



AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, March 7, 2014- 11:00 a.m.
Networking 10:30a.m.; Meeting Convenes 11:00a.m
NTTA Offices
5900 West Plano Parkway
Plano, Texas 75093

- 1. **Call to Order**
- 2. [Approval of Minutes - Meetings of November 1, 2013 and February 13, 2014.....1](#)
- 3. **Approval of Treasurer’s Report**
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 - A. Monthly Financials
 - B. Bills and Expenditures
- 4. **Chair’s Report**
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Victor Vandergriff
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Commissioner Vandergriff will update DRMC members on recent Texas Department of Transportation matters, including: the new High-Speed Rail Advisory Commission in the DFW region; the TxDOT turnback program giving local governments the ability to control certain state-owned roads; the stabilization of rural roads affected by energy exploration and production activity; and the latest activities of the Texas Freight Advisory Committee.

Mr. Vandergriff was appointed to the Texas Transportation Commission by Gov. Rick Perry in 2013. Mr. Vandergriff is well known to North Texas, serving on the NTTA Board for six years and also as its Chairman. Most recently, he was Chairman of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

7. The Federal Backdrop and US Dot Notice

A. Congressional Hearings

- 1. [Senate - Environment and Public Works Committee \(“Economic Importance of Reauthorization”\) February 12, 2014 15](#)
- 2. [House - Ways and Means \(Hearing on Administration’s 2014 Budget; Treasury Secretary. Lew March 6, 2014\); Tax Reform discussion draft 66](#)
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