



**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



**County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas**

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**TxDOT's 25 Geographical Districts over Texas Counties**

**What counties fall within what TxDOT District**

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Keyword:  
25 DISTRICTS

- District Engineer contact information
- TxDOT District Profiles/Statistics
- Local Projects




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**Highway Bridge Program**

- Definition**

Bridge: A structure erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, a highway or a railway, that carries traffic and has an opening of more than 20 feet between faces of abutments
- Highway Bridge Program (HBP)**

What: TxDOT's program for using federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the rehabilitation/replacement of eligible bridges on public roads

Where: For publicly owned vehicular bridges statewide

When: Established in 1978 through federal legislation; and Annual program calls for funding projects in 4 to 5 year development plans

Why: To increase the safety of bridges

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**Highway Bridge Program**

**Funding**

- Fiscally constrained to \$280 million per fiscal year (FY)
  - \$60 million - Off-system
  - \$220 million - On-system
- Federal funds require a participation match of 20%
 

Off-System Projects (\$)	On-System Projects (\$)
80% - Federal	80% - Federal
10% - State	20% - State
10% - Local	

**Local Funding Alternatives**

- Payment match
  - Full 10%
  - Economically Disadvantage County Program (EDC)
  - State Infrastructure Bank (SIB)
  - Other
- Participation Waived Project / Equivalent Match Project program (PWP/EMP)
  - State provides up to the 10% match contribution
  - Local Government performs bridge / low water crossing safety improvements

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**Local Government Assistance Program**

Established 1997, Texas Transportation Code §201.706

- Requires \$6,000,000 worth of materials to be given each year to counties
- Assist in repairing/maintaining county roads impacted by 2060 Weight Tolerance permits
- Program Allocation Method (Statewide)
  - 65% based on county's percentage of Weight Tolerance permits
  - 20% based on county's percentage county road vehicle miles
  - 15% based on county's percentage lane miles of county roads




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**Public Transportation - Urban/Rural Transit District**

- \$85 - \$100 million per year in federal and state grant program funds
  - \$20.1 million to 37 Rural Transit Districts
- Supports programs serving 41% of the state's population and over 97% of the state's land area
  - Over 30 million one-way passenger trips/year
  - Over 50% of rural program ridership is healthcare-related
  - 25% - 30% of rural program ridership is work-related
- Formula combines population, land use, performance
- Funds may be used for operating, capital, and administrative purposes




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**General Aviation – Infrastructure Development/Maintenance**

TxDOT Aviation Division Supports 278 General Aviation Airports By Partnering with Political Subdivisions to Fund Airport Improvement Projects

**Airport Facilities Development Program**

Invests approx. **\$70M** in state and federal grant funding annually to improve airports owned by political subdivisions; primarily counties and cities.

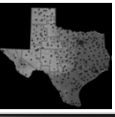
- Airfield Pavement rehab, reconstruction and construction; Lighting; Navigation Aids; Drainage; Fencing; and Planning Studies. **90/10** Cost Share
- Hangar and Air Traffic Control Tower construction; **90/10** Cost Share
- Fuel Systems and Automated Weather Observation Systems **75/25** Cost Share
- Terminal Building construction **50/50** Cost Share

**Routine Airport Maintenance (RAMP)**

Invests approximately **\$4M** annually to maintain and protect prior investments in airport development.

- 50/50** Cost Share
- Maximum annual grant—\$50,000

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**Aviation**



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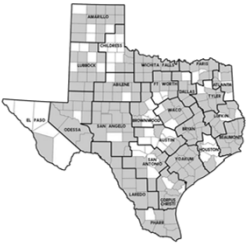
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**SB 1747 (83R) - County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (CTIF)**

- \$224.5 million to 191 counties that applied
- The following formula determines the allocation:
  - 20% – weight tolerance permits
  - 20% – oil and gas production taxes
  - 50% – well completions
  - 10% – volume of oil and gas waste injectedData provided by TxDOT, Comptroller's Office and the Railroad Commission.
- \$213.3 Reimbursed (As of October 5, 2018)
- 167 counties completed CTIF projects
- Appropriation expires FY 2021




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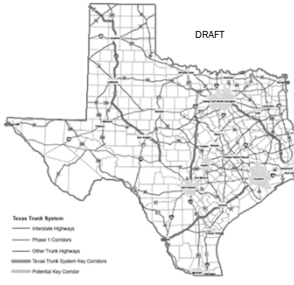
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**Texas Trunk System**

The Trunk System is a network of rural divided highways that complements and includes elements of the Interstate Highway System

- Led by Texas Transportation Commissioner Alvin New
- Emphasis Areas:
  - Connectivity
  - Safety
  - Economic Development
  - Congestion Relief
- Texas Transportation Commission Workshop (Austin) (December)
- Stakeholder Meetings (January – March 2019)
  - Amarillo
  - Lampasas
  - Lufkin
  - San Angelo
  - Tyler
  - Victoria




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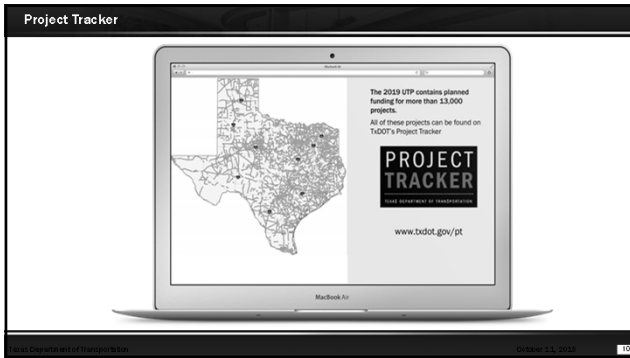
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**Safety**

**3,724**  
2017 Fatalities

**189**  
2017 Work Zone Fatalities

**November 7, 2000**  
Last deathless day in Texas

**62,553**  
Deaths since November 7, 2000



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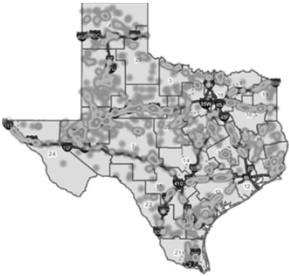
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**Fatal Accidents in Texas**

- Heat map of fatalities 2016-2018 (to-date)
- Fatal Crashes on two lane or four lane roads with reported speed limits of 75 MPH or greater
- Can be attributed to:
  - Driving Under the Influence
  - Distracted Driving
  - Drowsy Driving
  - No Seat Belts

*An alarming statistic is that while we have 92% seatbelt usage in Texas, 40% of fatalities had unrestrained occupants*



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**In Closing**

1. Communicate with District Engineer on a regular basis
2. Learn about these programs TxDOT has to offer
3. Discuss, teach and lead by example on Safety



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