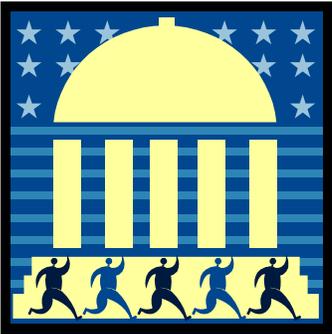


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TEA 21 Reauthorization Status Report *Summary Highlights, Texas Policy Priorities*



It's been over 18 months since TEA 21 expired on September 30, 2003. Since then, the 108th Congress tried and failed to enact its successor, resulting in six extensions to keep federal surface transportation programs going. The 108th Congress reached the conference stage in May 2004, but conferees were unable to resolve substantive disagreements on the bill's "price," state highway funds distribution, and key transportation policy and program issues. It's now up to the 109th Congress to get the job done right.

Federal highway, transit, transportation research, and safety-related programs are currently funded at TEA 21 levels. The latest extension will expire on May 31, 2005. When Congress passed the sixth extension in late 2004, the expectations were high that the 109th Congress could complete a full TEA 21 reauthorization bill by that time. While much has been accomplished early this year, political events and the volatile legislative calendar may prevent Congress from meeting the deadline. This may result in the need for another extension to allow Congress additional time to complete its work.

House Action. House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (T&I) Chairman Don Young (R - Alaska) introduced a revised version of last year's TEA 21 reauthorization bill on February 9, 2005. The bill, HR 3, is entitled the Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (TEA LU). HR 3 provides \$242 billion in guaranteed funding from FY 2005 through FY 2009. [Note: since the first year of the authorization bill (FY 2004) has been completed, we will refer to the remaining five years of funding provided in the bill.] The amount reflects the White House budget request to Congress, a \$28 billion increase over the previous proposal introduced by the Bush Administration. Total federal highway program funding is set at \$201 billion for FY 2005-2009; however, the bill would rescind \$12 billion of that amount in FY 2009, with details yet to be disclosed on how that 8.5% rescission will be administered. Total federal transit funding is set at \$45.1 billion for FY 2005-2009, with \$36 billion funded out of the Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund and \$9.1 billion funded out of the General Fund.

T&I passed the bill, as amended, on March 2, and the full House passed an amended bill on March 10, by a vote of 417-9. Some of the key amendments the House considered include:

- The Kennedy Amendment would have significantly limited the use of tolling on interstates, even when compared to current law. This amendment failed by a vote of 155-265.
- The Burgess Amendment would change the federal calculation of toll credits (also called Transportation Development Credits) to reflect non-federal investment in toll facilities. This amendment was adopted by voice vote.

- The Pitts Amendment would allow urbanized areas whose populations exceeded 200,000 in the 2000 census (Lubbock & Denton/Lewisville in Texas) to use 50% of their formula funds for operational cost from FY 2005 through FY 2007. Then in FY 2008 & 2009 the percentage is reduced to 25%. This amendment was adopted on a record vote of 228-197.
- The Davis Amendment would eliminate language in the bill requiring states that opt to charge tolls on high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes or that participate in the congestion-pricing, construction, or rehabilitation toll programs to reduce tolls for low-income individuals. This amendment was adopted on a record vote of 224-201.

The House-passed version of HR 3 also made significant changes to the structure of the various highway formula and discretionary programs in an effort to define the scope of programs covered by the Minimum Guarantee (MG) provision. It seeks to eliminate various discretionary programs as stand-alone authorizations and replace them as set-asides within the core highway formula programs. The result is that 92.6% of the highway program funds are subject to the scope of the MG when those funds are distributed to the states, but these set-asides are not distributed to the states according to the MG formula. Instead, the USDOT would continue to distribute these program funds at his discretion and no state would be guaranteed to receive any of these set-aside funds.

Furthermore, HR 3 does not change the size of the MG, keeping it at the TEA 21 status quo of 90.5% of a state's share of contributions to the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund.

Senate Action. On March 16, 2005, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) voted 17-1 to approve the highway and transportation research portions of its reintroduced surface transportation reauthorization bill. The next day, the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee (Banking) approved the transit portion of the legislation. The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee (Commerce) and the Senate Finance Committee have yet to markup their portions of the bill (highway and motor carrier safety and Trust Fund financing, respectively). Once the remaining Senate committees' work is finished (likely this week), the bill (S. 732) entitled the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Equitable Transportation Efficiency Act of 2005 (SAFETEA) will move to the Senate floor later this month for debate. We expect various funding and policy amendments similar to last year.

S 732 is essentially identical to the bill adopted last year by the EPW Committee, with cuts in the overall dollar amount (from \$318 billion in 2004 to \$284 billion in this 2005 version). The new committee bill would provide \$190 billion in highway program funds for FYs 2005-2009 and transit is funded at \$44.3 billion.

Texas Funding. Both House and Senate versions include new and revised transit funding formula programs that will improve Texas transit funding. We estimate Texas will receive nearly \$1.4 billion in federal transit formula program funds over the five year period FY 2005-2009. Texas stands to receive an estimated \$14 billion in federal highway formula program funds over the next five years under both bills, with some differences between the two versions in the annual apportionments. HR 3 currently provides a 90.5% minimum rate of return on the 92.6% of highway program funds considered to be core formula programs. When all funds are factored, Texas' overall rate of return in the House bill is actually only 82% before the various allocation programs are distributed. The Senate bill replaces the Minimum





Guarantee with its Equity Bonus structure. S 732 keeps the Texas rate of return on formula programs at 90.5% for FY 2005-2008 and then lifts it to 92% for FY 2009 only. The result for Texas is only an overall 85% rate of return before the various allocation programs are distributed. Texas High Priority Projects in the House bill are listed at the end of this report. A Senate list has not yet been made public.

Texas Policy Issues Highlighted. For the 109th Congress, Texas will continue to press for needed federal transportation policy flexibility and authority that enables us to take full advantage of new state law enacted to tackle our growing transportation needs. As we focus on finalizing the

reauthorization debate, we remain vigilant to have our amendments added to S 732 on the Senate floor and in the conference committee.

As a reminder, below are the Texas Transportation Commission's federal policy objectives for TEA 21 reauthorization and the status of relevant provisions in the House and Senate bills.

Design-Build: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Minimal. Neither bill alters the existing Design-Build (D-B) rule to lift restrictions on state procurement processes for D-B contracts, nor do they permit states to accept unsolicited proposals if allowed under state law. Amendment reflecting TxDOT's D-B policy still needed.

Interstate Tolling: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Limited. Neither bill includes our interstate "buy-back" provision. S 732 authorizes states to implement interstate tolling options other than on a pilot program basis, as provided under TEA-21. S 732 designates Virginia as a rehabilitation pilot state from the three available slots and creates a FAST program authorizing unlimited projects for new capacity toll projects. Slotting of the FAST program is anticipated during Conference negotiations. TxDOT will advocate for enhanced interstate tolling options.

Multi-Modal Project Environmental Review: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - None. Neither bill accomplishes TxDOT goal to streamline the review process for multimodal corridor projects.

Transportation Development Credits (Toll Credit) Calculation: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Positive. HR 3 as amended by the House includes TxDOT-endorsed language offered by Congressman Michael Burgess (R-Denton). There is no related provision in S 732. The Burgess amendment would improve the existing calculation to a pro-rata basis. TxDOT currently uses these credits to assist local entities to draw-down federal funds and to purchase transit capital, as well as meet the state match for highway projects.

Critical ROW Acquisition: TxDOT federal priority impact - None. Neither bill provides federal reimbursement for a state's advanced acquisition of critical right-of-way.

Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Potentially Positive. TxDOT continues to seek a pilot designation under the Senate's five-state pilot program that would allow select states to have increased project oversight. Oklahoma is designated a slot, leaving four available.

Equity (a.k.a. 95% Rate of Return): TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Positive. House retains at least TEA 21 levels. Senate gets Texas to 92% ROR by FY 2009.

Border and Corridors Program: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Positive. Both House and Senate proposed reforms reflect TxDOT's policy position. The Senate border formula is best scenario for Texas.

Private Activity Bonds: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - None. TxDOT supports passage of tax exempt private activity bonds for surface transportation projects. In last year's Senate reauthorization proposal, \$15 billion in tax-exempt PABS were included via a floor amendment. An amendment to include PABS on the Senate floor is expected this year as well.

Enhanced Financing Tools: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Positive. Both bills include public freight rail facilities or private facilities providing public benefit, and intermodal freight transfer facilities to the list of eligible TIFIA projects. S 732 would make all states eligible to establish State Infrastructure Banks with federal transportation funds.

Rail: TxDOT Federal Priority Impact - Limited. Neither bill provides flexibility to use STP funds on rail. However, the House-proposed Projects of National and Regional Significance program includes rail funding flexibilities to develop rail infrastructure. This program will likely be earmarked.

Next Steps. Once the two remaining Senate committees complete their work (on the finance and safety provisions) on SAFETEA, the challenge will be to secure at least a week on the Senate floor calendar for debate. Various floor amendments are expected, including Texas efforts to include our policy changes in the final Senate-passed bill. Of note, Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton and Senator Joe Lieberman intend to offer an amendment to ensure that every state receives at least a 15% increase in highway funding under the bill. Currently, the EPW Committee bill only guarantees a 10% funding increase.

Once Senate work is complete, the House and Senate will appoint conferees who will meet in a conference committee to hammer out their major differences. Given that the current extension expires May 31, we anticipate at least another one-month extension act before a final proposal is sent to the President.



Project #	Texas High Priority Project Description as Earmarked in HR 3	Amount
8	Construction of Segment #1 of Morrison Road for the City of Brownsville	\$2,000,000
24	Extension of SH 349 of US 87 Relief Route in Dawson County	\$2,500,000
44	Construct two connectors between SH 288 and Beltway 8	\$5,000,000
62	The SH 146, port Rd direct connectors allows traffic bypass several rail lines & traffic signals at, near intersection of SH 146 and Port Road	\$13,200,000
150	Construct passing lanes on Texas State Highway 16 in Atascosa County	\$797,000
151	Construct street and drainage improvements to road system in Encinal	\$250,000
166	Construct SH 183 from SH 360 to Belt Line Road in Irving, Texas	\$2,000,000
192	Hidalgo County Loop	\$1,000,000
196	Construct a segment of FM 110 in San Marcos	\$1,000,000
197	Big Spring, TX Construction of the Big Spring Reliever Route	\$2,800,000
202	Construction of Lake Ridge and US 67 Project, Cedar Hill, TX	\$3,000,000
223	Design and construction streetscape improvements to enhance pedestrian access, pedestrian access to bus services and facilities	\$1,000,000
255	Construct Depression of Belt Line Road at I-35E Intermodal Transportation Project in Carrollton, TX	\$6,000,000
286	Construct new location highway & interchanges on Inner Loop, from Global Reach to Loop 375, including the Global Reach ext. El Paso	\$16,000,000
298	US377 Hood County, Texas - From BU 377H east of Granbury to the new location of FM 4	\$1,500,000
310	Acquire Kelly Parkway Corridor Right-of-Way through San Antonio	\$2,000,000
325	Improvements to US 183 in Gonzales County	\$500,000
347	Construct additional 2 lanes to Loop 335 in Amarillo from .3 miles west of Western Street to .5 miles West of Broadway	\$3,000,000
356	Build Arkansas Street grade separation Laredo	\$1,000,000
364	Convert discontinuous two-way frontage roads to continuous one-way frontage roads on IH 30 in Texarkana, TX	\$5,000,000
365	Regional bicycle routes on existing highways in Austin, TX	\$1,000,000
383	Reconstruct I-35E Trinity River Bridge, Dallas	\$15,000,000
408	Construct Mission Trails Project Packages 4&5 in San Antonio	\$5,500,000
442	IH37 frontage roads in Mathis	\$2,000,000
467	Construct and rehabilitate pedestrian walkways along the Main Street Corridor to improve transit-related accessibility	\$1,000,000
486	Widen Motor Street thoroughfare in Dallas to improve accessibility to Southwestern Medical District	\$5,500,000
503	Development of one-story 300-vehicle parking facility	\$1,200,000
538	Widen US 271 from a 2-lane facility to a 4-lane divided facility from Paris, TX to Pattonville, TX	\$2,000,000
553	SH146 grade separation over Red Bluff Road	\$17,000,000
609	Washington Boulevard Improvements in Beaumont, Texas	\$2,600,000
628	Interchange improvements IH-30 Arlington at FM 157 (Collins Street) and Center Street	\$2,000,000
630	Reconstruct Mile 6 W from US83 to SH 107, Hidalgo County	\$1,000,000
637	FM 1637 from FM 3051 to FM 185, Waco	\$2,000,000
640	FM 3391 (East Renfro St.) from I-35 W to CR 602, Burleson	\$2,000,000
643	Drainage study and engineering for US 83 in Starr County	\$1,000,000
663	Construct Phase II of City of Killeen SH-201	\$6,000,000
670	Nolana Loop from FH 1426 to FM 88, Hidalgo County	\$2,000,000
680	Conduct reconstruction and managed lanes project on Airport Freeway (SH 183-SH 121) from IH 820 to the Dallas County line	\$5,000,000

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695	Conduct preliminary engineering for Funnel Project on SH 114 from BS 114L to Dallas County Line and on SH	\$4,000,000
710	For right of way acquisition and construction of Seg 5 and 6 of SH 130 from 183 to Seguin, TX	\$ 6,000,000
734	Widen SH 24 from a 2-lane facility to 4-lane divided facility from SH 19 to Cooper, TX	\$ 2,000,000
769	Carlton Road grade separation, Laredo, TX	\$5,000,000
825	Implementation and quantification of benefits of large-scale landscaping along freeways and interchanges in the	\$ 28,496,000
860	Widening from two lanes to four of SH 36 from Bellville, TX to Sealy, TX	\$ 9,000,000
880	Build 36th Street Extension in San Antonio	\$2,000,000
893	Improvements to FM 1979 in Caldwell County	\$300,000
907	Construction of highway infrastructure to provide flood protection for Nueces County	\$1,000,000
915	Widening FM 60 (University Drive) from SH6 to FM 158, College Station	\$3,000,000
919	Extend Munn Street from Demaree Ln to Gellhorn Drive	\$1,000,000
932	Widening 349 Dawson and Martin County	\$2,000,000
956	US 67, widening from Nolan River to West Buffalo Creek, Cleburne	\$3,000,000
975	Improvements to FM 676 in Alton	\$500,000
992	Construct a pedestrian/bicycle trail in the Sunnyside area of Houston	\$750,000
993	Construct remaining 800-foot 4-lane divided thoroughfare for Preston Road segment between Beltway 8 and	\$1,160,000
1000	Improvements to South McColl Road in Hidalgo County	\$2,400,000
1002	Widen US 82 from 2-lane facility to 4-lane facility from FM 1417 in Sherman, TX to US 69 in Bells, TX	\$ 4,500,000
1003	Widen US 79, from FM 1512 near Jewett to IH-45 to a four-lane divided highway	\$2,000,000
1013	Widen US 287 Bypass at Ennis from two to four lanes	\$ 8,000,000
1042	Construction of the interchanges at B120 and IH20 for JBS Parkway	\$2,500,000
1058	Improvements to FM 716 in Duval County	\$1,000,000
1087	Construct Loop 20 in Laredo	\$ 2,000,000
1090	Widen SH 317 from two lanes to four-lane divided facility	\$2,000,000
1091	Widen SH 205 from two lanes to a six-lane urban divided highway from North of SH 66 to proposed SH 276	\$1,000,000
1117	Construct of ferryboat for City of Port Aransas	\$400,000
1132	Expansion of Port Road at northbound frontage road of SH 146 east to intersection with Cruise Terminal Rd to 6-	\$7,340,000
1136	Expansion of Daniel McCall Dr., Lufkin, TX	\$ 2,750,000
1188	The District-Tyler Outer Loop 49 Construction	\$ 6,480,000
1195	Port of Corpus Christi Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor for congestion and safety enhancements	\$500,000
1219	Build Bike Trail at Chacon Creek in Laredo	\$3,300,000
1245	Construction of internal roads at Port of Brownsville to make roads safer with less wear and tear	\$ 2,500,000
1248	Reconstruct Daniieldale Road from I-35E to Houston School Road in Lancaster	\$2,000,000
1266	Hike and bike trail will tie into the Gellhorn Drive project providing an improved multi-modal transportation facility	\$1,000,000
1282	Construction of streets in the White Heather area of Houston	\$9,250,000
1300	Construct bicycle and pedestrian trails in Houston's historic Third Ward	\$750,000
1304	IH-35E Bridge Reconstruction over Lake Lewisville	\$1,000,000
1373	Construction of highway medians, pedestrian walkways for City of South Padre Island	\$500,000
1400	Rehabilitate Yale Street between IH-10 to IH-610	\$1,000,000
1412	Extension of FM 1427 in Penitas	\$700,000
1433	Cotton Flat Road overpass at Interstate 20	\$1,500,000
1442	Construct highway improvements on East Tidwell, Ley Road and East Little York Road	\$2,800,000
1444	Reconstruct I-30 Trinity River bridge, Dallas	\$ 25,000,000
1446	Bicycle and pedestrian trail network in east Austin	\$9,600,000

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1465	Right of Way acquisition for 87 Relief Route	\$1,500,000
1471	Improvements to IH-35E from US 77 north of Waxahachie to US 77 south of Waxahachie	\$4,000,000
1478	Lubbock, Texas-Construction for Marsha Sharp Freeway main lanes between Chicago and Salem Avenues	\$5,600,000
1499	Design and construction streetscape improvements in Midtown, enhance pedestrian access	\$1,000,000
1528	East 7th Street improvements in Austin	\$525,000
1535	Construct Links Hike & Bike Trail Project. 2.2 mile trail project connecting Gaylord Texan to Grapevine Mills Mall, Grapevine, TX	\$500,000
1568	Ritchie Road from FM 1695 to US 84, Waco	\$3,000,000
1600	Reconstruction of US 79 from FM 1460 to Williamson County Road 195	\$2,000,000
1612	San Angelo Ports to Plains Route Loop 306 at FM 388	\$1,500,000
1617	Add shoulders to FM 156 from Ponder, TX to Krum, Texas	\$2,000,000
1624	IH-820 widening project	\$2,000,000
1648	Construction of divided four-lane concrete arterial with drainage improvements - Sandy Lake Road: Denton Tap Road to North Coppell Road	\$1,000,000
1658	Reconstruct and add two lanes to US 287 from the Oklahoma state line to US 54 in Stratford	\$3,000,000
1671	Reconstruct Precinct Line Road 2-lane bridge as 4-lane bridge and widen Precinct Line Road to 4-lane roadway from SH 10 to Trammel Davis Road	\$1,000,000
1674	Reconstruct Mile 2 W from Mile 12 N to US 83, Hidalgo County	\$1,000,000
1705	Build south bound ramp from east bound I-20 to Clark Road at the Southern terminus of Spur 408. Duncanville, TX	\$5,000,000
1741	US 90-Construct 6 mainlanes from east of Mercury to east of Wallisville	\$2,000,000
1751	Design and construct the Cottonwood Trail pedestrian-bicycle connection	\$1,000,000
1763	Construct a reliever route on US 287 south of Dumas to US 287 north of Dumas	\$3,000,000
1766	Dowlen Road Improvements for Beaumont, Texas	\$3,456,000
1768	Construct raised median from Loop 224 to Sradely St. in Nacogdoches, TX	\$3,350,000
1790	Old Reliance Road Overpass at SH6 (Earl Rudder Freeway) - widening project in Brazos Co	\$2,500,000
1820	Reconstruct and add two lanes to IH-27 from Western Street in Amarillo to Loop 335	\$3,000,000
1829	US 290 improvements in Austin, TX	\$3,000,000
1836	Design 7 construct streetscape improvements to Old Spanish Trail - SH 288 to Griggs, Griggs, to Mykawa	\$1,000,000
1851	Acquisition of ROW and environmental preservation from I-45 to US 59 for Grand Parkway	\$14,000,000
1892	Construct reliever route on US 287 south of Stratford to US 287 north of Stratford	\$3,000,000
1895	Construct grade separation at US 59 and SH 99. Replace the proposed interim cloverleaf ramps at the intersection	\$5,000,000
1939	Reconstruct Clinton Drive from Federal Road to N. Wayside Drive	\$14,000,000
1950	Construct SH 199 (Henderson St.) through the Trinity Uptown Project between the West Fork and Clear Fork of the Trinity River in Fort Worth	\$8,000,000
1966	Construct landscaping and other pedestrian amenities in segments of the Old Spanish Trail and Griggs Road ROW	\$2,000,000
1976	Repair 4.35 miles of Lake Ridge Pwy. Widen roadway along with 2 bridges from 4 lanes to 6 across Joe Poole Lake in Grand Prairie, TX	\$6,000,000
2003	I Road between Nolana Loop and FM 495 in Hidalgo County	\$1,900,000
2009	Construct Southwest Bypass in Georgetown, TX, between SH29 and Ranch Road 2243	\$4,000,000
2042	Construct a bridge impact protection system for TxDOT	\$500,000

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2049	Two direct connectors in Houston, Texas between IH 10 and SH 99. The Grand Parkway	\$5,000,000
2060	Construct Loop 12-IH 35E and SH 183 west extension to MacArthur, Irving, Texas	\$1,000,000
2065	Construct 4-lane divided roadway along SH71 from the Pedernales River to Bee Creek	\$2,000,000
2072	Construct direct connectors on US 59 intersection of US 59, Business 59 and US 77 (previously Loop 463)	\$4,000,000
2093	Construct 25 mile stretch of the 177-mile loop, between IH-45 south and SH-288	\$11,500,000
2100	Construct parallel bridge for SH 35 over Capano Bay	\$1,000,000
2169	Grade separation bridges at Wintergreen Road and Millers Ferry Road in Hutchins and Pleasant Run Road and Millers Ferry Road in Wilmer	\$8,200,000
2177	Improvements to FM 1017 in Hebbronville	\$500,000
2183	Construct Grade separation at US 277 in Eagle Pass	\$5,000,000
2213	Road grade separation at Fairmont Parkway over Southern Pacific Railroad	\$5,000,000
2220	Completion of US 77 relief route around City of Robstown	\$3,000,000
2223	SH71 from W of FM 20 to Loop 150, Bastrop County	\$2,000,000
2243	For center to center communication link between highway traffic transportation management centers	\$1,000,000
2262	Build I-30 Trinity River Bridge, Dallas, Texas	\$1,000,000
2298	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes Interstate 35 East from Lake Lewisville to Loop 288	\$7,000,000
2300	Widen Hempstead Highway from 12th Street to Washington Avenue from four lanes to six lanes	\$1,000,000
2311	Relocation of 10th Street near McAllen-Miller International Airport	\$750,000
2314	Construct Loop 574 from BU 777 to I-35 in McLennan County	\$2,000,000
2335	Port of Corpus Christi Up River Road for upgrade of roadway to and from docks & IH37	\$500,000
2355	Donna/Rio Bravo International Bridge	\$2,000,000
2403	Choate Road overpass to eliminate at-grade intersection between Choate Rd. and SH 146	\$9,800,000
2406	Construct US Business 287 through the Trinity Uptown Project from 7th Street. NE to 11th St. NE in Fort Worth	\$8,000,000
2496	Hwy 80/123 overpass at Hwy 181 in Karnes County	\$300,000
2502	FM 544, widen 2-lane roadway to 6-lane roadway from SH 121 to Dozier-Parker Road	\$2,000,000
2503	Construct an alternate truck route to Interstate 35 in Buda	\$500,000
2533	Conduct study of I-10 and US 190 with a focus on congestion relief and the need for a military & emergency relief transportation corridor	\$200,000
2544	Construct Fredericksburg Road-Medical Drive grade separation in San Antonio	\$3,800,000
2612	Del Rio-Laughlin Air Force Base Relief Route	\$16,000,000
2627	Construction of mainlanes and interchanges on SH 121 from Hillcrest to US 75	\$14,000,000
2632	New construction for the SH 349 Reliever Route beginning at the SH 191 intersection in Midland	\$2,500,000
2676	FM 937 from SH 164 to FM 3371, Limestone County	\$2,000,000
2683	Construct I-635/35E Interchange in Dallas, TX	\$5,500,000
2696	Reconstruct Ella/Wheatley from Little York to West Gulf Bank	\$1,250,000
2700	Construct Santa Fe Trail DART LR overpass from Hill St. to Commerce St. along abandoned Santa Fe Rail ROW in Dallas	\$2,400,000
2707	Develop, deploy, and integrate municipal ITS in San Antonio	\$3,200,000
2731	Downtown streetscape improvements in Beaumont, TX	\$640,000
2734	Reconstruct interchange at IH 10 and FM 364, Chambers County, TX	\$1,000,000

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2757	Implement repairs on Old Pleasanton Road Bridge in Atascosa County	\$403,000
2772	Add 2 lanes to existing facility from Victoria County Line to 1.9 miles west of SH 35 in Port Lavaca	\$1,000,000
2803	Construct 1635-I 30 Interchange, Dallas, TX	\$15,000,000
2842	Grimes Co. TX Bridge Improvement Project	\$500,000
2864	Austin to Manor Rail Trail, TX	\$2,000,000
2895	Construct Interstate 35 improvements in Buda	\$1,000,000
2973	Tower 55 CMAQ Congestion and Preliminary Engineering Study	\$2,000,000
2977	Barron Road Interchange at SH6 (Earl Rudder Freeway) College Station	\$3,000,000
2984	Construct access road connecting Port of Beaumont property on east bank of Neches River to I-10 access road east of the Neches River	\$3,120,000
3010	US 281 from Brooks County Line to FM 3066, Brooks County	\$2,000,000
3031	Construct IH 30 Monty Stratton Parkway interchange in Greenville, TX	\$1,500,000
3034	Pedestrian path and sidewalk improvements along US 83 in Rio Grande City	\$500,000
3135	Reconstruct Loop 12 IH 35E and SH 183 west extension to MacArthur, Irving TX	\$5,000,000
3228	Abilene, TX Dyess Air Force Base North Entry Access Project with related improvements	\$5,600,000
3263	Loop 281 mobility and safety improvements, Longview, TX	\$3,420,000
3264	Upgrade Fulghum Road Bridge on I-45 in Dallas County, TX to provide safety and access for expanded intermodal traffic	\$3,100,000
3268	Construct Park Row bypass from Texas State Highway 6 to the Eldridge Parkway in Houston, TX	\$2,000,000
3294	Loop 180 (Project Code 1190-01-035) in Whitney, TX from FM 933/FM 1713 to FM 933S of Whitney	\$1,000,000
3296	US 377 interchange construction (at B377 and Hwy 144) Hood Co.	\$1,500,000
3316	Reconstruct Union Pacific Railroad bridge over widened Business US 287	\$1,000,000
3353	Environmental mitigation related to the SH 195 project and related improvements in Williamson County that had adverse effects on the Karst cave system	\$2,000,000
3359	Construct pedestrian and bicycle amenities on Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX	\$3,000,000
3361	US 90 - Construct 6 mainlanes from east of Mercury to east of Wallisville	\$2,000,000
3366	Construct access road connecting Port of Beaumont property on east bank of Neches River to I-10 access road east of the Neches River	\$1,320,000
3375	Reconstruct I-30 Trinity River bridge, Dallas	\$34,000,000
3376	Reconstruct I-30 Trinity River bridge, Dallas	\$1,000,000
3378	Construction of circulation roadway at Galveston cruise ship terminal	\$1,500,000
3386	Construction of projects that relieve congestion in and around the Texas Medical Center complex	\$12,000,000
3403	Expansion of US 385 4-lane divided south of Crane to McCaney	\$2,000,000
3415	FM 156 Road Relocation at Alliance Airport, Texas	\$1,000,000
3416	Upgrade Cesar Chavez Boulevard from San Antonio Street to Brazos Street	\$3,000,000
3433	North Cameron County East-West Railroad Relocation Project	\$100,000
3440	Construct pedestrian walkway on Houston Texas' Main Street Corridor	\$1,000,000
3445	Access to Regional Multimodal Center - FM 1016 and SH 115	\$2,000,000
3448	North Rail Relocation Project, Harlingen	\$2,000,000
3510	Conduct feasibility study for an off ramp on I-30 on to Hall Street for direct access to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	190 Texas High Priority Project (HPP) Earmarks in HR 3	\$691,757,000

Texas Bus & Bus Facility Projects Earmarked in HR 3				
Project	Municipality/ County	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Construct Pedestrian & Bicycle Amenities on Seawall Blvd	Galveston	\$60,000	\$990,000	\$1,050,000
Bus Facility	Roma	\$68,000	\$173,250	\$183,750
Replace Railroad Draw Bridge	Galveston	\$160,000	\$165,000	\$175,000
Bus Vehicles	Zapata	\$80,000	\$82,500	\$87,500
Maintenance facility improvements	Corpus Christi	\$800,000	\$825,000	\$875,000
Bryan Intermodal Transit Terminal & Parking Facility; The District	Bryan	\$960,000	\$990,000	\$1,050,000
Brownsville Urban System City-wide Transit Improvement Project	Brownsville	\$800,000	\$825,000	\$875,000
Design Downtown Regional Multi-Modal Transit Hub Station	Carrollton	\$640,000	\$660,000	\$700,000
Improve VIA Bus Facility & Purchase New Buses	San Antonio	\$2,240,000	\$2,310,000	\$2,450,000
Intermodal Center & Parking Facility; The Strand	Galveston	\$1,440,000	\$1,485,000	\$1,575,000
Construct West Houston & Fort Bend County bus transit corridor	West Houston/Fort Bend	\$640,000	\$660,000	\$700,000
Bus Passenger Facilities	Dallas	\$4,096,000	\$4,224,000	\$4,480,000
TOTAL		\$12,984,000	\$13,389,750	\$14,201,250

Texas New Starts Project Authorizations in HR 3	
DART Northwest-Southeast LRT Extension	Final Design & Construction Authorization
Rapid Transit (SMART) Starter Line - El Paso	Final Design & Construction Authorization
Austin-San Antonio I-35 Commuter Rail	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Rapid Bus Project - Austin	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Regional Commuter Rail - Austin	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Downtown Rail Trolley - Corpus Christi	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
DART - Central Business District - Dallas	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
DART - Beltline to DFW Airport - Dallas	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
DCTA - Fixed Guideway Project - Denton County	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Cottonbelt Commuter Rail to DFW - Fort Worth	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Trinity Railway Express - Fort Worth	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Rail Trolley Extension - Galveston	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Advanced Transit Program -LRT - Houston	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization
Bus Rapid Transit - San Antonio	Alternatives Analysis & Preliminary Engineering Authorization

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