



# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



## 2014 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP) UPDATE

Texas Transportation Commission

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# Proposed amendments under consideration

- Funding-level adjustments
- Project list updates
- Projects under consideration for additional funding
- Transportation Development Credit (TDC) balances and award

# Funding adjustments

## Funding-level adjustments

Changes to statewide funding levels based on revised financial forecast

## Fund transfer requests

Movement of funds between categories, years, TxDOT Districts and/or MPOs to align available funding with the timing of project initiation

*Example: \$35.5 Million funding swap for the I-10 at LP 375 SB-EB, NB-EB Direct Connectors. Project was SIB/locally funded but now TxDOT to fund with a swap of funds on the LP 375 managed lanes project from Zaragoza to Bob Hope Drive. Action will maintain project schedule and avoid TIP/conformity issues in El Paso.*

- from City of Wharton  
sts on projects

- approvals for amendments  
category 9 for Brazos and  
study

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# Projects and priorities

## Urban and regional highway needs: addressing safety, mobility, congestion and local partnerships

- **Grand Parkway Segment I2 frontage roads** – provide improved safety and connectivity to the Port of Houston through the construction of additional frontage roads between BS 146E and FM 1405 in Harris and Chambers Counties.
- **US 290 corridor widening** – additional funding to support on-going freeway widening and managed lane improvements that offer mobility and congestion relief as part of a regional partnership with Harris County.
- **I-35W/SH 170/SH 114 improvements** – mobility and congestion improvements that provide frontage road enhancements on I-35W, construction of two initial main lanes on SH 170, and bottleneck relief on SH 114 in the vicinity of the Alliance Airport and Global Logistics Hub in partnership with the NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council, Tarrant and Denton Counties.
- **US 175 reconstruction and widening** – safety and connectivity improvement to widen from two to four lanes in Henderson County from FM 804 toward Poynor and the Anderson County Line, Henderson County.
- **SH 31 Super 2 widening** - various sections of Super 2 widening to provide safety improvements with passing lanes, Gregg and Smith Counties.
- **US 69 widening** - including various safety improvements and widening of US 69 through the community of Wells, Cherokee County.
- **Old Hueco Tanks Road widening and upgrade** – connectivity and mobility improvements in partnership with the City of Socorro improving local connectivity between I-10 and the City of Socorro. Project will reduce local traffic through the I-10/SL 375 Americas Interchange, El Paso County.

## Regional interstate widening needs: addressing regional safety, mobility and connectivity

- **I-35E reconstruction and widening** – widen from 4 to 6 lanes from US 77 north of Waxahachie to US 77 south of Waxahachie, Ellis County.
- **I-45 reconstruction and widening** – widen from 4 to 6 lanes through Corsicana, Navarro County.
- **I-10 reconstruction and widening** – from 4 to 6 lanes from FM 1663 near Winnie to County Road 131 near Beaumont, Chambers and Jefferson Counties.

## Feasibility study for improvements to the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway: addressing safety and freight movement

- Funding for a potential partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a feasibility study to upgrade floodgates at the Brazos and Colorado rivers.
- Remove significant bottlenecks along the waterway.
- Use new provisions outlined in the recently passed Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

# Projects and priorities

Regional multimodal partnership: addressing mobility, congestion and local partnerships. Serving Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Top 100 Congested Corridors.

- **I-610 dedicated bus lane with Houston METRO** – Dedicated bus lane from Post Oak Boulevard to I-10 in Houston. Funding will match local participation with Uptown Houston Association for the development of this bus only linkage from the Katy Transit Center to Post Oak Road in the Galleria. Serves the I-610 (TTI #6) congested corridor.
- **Red Line capacity improvements with Capital Metro** – Additional railcars along with track and station improvements that will double the capacity of the Red Line rail system that serves downtown, central and northwest Austin. Serves the I-35 (TTI #1), SL 1/MOPAC (TTI #27), and North Lamar/SH 275 (TTI #71, #81) congested corridors.
- **Red and Blue Line transit initiatives with DART** – Interrelated transit initiatives in Dallas to improve operational capacity of the Red and Blue lines that serve downtown and key commuter corridors. Station platforms along these lines will be extended to accommodate longer trains with 50% more passengers. Serves US 75/North Central (TTI #7), I-35E (TTI #9, #23), SS 366/Woodall Rogers (TTI #8), I-30 (TTI #13), I-345 (TTI # 16) congested corridors.
- **Streetcar project with Sun Metro** – Streetcar system in El Paso linking the international bridges, downtown, the Cincinnati entertainment district and the University of Texas at El Paso. System will include 4.8 miles of track, related street improvements, 27 streetcar stops and vehicle maintenance/storage facilities. Serves I-10 (TTI #34, #91) congested corridors.
- **Transit center and alternative fuel buses with VIA** – Improve transit service to key destinations in downtown San Antonio with enhancements to key transit centers and stops, along with the purchase of natural gas powered articulating buses that will also improve air quality performance. Serves the I-35 (TTI #39) corridor.

## \$500M for safety, maintenance and energy sector projects : addressing safety, mobility and connectivity

- **US 87/Ports to Plains Corridor initiatives**
  - US 87 UPRR Underpass Reconstruction in Dalhart to increase low clearance, Dallam County
  - Lamesa Southern Cross Connector from SH 349 to US 87 to relieve downtown congestion and provide improved corridor connectivity, Dawson County
  - US 87 Big Spring Bypass to relieve downtown congestion and provide improved corridor connectivity, Howard County
- **Energy sector rehabilitation and safety improvement** – Statewide maintenance and safety improvements to address critical energy sector areas of the state. Funding to be allocated by TxDOT's Maintenance Division based on an assessment of current statewide energy sector needs.



## Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) partnerships to leverage TDCs and expedite local reimbursements of federal funding:

- MPO partnership opportunity with who have excess Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)
  - Houston Galveston Area Council
  - North Central Texas Council of Governments
  - Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- TxDOT will offer up to \$10 Million per MPO in FY 15 seed funding for projects. This funding will enable MPOs to establish a revolving account for expediting federal funding reimbursements for local project sponsors.
- As part of the funding agreement, the MPOs will trade TxDOT up to 100 million TDCs per MPO.
- TxDOT can utilize TDCs statewide.
- TDCs are a financing tool approved by FHWA that allow states to use federal obligation authority without the requirement of non-federal matching dollars.

# Questions?