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Remarks

Good morning. Thank you, Victor. And it's good to see Rep. McClendon again.

I'm so glad to be with you today to formally announce the opening of Texas' newest state agency, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

During the last regular legislative session, Rep. McClendon sponsored House Bill 3097. That bill officially created the D-M-V, transferring some motor vehicle functions once handled by TxDOT, to the new agency.



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The responsibilities of four TxDOT divisions — Motor Vehicle, Auto Burglary Theft Prevention, Vehicle Titles and Registration, and the motor carrier registration and enforcement functions within the Motor Carrier Division — will be transferred to the new agency effective Nov. 1.

And while this is a good day because it is marks a better way to serve Texans, it's also a bittersweet day for TxDOT.

For almost 20 years now — ever since the legislature rolled the Motor Vehicle Commission into our agency — we've been licensing and regulating the state's motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers.



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And for 14 years, auto theft prevention and motor carrier regulation have been on our list of duties.

But today also marks the end of an era for TxDOT.

It was June 4, 1917, and the first meeting of the newly created Texas Highway Commission was called to order.

Their first charge: the appointment of the state's first highway engineer. Their first task – to register the state's nearly 200,000 cars. A mission the Transportation Department has had for the past 92 years. And a mission that passes to the new D-M-V.



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It has been our honor to provide these services to Texans.

And while the D-M-V will protect consumers and provide the motor vehicle industry the services they need, TxDOT will continue our core mission of keeping Texans – and products – moving through this state.

It is our pledge to Texans to make this as smooth a transition as possible — and Chairman Vandergriff — you have my assurance we will help you and your new agency in any way we can.

It's good to have another ally in serving and providing Texans with the best transportation system in the country.



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