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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

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.
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%

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**Local Funding Alternatives**
- Payment match
  - Full 10%
  - Economically Disadvantaged 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

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

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 27% 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 approximately $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, Signage, Ads, Drainage, Snowing, and Planning Studies
- 90/10 Cost Share
- Hanger and Air Traffic Control Tower construction
- Fuel Systems and Automated Weather Observation Systems
- Terminal Building construction
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**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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**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 injected
- Data provided by TxDMV, Comptroller’s Office and the Railroad Commission.
- $213.3 Reimbursed (As of October 5, 2018)
- 167 counties completed CTIF projects
- Appropriation expires FY 2021

**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 Alice New
- Emphasis Areas:
  1. Connectivity
  2. Safety
  3. Economic Development
  4. Congestion Relief
- Texas Transportation Commission Workshop (Austin) (December)
- Stakeholder Meetings (January – March 2019)
  - Amarillo
  - Longview
  - Lufkin
  - San Angelo
  - Tyler
  - Victoria

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Keyword:
Aviation
Project Tracker

3,724
2017 Fatalities

189
2017 Work Zone Fatalities

November 7, 2000
Last deathless day in Texas

62,553
Deaths since November 7, 2000
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.

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