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## Senator César J. Blanco Hosts Texas Transportation Commissioner Alex Meade for a Roundtable Discussion with Local Transportation Leaders

El Paso, Texas - Today, Senator César J. Blanco hosted a roundtable discussion with Texas Transportation Commissioner Alex Meade and local community leaders to discuss local transportation needs and priorities in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District, comprised of Culberson, El Paso, and Hudspeth counties.

The Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) is the governing body of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and is responsible for planning and making policies for the location, construction, and maintenance of state highways, developing a statewide transportation plan, and fostering and assisting in the development of public and mass transportation in the state.

## **Senator Blanco issued the following statement:**

"I was honored to welcome and host Commissioner Meade in El Paso. Being from a border community, Commissioner Meade has a great understanding of the critical role transportation infrastructure in the Texas-Mexico border region plays in connecting the cultural, commercial, and economic fabric of the region to the rest of the state.

"This visit was a unique opportunity for our community to showcase the work that is taking place in the region and highlight the critical projects planned to ensure local transportation infrastructure projects are supported and prioritized at the state level to improve overall mobility for our community and to strengthen our local and state economies."

## **Commissioner Meade issued the following statement:**

"I want to thank Senator Blanco for the invitation to visit El Paso and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the growing needs of the El Paso border region. I am proud to represent the border communities and the crucial part they play in the economic development of not only Texas, but the world. Several comments received today focused on the border communities' desire to work together to find solutions that will bring equity to the area, and I look forward to working with Senator Blanco to see how we can bring those solutions to the region."

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