendations Development Schedule for the 89R Legislative Session

December 2023: Brief TxDMV Legislative and Public Affairs Committee members on the proposed development schedule for statutory change recommendations.

January – May 2024: Government Relations staff develops recommendations for statutory changes provided by department program staff. Ideas for recommendations are reviewed and vetted through department program areas and preliminary drafts of statutory changes and background materials are drafted. Staff will also seek stakeholder input on recommendations.

This stage will include the identification of statutory clean-up needs related to ongoing implementation projects such as House Bill 718 and House Bill 3297.

June 2024: Initial review of proposed recommendations by the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee.

June – July 2024: Finalization of recommendations and incorporation of board input.

August 2024: Consideration and approval of final recommendations by the full board.

Sept. – Dec. 2024: Communication of board recommendations to legislative offices.

January 2025: The 89th Regular Texas Legislature convenes. Department serves as a resource for board legislative recommendations through the regular session process.

May 2025: The 89th Regular Legislative Session adjourns. Department begins work to implement enacted legislation.

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BRIEFING ITEM

To: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board
From: Glenna Bowman, Chief Financial Officer
and Annette Quintero, Vehicle Titles & Registration Division Director
Agenda Item: 4.D
Subject: New Facilities Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an update on activities related to the Camp Hubbard Renewal project, the addition of new service centers in Dallas and Houston, and the Long-Range Facilities Plan for the regional service centers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The 87th Legislature appropriated \$143,000,000 in the FY 2024-25 biennium for the Camp Hubbard Renewal project and provided financial authority to make debt service payments related to debt issued to finance the project. The Legislature also provided approximately \$3.5 million in appropriations and eight (8.0) full-time equivalent staff positions (FTEs) for the addition of two, new Regional Service Centers, one in Dallas and one in Houston.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION***Camp Hubbard Renewal Project***

Department staff are currently working with the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA), the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC), and private vendors to complete financing and contractual agreements to implement the construction phase of the project.

TPFA Financing

- Final comments on the TPFA agreements have been returned to TPFA's bond council for final review.

Interagency Contract (IAC) with TFC for Construction Phase services

- TFC is reviewing TxDMV's requested changes to its standard service contract. The anticipated timeline for contract completion is early December 2023.

Construction – Phase 0 Enabling Project (Data Center move to Building CH6)

- A request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) was issued on 9/20/23 and 5 proposals were received on 10/31/23. TFC Procurement anticipates the evaluations will be completed by the end of November, followed by two weeks for negotiations and a contract execution in early January.

Construction – Phases 1-5 (CH6 Reno/Demo/New Building/Site)

- TFC Procurement will solicit a contractor via a Request for Quote (RFQ) for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) Solicitation 60 days after the Comptroller's required Notice of Intent to Solicit is posted on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD). The posting is pending the execution of the IAC with TFC.

New Regional Service Centers in Dallas and Houston

The 88th Legislature approved the department's request for funding to open new RSC locations in both Dallas and Houston. This expansion will result in two RSC locations in each of those geographic areas. These projects began with data collection to map customer travel distances to the existing RSCs. This exercise provides crucial information about where to locate the second RSC in each geographic area. Upcoming project phases include the collection of customer transaction data, including wait and service times, reviews of current staffing, assessment of infrastructure needs, reviews of existing leases and contracts, financial considerations, and property buildout. The department anticipates these offices will be operational by January 1, 2025.

Long Range Facilities Plan

This is a five-phase project with scheduled completion by August 2024. Department staff have completed service mapping (Phase 1) for the 16 existing RSCs and are in the process of analyzing transaction data (Phase 2) and are also beginning location reviews (Phase 3). Phase 2 includes review of customer volume, wait and service times, and costs per transaction. Phase 3 includes assessment of staffing needs, office needs, customer drive times, population growth, and architectural space studies conducted by TFC. Phase 4 is a project cost analysis and is expected to begin in February 2024. Phase 5 is the development of the final recommendation for presentation to the 89th Legislature and is expected to begin in March 2024 and continue through June 2024.

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BRIEFING

To: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board
From: Wendy Barron, Chief Information Officer
Agenda Item: 4.E
Subject: RTS Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing item.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To brief the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee on the RTS Replacement and Ecosystem Modernization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Registration and Titling System (RTS) was originally designed and built by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the mid-1990s to process vehicle registration and title transactions. RTS has undergone continuous rebuilding, upgrades, and process improvements over time to maintain primary system functionality. While the system is stabilized for continued near-term use, advancements in technology and application development, as well as the workload demands of a growing state, are rendering this system obsolete. In the years since RTS was placed in service, the cost of maintaining the system has increased while the department's ability to adapt and change its use to better serve the evolving needs of the motoring public and state regulatory structures has decreased. For these reasons, the department must begin the process of replacing RTS and its associated applications.

Phase One will include the following major deliverables and is projected to be completed by the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year biennium. Planned updates to existing systems include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assessment of the existing RTS ecosystem and development of a transition plan.
- Assessment and evaluation of available technology solutions.
- Documentation for Quality Assurance Team (QAT) review and approval.
- Development of procurement documents.

Phase Two is projected to begin in Fiscal Year 2026 and will include implementation and buildout of the replacement ecosystem following the plans developed in Phase One.

Overall Project Status:

- Software updates of existing systems have been started and are in progress.
- Statement of Work (SOW) draft is being finalized for external assessment of the RTS environment and procurement will be initiated by December 2023.
- Demand submitted to DIR Data Center Services (DCS) Technology Solution Services (TSS) to conduct internal assessment of RTS environment. First meeting with TSS team is scheduled December 4, 2023.
- Contract Project Manager procurement is complete with contractor starting December 4, 2023.

Project End Date: Phase One end date August 2025.



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