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ABSTRACT: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a staged, multi-year listing of surface transportation projects proposed for funding by federal, State, and local sources within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. The TIP is developed through a cooperative effort of the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Council, the Texas Department of Transportation, local governments, and transportation agencies. The TIP contains projects with committed funds in fiscal years 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Project listings are financially constrained to available resources.

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