

Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program

87th Texas Legislature

Adequately Fund Transportation and Utilize Tools

- Ensure fair-share allocation of funds to metropolitan regions
- Identify additional revenue for all modes of transportation
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Plan for shared mobility solutions; enable transportation data sharing and accessibility with appropriate privacy protection
- Increase safety, including but not limited to texting while driving, speed limits, driving under the influence, bicycle, and pedestrian safety

Improve Air Quality

- 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
- 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
- Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies, while maintaining lifestyle choices
- Support legislation that improves air quality



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