## Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program
### 87th Texas Legislature

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<td><strong>Adequately Fund Transportation and Utilize Tools</strong></td>
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<td>Ensure fair-share allocation of funds to metropolitan regions</td>
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| Identify additional revenue for all modes of transportation | **HB 156 (Ortega)**  
Relating to the authorization by referendum of an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties. (Currently only applies to South Texas)  
**HB 207 (Lopez)**  
Relating to the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.  
**HB 427 (King)**  
Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.  
**HJR 21 (Craddick)**  
Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of and use of money in the Grow Texas fund and allocating certain general revenues to that fund, the economic stabilization fund, and the state highway fund. |
| Support full appropriation of funding initiatives, including Proposition 1 and Proposition 7, previously approved by the Legislature | |
| **Expand Transportation Options in Mega-Metropolitan Regions** | |
| Allow for the ability to utilize tolling, managed lanes, debt financing and public-private partnerships for roadway and transit projects through a MPO and local decision-making process | |
| Authorize the use of a Comprehensive Development Agreement for specific needed projects |
| Plan, fund, and support the implementation of all modes of transportation, including transit | HB 35 (Swanson)  
Relating to an election authorizing the issuance of bonds or an increase in taxes by a political subdivision.  
HB 539 (Patterson)  
Relating to authorizing certain projects to be undertaken by economic development corporations.  
SB 160 (Perry)  
Relating to certain county road reports. |
| 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 legislation using a balanced liability insurance program that would allow North Texas transit agencies to operate on additional rail corridors as part of the regional transportation system |
| **Pursue Innovation, Technology, and Safety** |
| Utilize innovation in high-speed transportation, transit, autonomous vehicles, and freight | HB 114 (Toth)  
Relating to restrictions on certain state agency actions relating to high-speed rail projects. |
| Support the collaboration between local governments, the military, the State, and FAA to advance regulations for compatible land use and the safe operations of unmanned aircraft vehicles | SB 149 (Powell)  
Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities. |
| Plan for shared mobility solutions; enable transportation data sharing and accessibility with appropriate privacy protection | HB 113 (Oliver)  
Relating to peer-to-peer car sharing programs. |
| **Increase safety, including but not limited to texting while driving, speed limits, driving under the influence, bicycle, and pedestrian safety** | **HB 86 (Swanson)**  
Relating to the preemption and prosecution of certain offenses involving the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.  
**HB 442 (Israel)**  
Relating to the prima facie speed limit on certain streets and highways.  
**HB 443 (Israel)**  
Relating to requiring the operator of a vehicle to stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian.  
**HB 554 (Lopez)**  
Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle passing a pedestrian or a person operating a bicycle.  
**HB 555 (Lopez)**  
Relating to highway maintenance or construction vehicles and certain service vehicles.  
**HCR 3 (VanDeaver)**  
Requesting the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House of Representatives to direct the appropriate House and Senate committees to conduct an interim study regarding the feasibility of integrating the Northeast Texas  
**SB 42 (Zaffirini)**  
Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. |
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<td><strong>Improve Air Quality</strong></td>
<td><strong>Protect the TERP Trust fund and revenue balance to ensure funds are used for TERP purposes; modernize the program and ensure flexibility to accommodate innovative approaches to improving air quality and reducing emissions, including purchase of heavy-duty zero emission vehicles such as hydrogen fuel cell and battery electric vehicles and associated infrastructure</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Modernize and increase flexibility in the Local Initiative Projects (LIP) through a limited program focused on transportation and air quality improvements; appropriate LIRAP’s residual balance of previously collected funds back to counties</strong></td>
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| Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies, while maintaining lifestyle choices | **HB 391 (Israel)**  
Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites. |
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| Support legislation that improves air quality | **SB 170 (Blanco)**  
Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of implementing certain renewable energy standards.  
**HB 286 (Cortez)**  
Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities. |