




Revision to Rural Transportation Improvement Program 2023-2026

Atlanta District

Virtual Public Meeting – Dec. 16, 2022

Pre-Recorded Video Presentation

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Welcome to the Atlanta District's Virtual Public meeting that will communicate our revision to the 2023-2026 Rural Transportation Improvement Program.

My name is Adrian Walton and I'm the Advance Planning Engineer for TxDOT's Atlanta District.

We presented our original 4-year program for the time period from 2023 to 2026 on May 9, 2022. This presentation will describe our revision to the original program that includes adding two projects and removing one in Harrison County.

Agenda



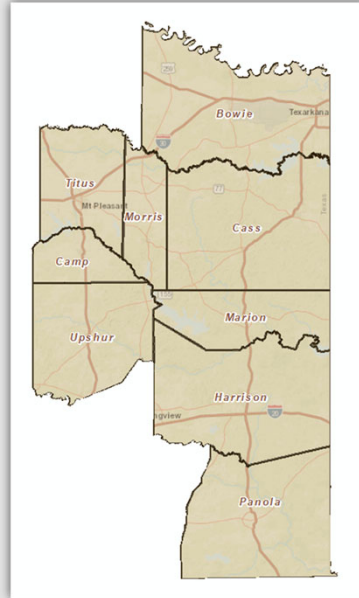
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This brief presentation will cover the areas listed on this slide, which include describing what counties and roads make up the Atlanta District, the basics of what the Rural TIP is and why is it important for you to be informed about it, how the projects included in the program are selected and classified in order to make the most of the program, what we are revising in Atlanta's 2023-2026 Rural TIP, and finally, an explanation as to how you can share your comments regarding this revision to the Rural TIP.

District Boundaries



Atlanta District

2023-2026 Rural TIP

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The Atlanta District includes the NINE counties shown on this map. And the original RTIP plan includes projects in all nine counties including *Bowie, Cass, Titus, Morris, Camp, Upshur, Marion, Harrison and Panola counties*. However, the only county affected by the 2023-2026 Rural TIP Revision is Harrison County.



THE RURAL TIP

is a list of all added capacity and regionally significant projects to be funded within a TxDOT District during the next four years, including those eligible for federal funding.

It can include projects for :



A Rural TIP project is anticipated to be funded within the next 4 years.

It shows regional agreement (community-region-state) on the need of a project.



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The Rural Transportation Improvement Program is a list of local projects within a TxDOT District to be funded over the next 4 years. This means that all projects included in the list are expected to be underway within 4 years following its approval.

The program includes multimodal projects which are projects that may focus on highway improvements, pedestrian facilities, transit services, bicycle accommodations or freight mobility. Projects may also include the preliminary studies used to define these types of projects.

The Rural TIP is meant to show regional agreement on the need and priority for transportation projects so that all parties involved can be sure they are making the best investment for their respective communities. It is also expected to be consistent with the projects and objectives included in the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, to ensure that all agencies are working towards the same goal.

The Rural TIP is a part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or (STIP). As a result of the program rules being established by Federal law, no project can receive federal funding unless it is listed in the Rural Transportation Improvement Program!

How the Rural TIP Impacts You



The Rural TIP process includes opportunities to provide input on the priority of major projects.

Local and small projects around your community dealing with safety and access also get funding through the Rural TIP, for example:

Road expansions

Sidewalks

Bike lanes

Pavement repair or maintenance

New or improved signals

Turn lanes

You know your
community
best!

Tell us what
project
should come
first and why



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It is important for you to participate in the Rural TIP process because funding secured by this program is intended to address your communities' most immediate needs. And since the Rural TIP is an adjustment to the original plan, it could impact your community.

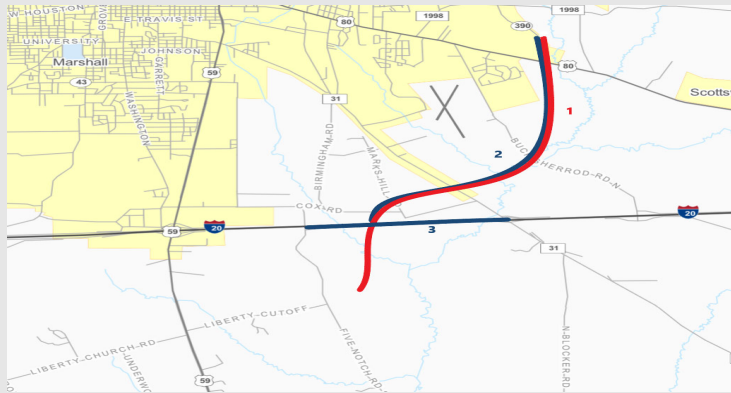
By understanding and reviewing the revision to the program and by providing input, you are: 1) making a regional impact, 2) helping us be more intentional with your money, and 3) you are becoming aware of the necessity for the proposed change.

Rural TIP Harrison County (Individual Listed Project)



Fiscal Year 2026

Map ID	CSJ	Highway	County	Length (mi)	Limits		Description	Cost Estimate	Let Date
					From	To			
1	1575-05-016	SL 390	Harrison	3.973	0.7 Mi. N. of US 80	1.2 Mi. S. of IH 20	Construct 4-Lane Divided Highway to Interstate Standards (Future IH 369)	\$220,000,000	Remove from December 2025
2	1575-05-024	SL 390	Harrison	4.677	0.7 Mi N. of US 80	IH 20	Construct First Phase of Ultimate 4-Lane Divided, Controlled-Access Roadway (Future IH 369)	\$141,559,332	Add to August 2026
3	0495-09-065	IH 20	Harrison	2.178	Five Notch Road	FM 31	Construct Interchange at New Location US 59 Relief Route (Future IH 369) Including Ramps and One-Way Frontage Roads	\$78,440,668	Add to August 2026



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The projects affected by this Rural TIP revision are located in Harrison County. The table above provides specific details about the projects being removed and added to this Rural TIP revision. The map shows the location of the projects with the red highlight showing the location of the project being removed and the blue highlight showing the projects being added.

Funding



The Rural TIP is a fiscally constrained list of projects that functions as a budgeting tool for our District.

Funds can come from:

Federal Government

Through the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations

TxDOT

Through its Unified Transportation Program funding categories

Local governments

Who may be required to provide matching funds for federal monies

“Fiscally constrained TIP” means:

It is realistic in terms of the amount of funding available.



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The Rural TIP functions as a budgeting tool for the District. As such, it is fiscally constrained. Like the budget of a household, the Rural TIP is to be realistic about the amount of money available to be applied to local highway projects. Frequently we identify more improvements than we have money to implement, therefore we have to prioritize the projects that are deemed most necessary and have the most local support.



How to provide comments:

1. Mail a comment to:

Texas Department of Transportation
Atlanta District
Attn: Rural TIP Revision
701 E. Main St.
Atlanta, TX 75551

2. Or email a comment to:

Adrian.Walton@txdot.gov, Attention: Rural TIP Revision

Remember to submit your comments by **Tues., Dec. 27, 2022**
for inclusion in the official summary of this meeting



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Now that you are familiar with the proposed revision to the 2023-2026 Rural TIP, you are welcome to submit comments regarding the changes. There are a couple of options for submitting comments including:

1. Printing out a comment card, filling it out, and mailing it back to us at the address shown on the screen. OR
2. Email your comments to Adrian.Walton@txdot.gov with Rural TIP Revision in the Subject Line

Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022.

If you would like more information or have questions, feel free to reach out to the District.

If you wish to share the content of this presentation, feel free to print copies of the presentation slides or simply share the website link. Thank you for your time and for participating in our 2023-2026 Rural TIP revision presentation.