

Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program 85th Texas Legislature

Continue progress made toward improving transportation and air quality during recent legislative sessions.

- Support full appropriation of Proposition 1 and Proposition 7 revenues to fund transportation.
- Oppose any attempt to backslide from the ending of diversions. Consider a constitutional amendment to protect revenues for transportation uses.
- Retain the ability to utilize, through an MPO process, tolling, managed lanes, debt financing and public-private partnerships in large metropolitan regions.
- Continue to fully appropriate revenues to the Low Income Repair and Replacement Assistance Program (LIRAP) and Local Initiative Projects (LIP).
- Retain eminent domain authority to allow planning and development of new and/or expanded transportation corridors including high speed rail, commuter rail, freight rail, roadways and trails.
- Support efforts to utilize performance-based planning to select high-quality transportation projects and continue to recognize that different areas of the state have different needs and solutions to improving transportation and maintaining critical assets.

Invest in further progress toward meeting transportation and air quality needs.

- Authorize the use of a Comprehensive Development Agreement for the 635 East project and possibly others.
- Identify additional revenue for transportation. Options include:
 - Allow counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth region the ability to adopt the \$10 optional registration fee allowed in various other counties across the state.
 - Implement a temporary local transportation revenue source to be voter approved.
 - Index the motor fuels tax to fuel efficiency.
 - Examine regional or corridor transportation reinvestment zones.
- Appropriate LIRAP's residual balance of previously collected funds; modernize and increase flexibility in LIRAP/LIP to better balance demand.
- Protect TERP revenue; ensure funds are utilized for projects that effectively meet the intent of the program, including roadway/goods movement transportation projects.



Provide support for other transportation topics to be addressed in legislation.

- Improve air quality
- Increase safety
- Plan and implement all modes of transportation
- Relieve congestion
- Maintain local and regional decision-making
- Utilize innovative technology
- Support land use and transportation connections
- Maintain active operations and management of the system
- Enable transportation data sharing and accessibility with appropriate privacy protection
- Plan for shared mobility solutions

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