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Association of Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations – March 2023

State Legislative Affairs



March 24, 2023



Texas Government Code

Sec. 556.006. LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING. (a) A state agency may not use appropriated money to attempt to influence the passage or defeat of a legislative measure.

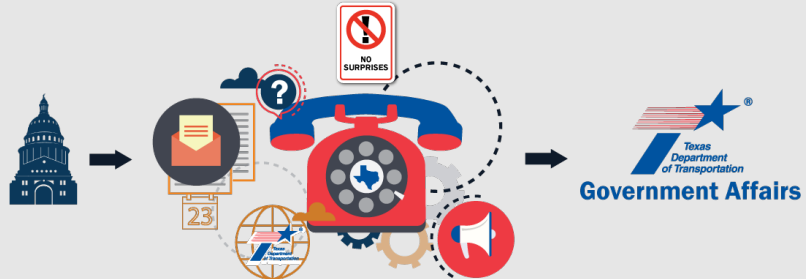
(b) This section does not prohibit a state officer or employee from using state resources to provide public information or to provide information responsive to a request.

Texas Transportation Code

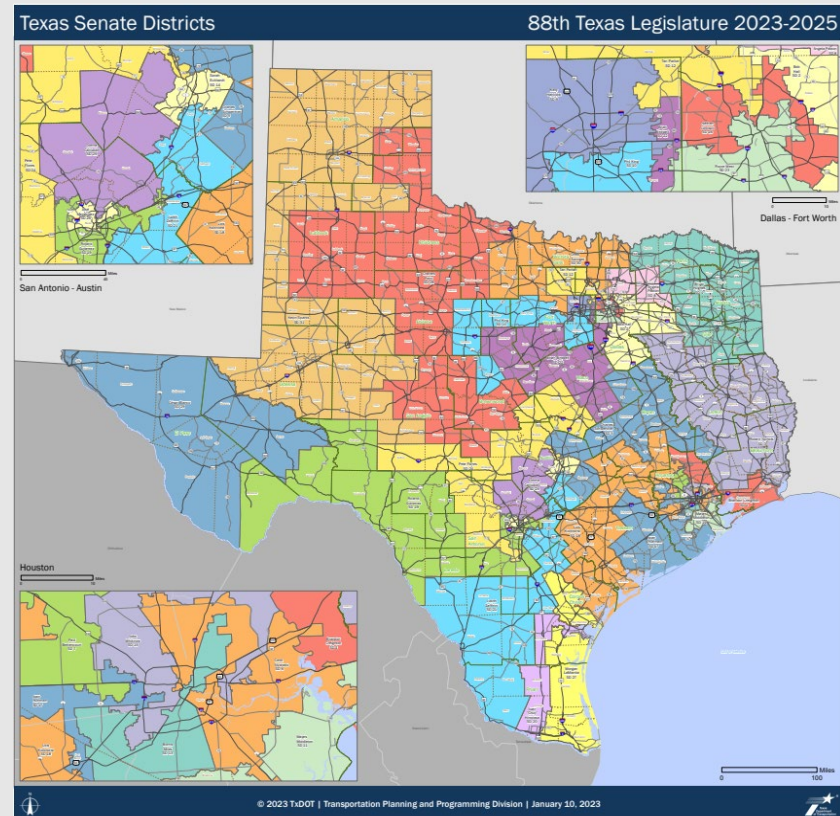
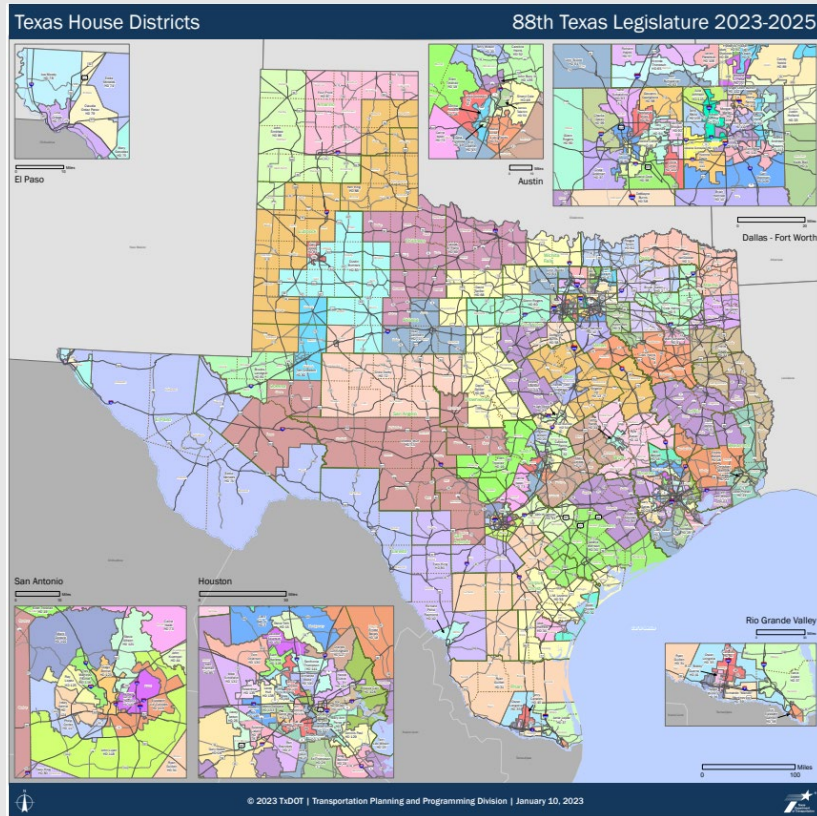
Sec. 201.210. LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING. (a) In addition to Section 556.006, Government Code, the commission or a department employee may not use money under the department's control or engage in an activity to influence the passage or defeat of legislation.



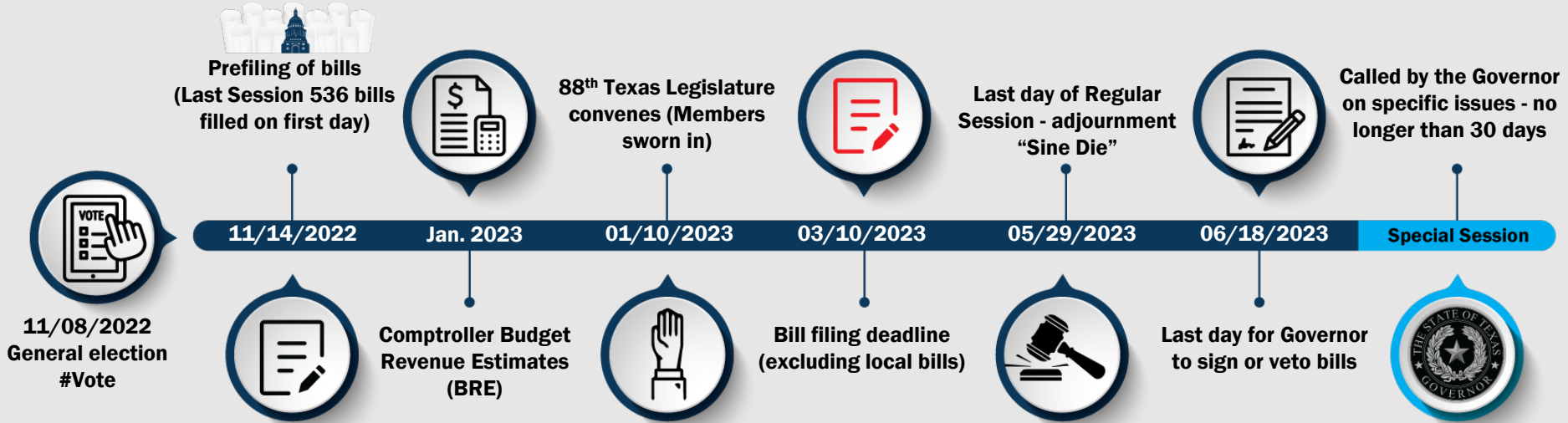
- **State Legislative Affairs (SLA), within TxDOT's Government Affairs Division (GOV), oversees the department's relationship with the Texas Legislature, Governor's Office, and other statewide elected officials**
- **Tracking legislation that impacts TxDOT, creation of Bill Analyses and Fiscal Notes, committee hearing presentations, floor and hearing reports, and constituent casework from legislative offices**
- **SLA is also responsible for tracking the implementation of any legislation, Memorial Highway Signs, and tracking statutory reports TxDOT is required to produce**



Resources: New Legislative Districts & TxDOT Maps (January 2023)



State Legislative Timeline



Committees on Transportation Membership



Senate Committee on Transportation

Chair Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville)

Vice Chair Royce West (D-Dallas)

Sen. Carol Alvarado (D-Houston)

Sen. Sarah Eckhardt (D-Austin)

Sen. Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills)

Sen. Phil King (R-Weatherford)

Sen. Borris Miles (D-Houston)

Sen. Tan Parker (R-Flower Mound)

Sen. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock)

House Committee on Transportation

Chair Terry Canales (D-Edinburg)

Vice Chair John Raney (R-Bryan)

Rep. Trent Ashby (R-Lufkin)

Rep. Yvonne Davis (D-Dallas)

Rep. Erin Gámez (D-Brownsville)

Rep. Caroline Harris (R-Round Rock)

Rep. Brooks Landgraf (R-Odessa)

Rep. J.M. Lozano (R-Kingsville)

Rep. Claudia Ordaz (D-El Paso)

Rep. Jared Patterson (R-Frisco)

Rep. Mary Ann Perez (D-Houston)

Rep. Ramon Romero, Jr. (D-Ft. Worth)



Senate Committee on Finance

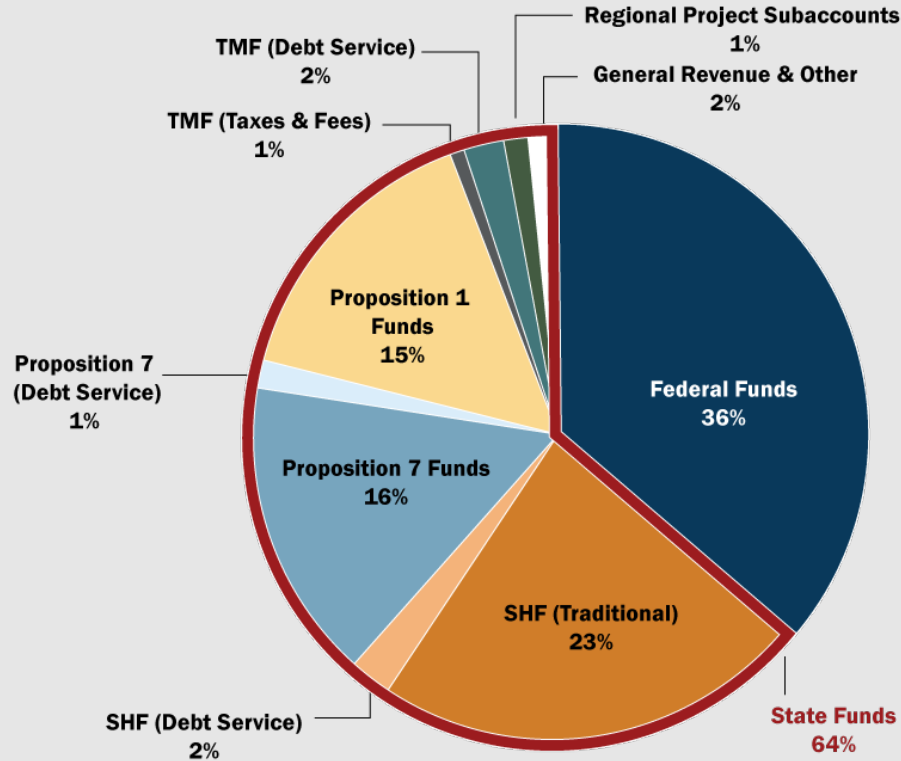
Chair Joan Huffman (R-Houston)	Sen. Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham)
Vice Chair Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa (D-McAllen)	Sen. Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville)
Sen. Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston)	Sen. Angela Paxton (R-McKinney)
Sen. Donna Campbell (R-New Braunfels)	Sen. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock)
Sen. Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe)	Sen. Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown)
Sen. Pete Flores (R-Austin)	Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas)
Sen. Bob Hall (R-Edgewood)	Sen. John Whitmire (D-Houston)
Sen. Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills)	Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo)
Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola)	



House Committee on Appropriations

Chair Greg Bonnen (R-Friendswood)	Rep. Carrie Isaac (R-Dripping Springs)	Rep. David Spiller (R-Jacksboro)
Vice Chair Mary González (D-Clint)	Rep. Jacey Jetton (R-Sugarland)	Rep. Lynn Stucky (R-Denton)
Rep. Steve Allison (R-San Antonio)	Rep. Jarvis Johnson (D-Houston)	Rep. Carl Tepper (R-Lubbock)
Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr. (R-Magnolia)	Rep. Armando Martinez (D-Weslaco)	Rep. Kronda Thimesch (R-Carrollton)
Rep. John Bryant (D-Dallas)	Rep. Trey Martinez Fisher (D-San Antonio)	Rep. Ed Thompson (R-Pearland)
Rep. Mano DeAyala (R-Houston)	Rep. Geanie Morrison (R-Victoria)	Rep. Steve Toth (R-The Woodlands)
Rep. Gary Gates (R-Rosenberg)	Rep. Angelia Orr (D-Itasca)	Rep. Gary VanDeaver (R-New Boston)
Rep. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins (D-San Antonio)	Rep. Lina Ortega (D-El Paso)	Rep. Armando Walle (D-Houston)
Rep. Donna Howard (D-Austin)	Rep. Toni Rose (D-Dallas)	Rep. Gene Wu (D-Houston)

HB 1/SB 1 Base Budget: 2024-25 Sources of Funding

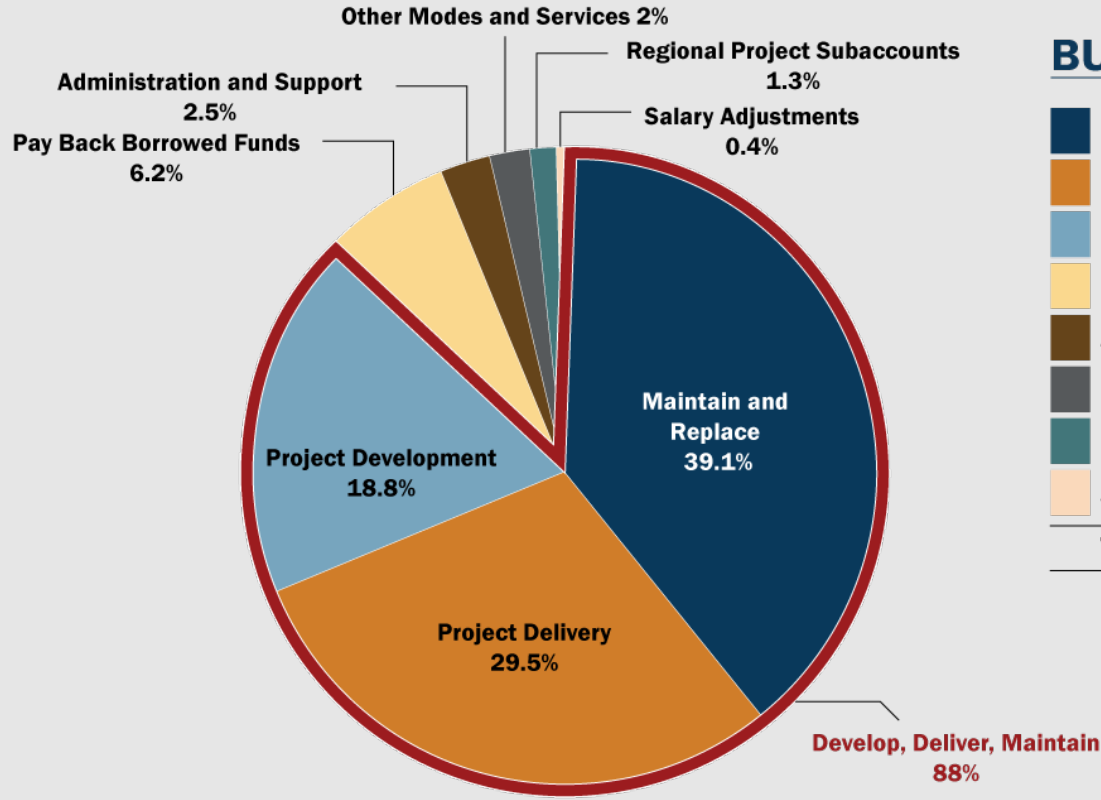


BUDGET SOURCES

Federal Funds	\$12.84 billion
SHF (Traditional)	\$8.27 billion
SHF (Debt Service)	\$0.79 billion
Proposition 7 Funds	\$5.65 billion
Proposition 7 (Debt Service)	\$0.53 billion
Proposition 1 Funds	\$5.41 billion
TMF (Taxes & Fees)	\$0.28 billion
TMF (Debt Service)	\$0.77 billion
Regional Project Subaccounts	\$0.47 billion
General Revenue & Other	\$0.57 billion
Total	\$35.56 billion

*Totals and percentages may not sum due to rounding

HB 1/SB 1 Base Budget: 2024-25 Uses of Funding



BUDGET USES

Maintain and Replace	\$13.9 billion
Project Delivery	\$10.53 billion
Project Development	\$6.7 billion
Pay Back Borrowed Funds	\$2.2 billion
Administration and Support	\$0.88 billion
Other Modes and Services	\$0.71 billion
Regional Project Subaccounts	\$0.47 billion
Salary Adjustments	\$0.14 billion
Total	\$35.56 billion

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FY 2024-25 Exceptional Items Requests & HB 1/SB 1



Exceptional Items	FY 2024-25 LAR Amount	HB 1 / SB 1 (88R, 2023)
Additional Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)*	349	-
Aviation Facilities Development [†]	\$94,000,000	\$0
Aviation - TxDOT Flight Services at Austin Bergstrom Airport [†]	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
Public Transportation - State Transit Per Capita Funding (2020 Census Impacts) [†]	\$7,540,000	\$0
Ports Capital Program [†]	\$150,000,000	\$150,000,000
Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund [†]	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000
Total:	\$663,540,000	\$562,000,000

*FTEs are funded with State Highway Fund dollars.

[†] General Revenue is requested for items 2-6 due to a lack of available, eligible funding.

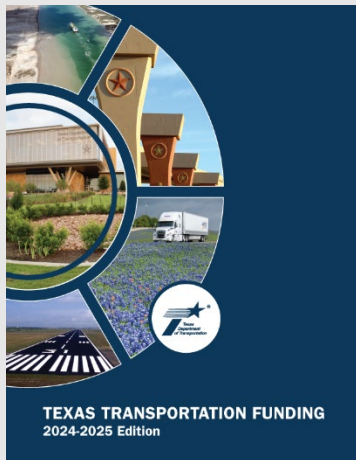


- **SCR 2, Senator Nichols/HCR 47, Representative Canales** – Would extend Proposition 7 deposits from sales tax revenue and motor vehicle sales tax revenue to the state highway fund for 10 years.
- **SB 225, Sen. Nichols/HB 2230, Rep. Canales** – Would eliminate the seven percent threshold for transfers to occur and repeals the December 31, 2024, sunset date for Proposition 1 deposits. [Note: SB 1232 (Sen. Nichols) is similar to SB 225 but only extends Proposition 1 by eight years.]
- **HB 1259, Rep. Jetton** – Would create three reports that involve TxDOT to varying degrees. The reports relate to Unified Transportation Program funding, the economic impact and feasibility for public-private partnerships as an alternative delivery method for certain TxDOT and TWDB projects, and comprehensive development agreements.
- **HB 3805, Rep. Canales** - Would require the Texas Transportation Commission, by rule, to include a Unified Transportation Program category for projects related to border security and establishing International Trade Corridors.
- **HB 3270, Rep. Ortega** – Would require the Texas Transportation Commission to allocate money in funding category 12 of the Unified Transportation Program to projects recommended in the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan.
- **SB 1129, Sen. Blanco** – Would create a new Unified Transportation Program funding category related to a port of entry, including projects recommended in the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan.



- **HB 2745, Rep. Ed Thompson/SB 2338, Sen. Middleton** – Would set forth the membership of the Houston-Galveston MPO, also known as the Houston-Galveston Area Council, or HGAC.
- **HB 4846, Rep. Davis** – Would require MPOs consider transportation needs of individuals who receive services from the Health and Human Services Commission or the Texas Workforce Commission when developing 10-year transportation plans and submit evidence the MPO considered the needs of those individuals.
- **HB 5156, Rep. Morales Shaw** – Would require MPOs to develop and implement a policy for fair decision making in the organization’s planning process.

Resources: Funding Brochure & Educational Series



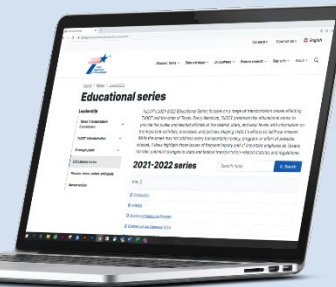
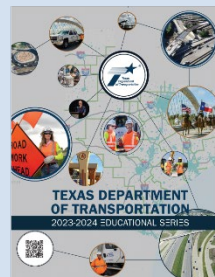
TxDOT Funding Brochure

Comprehensive guide to understanding TxDOT's traditional and non-traditional funding sources

- The 2023 brochure contains information on TxDOT's FY 2024-2025 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR)
 - Budget Totals (Budget Uses)
 - Methods of Finance (Budget Sources)
 - Exceptional Items requests

Educational Series

- Aviation
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Commercial Signs
- Contracting and Purchasing
- District Office Signs
- Emergency Operations
- Eminent Domain
- Federal Government
- Funding
- Interstate Designation
- Local Government Assistance
- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations**
- Ports and Waterways
- Project Development and Selection
- Public Transportation
- Rail
- Regional Mobility Authorities
- Safety, Travel Information and Speed Limits
- Memorial and Specialized Highway Signs
- Toll Roads
- Transportation Technology



Any Questions?

