

# Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee

Meeting via Teleconference  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
1:30 pm

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Remarks from DPS and TCEQ
4. Old Business
  - a. Safety inspection study status update
    - i. Will researchers make recommendations to legislators about improving the safety inspection program?
  - b. Legislative update
    - i. Can DPS and TCEQ provide any update on legislator interest in the safety and emissions inspection program as we approach the upcoming session?
  - c. VIAC rule revision update
    - i. Where do rule revisions stand?
  - d. Remote sensing update
    - i. Can DPS staff responsible for the remote sensing program provide an update on any recent changes or improvements, numbers of vehicles detected and notices sent during the past three months?
    - ii. Would like to make this a standing update for each meeting if possible. VIAC may be able to provide feedback on remote sensing as it relates to verifying the effectiveness of the emissions program as well as identifying and communicating with high emitters.
  - e. VIAC meeting method: in-person vs. teleconference
    - i. DPS made room available for this teleconference meeting. Should we have a room available at DPS as well as a teleconference line for each new meeting? They can be in-person meetings for everyone who can make it and call-in meetings for those who can't. Could this increase participation?
5. New Business
  - a. New items recommended for the safety inspection

- i. Trailer safety chains should be required with trailer inspections as they are extremely important for safe trailer pulling and have recently caused a number of forest and grass fires due to chains hitting the highway and causing sparks.
  - 1. Applicable Statute and Administrative Code
    - a. Texas Transportation Code: Title 7, Subtitle C, Chapter 545, Section 545.410 [Towing Safety Chains](#)
    - b. Texas Administrative Code: Title 37, Part 1, Chapter 21, Rule §21.5: [Standards for Safety Chains](#)

6. Public Comment

7. Date of next meeting—In-person meeting in Austin, Shawn will chair

8. Future agenda items

9. Adjourn