

TxDOT RURAL TIP

2027- 2030 Austin District

Welcome!

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation Austin District virtual public meeting for the 2027-2030 Rural Transportation Improvement Program.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive comments on projects that are planned to be constructed in your area over the next four years.

Please note that this is a pre-recorded presentation.

You can pause the presentation at any time to review a slide in greater detail.

We appreciate your interest and thank you for your participation.

Agenda

- 01** | Safety Minute
- 02** | Austin District & its boundaries
- 03** | The Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- 04** | How the Rural TIP Impacts You
- 05** | How Projects are Selected for the Rural TIP
- 06** | Projects by County
- 07** | Funding
- 08** | Next Steps



The meeting agenda will include: a Safety Minute; a description of the Austin District and its boundaries; the Rural Transportation Improvement Program or Rural TIP; How the Rural TIP impacts you; How projects are selected for the Rural TIP; a description of projects by county; How projects are funded; and the Next Steps in the Rural TIP Development Process.

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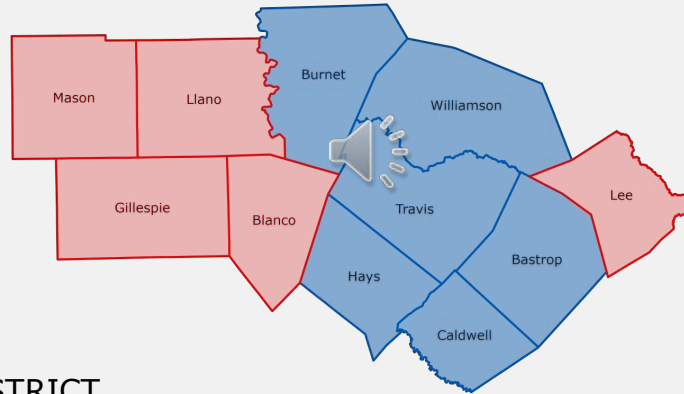


Because safety is a priority at TxDOT, we'll begin this meeting with a safety minute. TxDOT's newest safety campaign, Drive like a Texan, encourages everyone to be Kind, Courteous and Safe when traveling on Texas roadways.

Drive like a Texan is about embracing what makes our state great - which is the way we look out for each other.

On the road, this means driving with care, patience, and respect for everyone around us.

District Boundaries



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The Austin District Boundaries map includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Gillespie, Hays, Lee, Llano, Mason, Travis and Williamson Counties.

The Rural TIP will include projects in Blanco, Gillespie, Lee, Llano, and Mason Counties.

Projects in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties are included in the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program.

For more information on projects in the CAMPO TIP, please visit the website **campotexas.org**.

Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

THE RURAL TIP

includes projects that vary in scope from minor to major in size, complexity and cost to be constructed in the non-metropolitan areas of the Austin District with federal, state and local funds.

It can include projects for various transportation modes



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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It can include projects for various transportation modes such as automobiles, pedestrians, transit, bicycles and freight.

A project is included in the Rural TIP if it is anticipated to be funded within the next four years and there is regional agreement on the need for the project.

A project cannot be funded with federal dollars unless it is included in a Rural or MPO TIP and then federally approved as a component of TxDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or STIP.

How the Rural TIP Impacts You

The Rural TIP Public Involvement Process includes opportunities to provide input on the priority of major projects that are listed in it.

Local and small projects around your community addressing 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
- Turning lanes

By participating today, you are providing input on the projects included in this TIP.

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**You know
your
community
best!**

Tell us what
project
should come
first and why

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You may wonder how the Rural TIP impacts you.

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Local and small projects around your community addressing 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 and turning lanes.

By participating today and providing input on the projects included in this presentation you are helping us identify regional priorities to guide the investments in the rural communities' most immediate transportation needs.

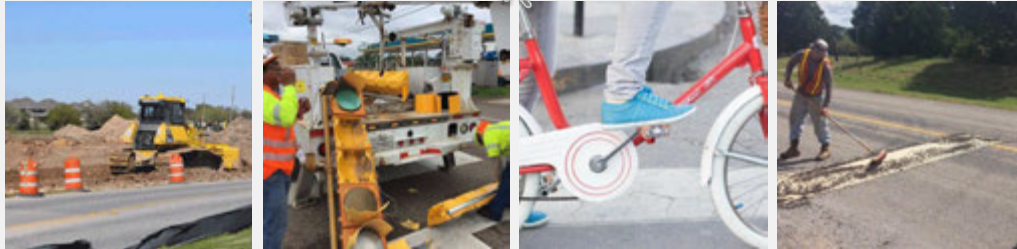
Later in the presentation we will share information on ways you can provide comments on the Rural TIP.

How Projects are Selected for the Rural TIP

Projects are identified and selected by evaluating existing and future needs based on:

current conditions, projected use, statewide and regional plan goals, public input regarding transportation priorities and available funding

^ This would be you, right now!



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Projects are identified and selected for the Rural TIP by evaluating existing and future transportation needs based on current conditions, projected use, statewide and regional plan goals, public input regarding transportation priorities, and available funding.

Projects are multi-modal and can be located on Interstate highways, US or State highways, Farm to Market or Ranch to Market roads and local roadways that are on the TxDOT system.

Next, I will review and describe projects selected for Blanco, Gillespie, Lee, Llano and Mason counties that are proposed for construction in the years 2027 through 2030.

Rural TIP Blanco County Projects

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0914-23-014	Various	Blanco	In the City of Blanco		Develop an Active Transportation Plan to identify and prioritize safe accessible walking and bike routes for the City of Blanco	\$173,000	2027
0914-23-011	Various	Blanco	At Pedernales State Park		Overlay Roads, Parking Lots and Campsite Pullouts	\$1,647,000	2027
0252-03-060	US Highway 281	Blanco	2.1 miles north of County Road 1	1.7 miles north of County Road 1	Install Advanced Warning Signs, Chevrons, Widen lanes	\$1,312,232	2028

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Blanco Country projects identified in the 2027-2030 Rural TIP include:

A project to develop an Active Transportation Plan to identify and prioritize safe accessible walking and bike routes for the City of Blanco at a cost of \$173,000 scheduled for 2027;

Various projects at the Pedernales State Park to overlay roads, parking lots and campsite pullouts at a cost of \$1,647,000 scheduled for 2027;

A project on US Highway 281 from 2.1 miles north of Country Road 1 to 1.7 miles north of County Road 1 to install advanced warning signs, chevrons and widen lanes at a cost of \$1,312,232 scheduled for 2028.

Rural TIP Blanco County Projects (Table 2)

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0914-23-009	Various	Blanco	At Blanco State Park		Seal Coat Roads, Parking Lots and Campsite Pullouts	\$99,533	2028
0914-23-010	Various	Blanco	At LBJ State Park		Seal Coat Roads, Parking Lots and Campsite Pullouts	\$200,000	2028
0252-03-055	US Highway 281	Blanco	Los Encinos Drive	River Place	Adding right and left turn lanes	\$512,542	2029
0113-05-052	US Highway 281	Blanco	US 281 Loop Road	0.1 mile south of Wildlife Road	Overlay roadway	\$3,103,455	2029

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Various projects at the Blanco State Park to seal coat roads, parking lots and campsite pullouts at a cost of \$99,533 scheduled for 2028;

Various projects at the LBJ State Park to seal coat roads, parking lots and campsite pullouts at a cost of \$200,000 scheduled for 2028;

A project on US Highway 281 from Los Encinos Drive to River Place that will add right and left turn lanes at a cost of \$512,542 scheduled for 2029;

And a project on US Highway 281 from US 281 Loop Road to 0.1 mile south of Wildlife Road to overlay the roadway at a cost of \$3,103,455 scheduled for 2029.

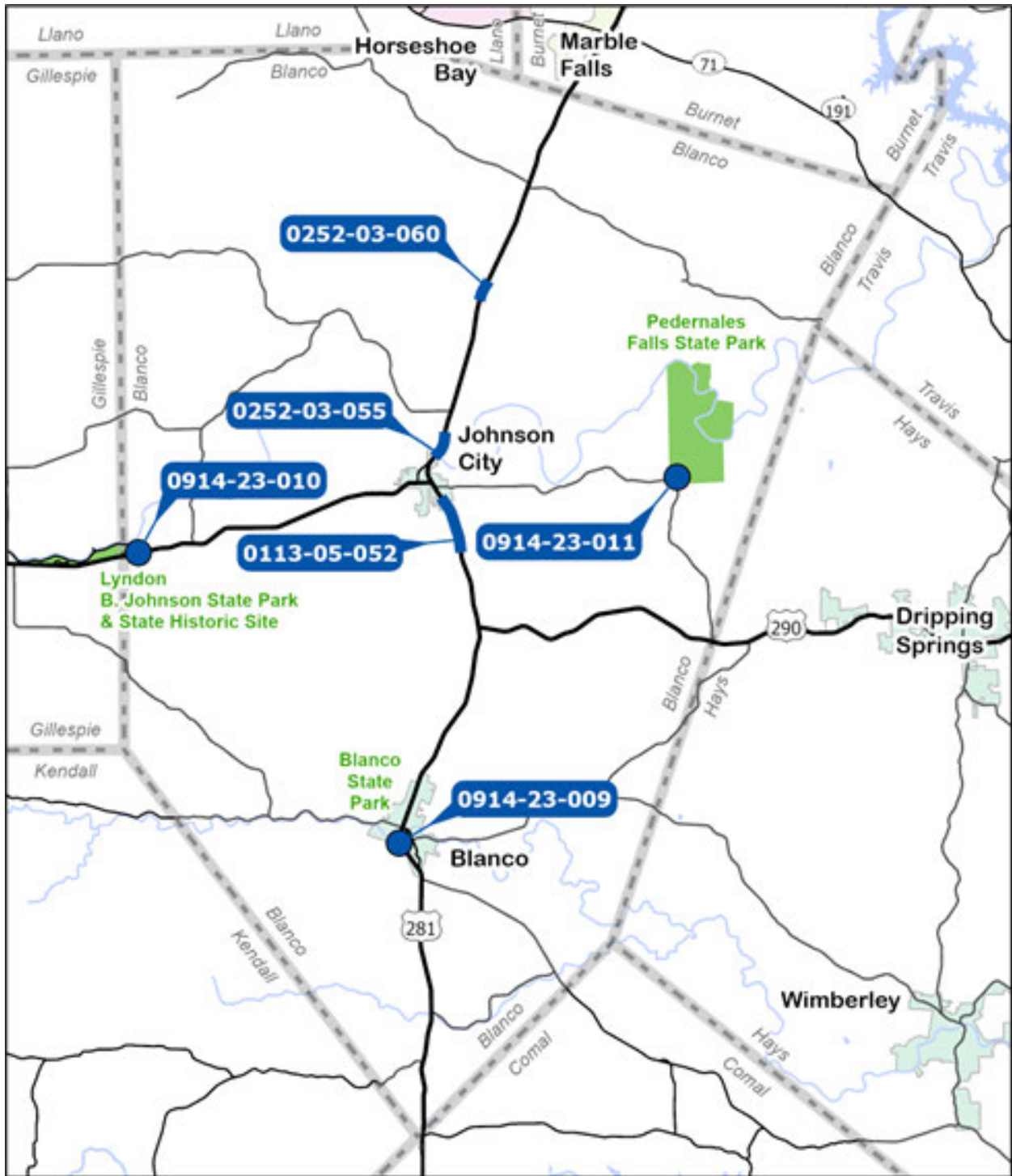
Blanco County Project Map



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This slide depicts a map of Blanco County with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP described on the two previous slides.



Blanco County map (enlarged) with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP.

Rural TIP Gillespie County Projects

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0291-01-053	State Highway 16	Gillespie	Farm to Market 2093	Kerr County Line	Level up and overlay the roadway	\$3,197,034	2027
0072-01-055	US Highway 87	Gillespie	0.26 mile north of River Road	0.26 mile south of River Road	Construct Paved Shoulders, Add Left Turn Lane	\$976,126	2027
0290-02-017	State Highway 16	Gillespie	Llano County Line	North of Ranch to Market Road 1323	Level up and overlay the roadway	\$2,323,259	2028
0290-03-031	State Highway 16	Gillespie	North of Ranch to Market Road 1323	US Highway 290	Level up and overlay the roadway	\$5,466,238	2028

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Gillespie County projects identified in the 2027-2030 Rural TIP include:

A project on State Highway 16 from Farm to Market Road 2093 to the Kerr County Line to level up and overlay the roadway at a cost of \$3,197,034 scheduled for 2027;

A project on US Highway 87 from 0.26 of a mile north of River Road to 0.26 of a mile south of River Road to construct paved shoulders and add a left turn lane at a cost of \$976,126 scheduled for 2027;

A project on State Highway 16 from the Llano County Line to north of Ranch to Market Road 1323 to level up and overlay the roadway at a cost of \$2,323,259 scheduled for 2028;

A project on State Highway 16 from north of Ranch to Market Road 1323 to US Highway 290 to level up and overlay the roadway at a cost of \$5,466,238 scheduled for 2028.

Rural TIP Gillespie County Projects (Table 2)

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0914-19-032	Various	Gillespie	At Enchanted Rock State Park		Overlay Roads and Parking Lots	\$1,008,000	2028
0113-02-070	US Highway 290	Gillespie	0.73 mile east of Goehmann Lane	0.40 mile west of Elgin Behrends Road	Level up and overlay the roadway	\$3,192,771	2029
1135-01-028	Ranch to Market Road 783	Gillespie	At Klein Branch		Bridge Maintenance	\$290,464	2029
0071-06-066	US Highway 87	Gillespie	At Baron Creek		Bridge Maintenance	\$425,657	2029
0072-01-056	US Highway 87	Gillespie	At Bear Creek		Bridge Maintenance	\$497,522	2029

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Various projects at Enchanted Rock State Park to overlay roads and parking lots at a cost of \$1,008,000 scheduled for 2028;

A project on US Highway 290 from 0.73 of a mile east of Goehmann Lane to 0.40 of a mile west of Elgin Behrends Road to level up and overlay the roadway at a cost of \$3,192,771 scheduled for 2029;

A project on Ranch to Market Road 783 at Klein Branch to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$290,464 scheduled for 2029;

A project on US Highway 87 at Baron Creek to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$425,657 scheduled for 2029;

And a project on US Highway 87 at Bear Creek to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$497,522 scheduled for 2029.

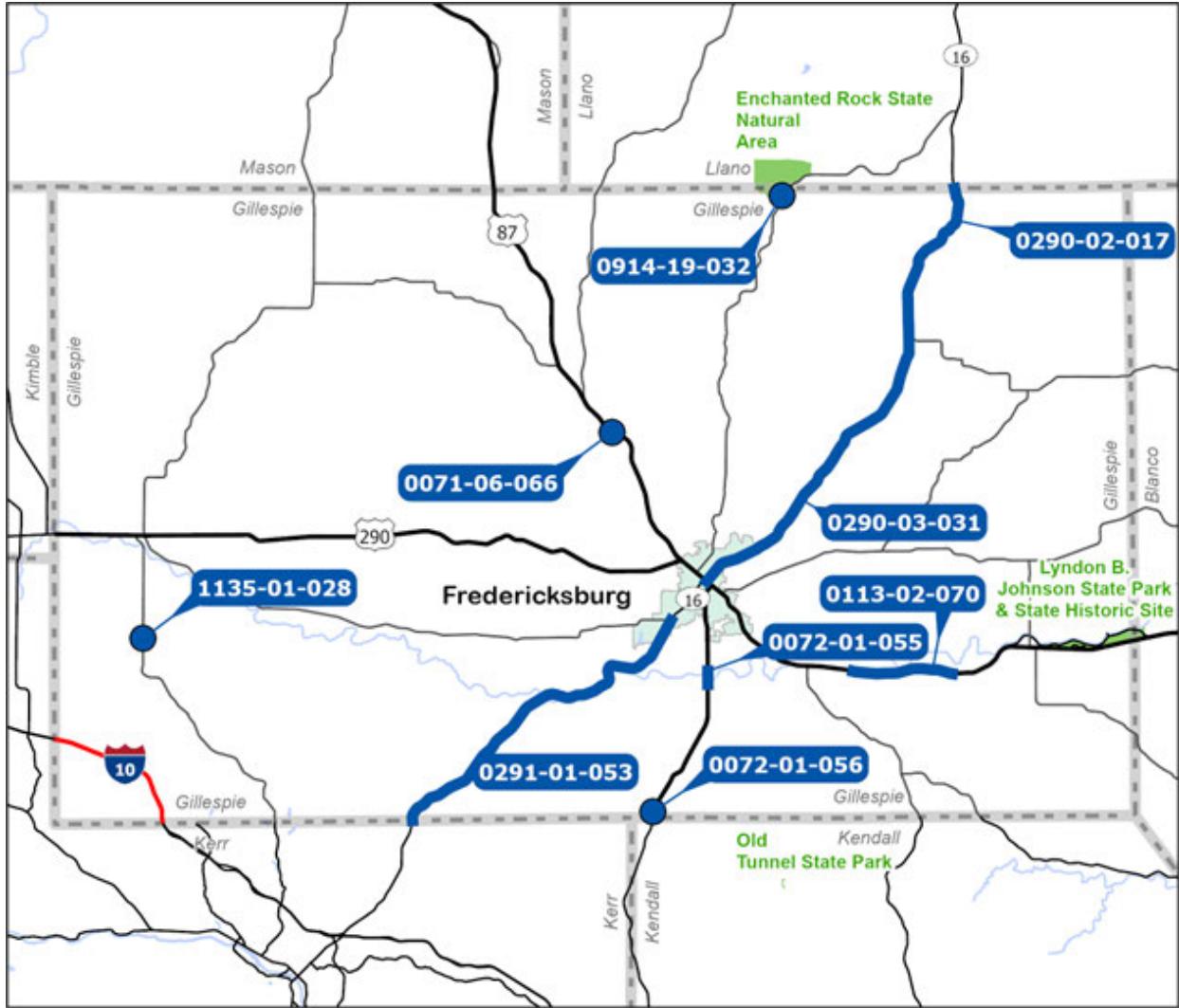
Gillespie County Project Map



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This slide depicts a map of Gillespie County with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP described on the two previous slides.



Gillespie County map (enlarged) with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP.

Rural TIP Lee County Projects

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0914-21-033	County Road 208	Lee	At Rabbs Creek		Replace bridge and approaches	\$861,000	2027
0473-02-043	State Highway 21	Lee	0.30 mile south of County Road 113	County Road 326	Curve Delineation	\$194,238	2027
0114-07-088	US Highway 290	Lee	South Burleson Street	Hempstead Street	Construct a 1.4 mile sidewalk, crosswalks and curb ramps along the south side of US Highway 290	\$2,271,850	2027

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Lee County projects identified in the 2027-2030 Rural TIP include:

A project on County Road 208 at Rabbs Creek to replace the bridge and approaches at a cost of \$861,000 scheduled for 2027;

A safety project on State Highway 21 from 0.30 of a mile south of County Road 113 to County Road 326 to delineate a curve at a cost of \$194,238 scheduled for 2027;

A project on US Highway 290 from South Burleson Street to Hempstead Street to construct a 1.4 mile long sidewalk, crosswalks and curb ramps along the south side of US Highway 290 at a cost of \$2,271,850 scheduled for 2027.

Rural TIP Lee County Projects (Table 2)

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0211-03-039	US Highway 77	Lee	Middle Yegua Creek	0.57 mile south of State Highway 21	Level up and overlay roadway	\$3,255,848	2027
0116-01-041	State Highway 21	Lee	Burleson County Line	0.29 mile west of the Burleson County Line	Install a cable barrier in the roadway median	\$228,430	2028
0473-02-044	State Highway 21	Lee	County Road 338	0.18 mile south of County Road 327	Install Advanced Warning Signs, Flashing Chevrons, Profile Edgeline and Centerline Markings	\$303,810	2028

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A project on US Highway 77 from Middle Yegua Creek to 0.57 of a mile south of State Highway 21 to level up and overlay the roadway at a cost of \$3,255,848 scheduled for 2027;

A project on State Highway 21 from the Burleson County Line to 0.29 of a mile west of the Burleson County Line to install a cable barrier in the roadway median at a cost of \$228,430 scheduled for 2028;

A project on State Highway 21 from County Road 338 to 0.18 of a mile south of County Road 327 to install advanced warning signs, flashing chevrons, profile edgeline and centerline markings at a cost of \$303,810 scheduled for 2028.

Rural TIP Lee County Projects (Table 3)

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0914-21-034	County Road 410	Lee	At Brushy Creek		Replace Bridge	\$397,113	2029
0114-07-091	US Highway 290	Lee	0.29 mile west of Farm to Market Road 180	0.18 mile east of Farm to Market Road 180	Construct Restricted Crossing U-Turn	\$715,490	2029
0211-07-049	US Highway 77	Lee	At Richmond Street		Install pedestrian crosswalk and flashing beacon	\$92,125	2029
0114-07-089	US Highway 290	Lee	At Draw		Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$2,377,122	2030
0114-07-090	US Highway 290	Lee	At Draw		Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$2,377,122	2030

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A project on County Road 410 to replace the bridge at Brushy Creek at a cost of \$397,113 scheduled for 2029;

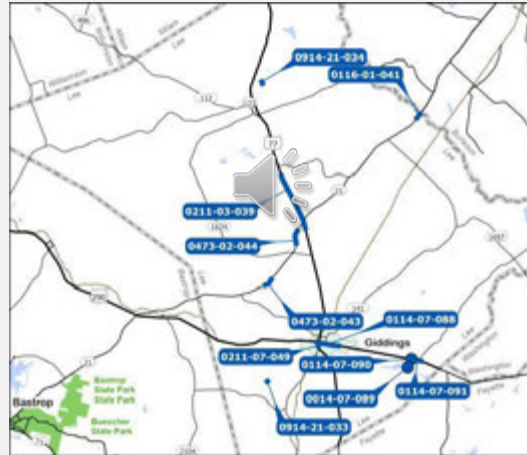
A project on US Highway 290 from 0.29 of a mile west of Farm to Market Road 180 to 0.18 of a mile east of Farm to Market Road 180 to construct a restricted crossing U-turn at a cost of \$715,490 scheduled for 2029;

A project on US Highway 77 at Richmond Street to install a pedestrian crosswalk and flashing beacon at a cost of \$92,125 scheduled for 2029;

A project on US Highway 290 to replace the bridge and approaches at a Draw - which is an un-named creek – at a cost of \$2,377,122 scheduled for 2030;

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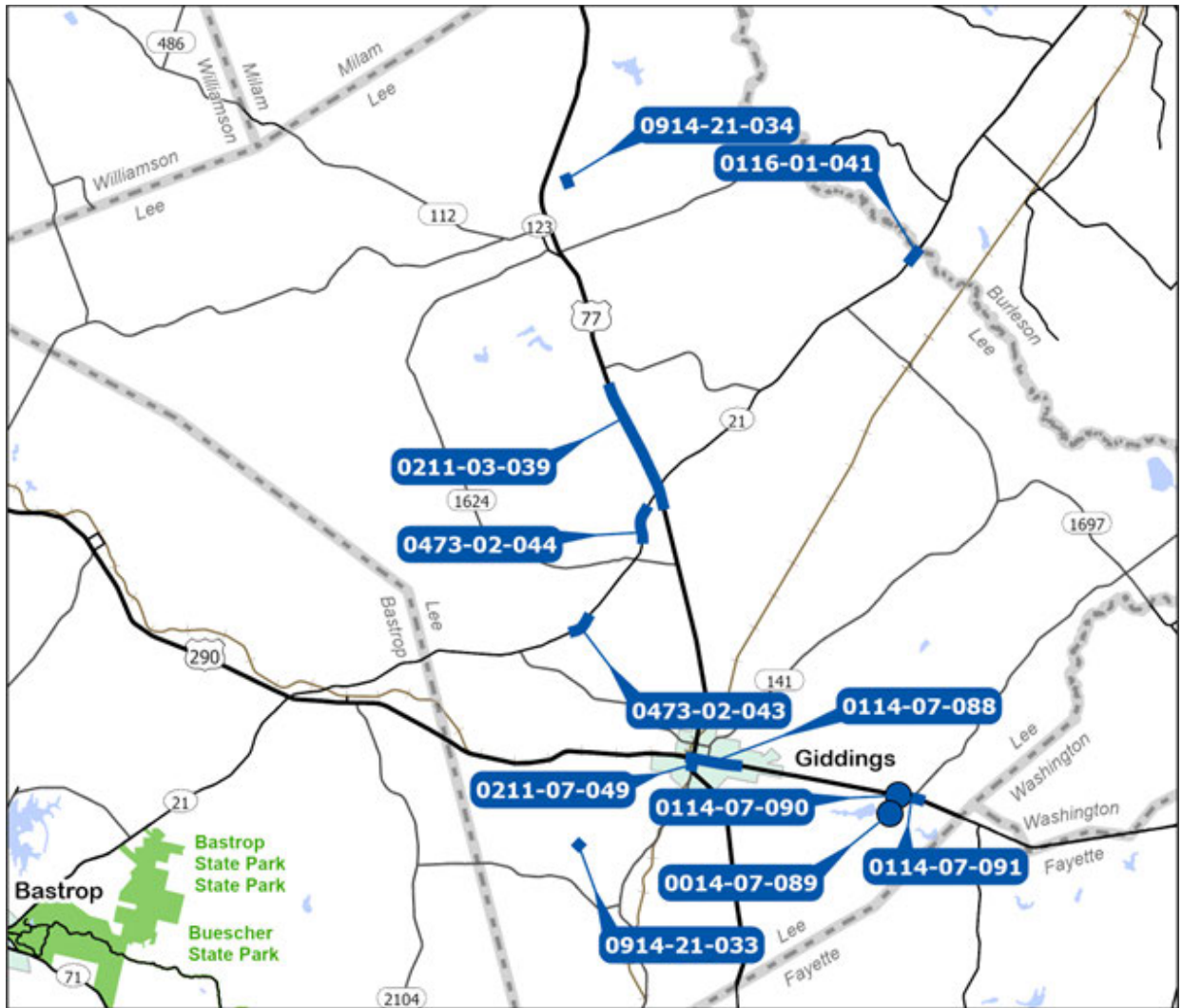
Lee County Project Map



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This slide depicts a map of Lee County with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP described on the three previous slides.



Lee County map (enlarged) with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP.

Rural TIP Llano County Projects

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0700-04-055	State Highway 71	Llano	At Slickrock		Bridge Maintenance	\$249,947	2027
0700-04-056	State Highway 71	Llano	At Pecan Creek		Bridge Maintenance	\$545,821	2027
0700-04-057	State Highway 71	Llano	At Byrnes Creek		Bridge Maintenance	\$203,295	2027
0700-04-058	State Highway 71	Llano	At Oatman Creek		Bridge Maintenance	\$552,573	2027
1378-05-031	Farm to Market Road 1431	Llano	0.02 mile north of Industrial Boulevard	0.04 mile south of Texas Avenue	Widening Paved Shoulder, Install Continuous Turn Lane	\$723,583	2028

Llano County projects identified in the 2027-2030 Rural TIP include:

A project on State Highway 71 at Slickrock to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$249,947 scheduled for 2027;

A project on State Highway 71 at Pecan Creek to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$545,821 scheduled for 2027;

A project on State Highway 71 at Byrnes Creek to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$203,295 scheduled for 2027;

A project on State Highway 71 at Oatman Creek to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$552,573 scheduled for 2027;

A project on Farm to Market Road 1431 from 0.02 of a mile north of Industrial Boulevard to 0.04 of a mile south of Texas Avenue to widen the paved shoulders and install a continuous turn lane at a cost of \$723,583 scheduled for 2028.

Rural TIP Llano County Projects (Table 2)

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
1378-05-032	Farm to Market Road 1431	Llano	County Road 321	0.6 mile south of County Road 321	Install Advanced Warning Signs, Install Chevrons	\$37,213	2028
2687-01-014	Ranch to Market Road 2147	Llano	Plaza Escondido	0.19 mile east of Plaza Escondido	Install two left turn lanes	\$239,323	2028
0290-01-051	State Highway 16	Llano	At Lost Hollow Creek		Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$1,089,224	2029
0290-01-053	State Highway 16	Llano	At the Llano River		Bridge Maintenance	\$6,792,000	2030

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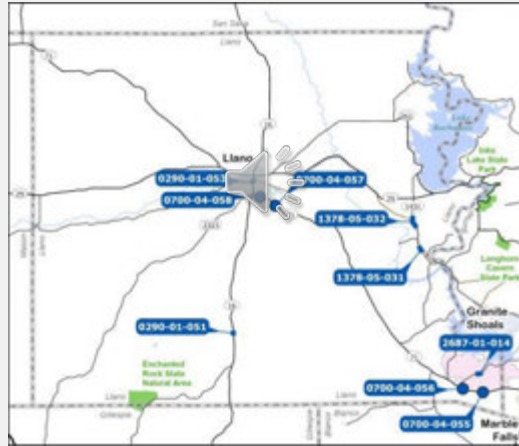
A project on Farm to Market Road 1431 from County Road 321 to 0.6 of a mile south of County Road 321 to install advanced warning signs and chevrons at a cost of \$37,213 scheduled for 2028;

A project on Ranch to Market Road 2147 from Plaza Escondido to 0.19 of a mile east of Plaza Escondido to install two left turn lanes at a cost of \$239,323 scheduled for 2028;

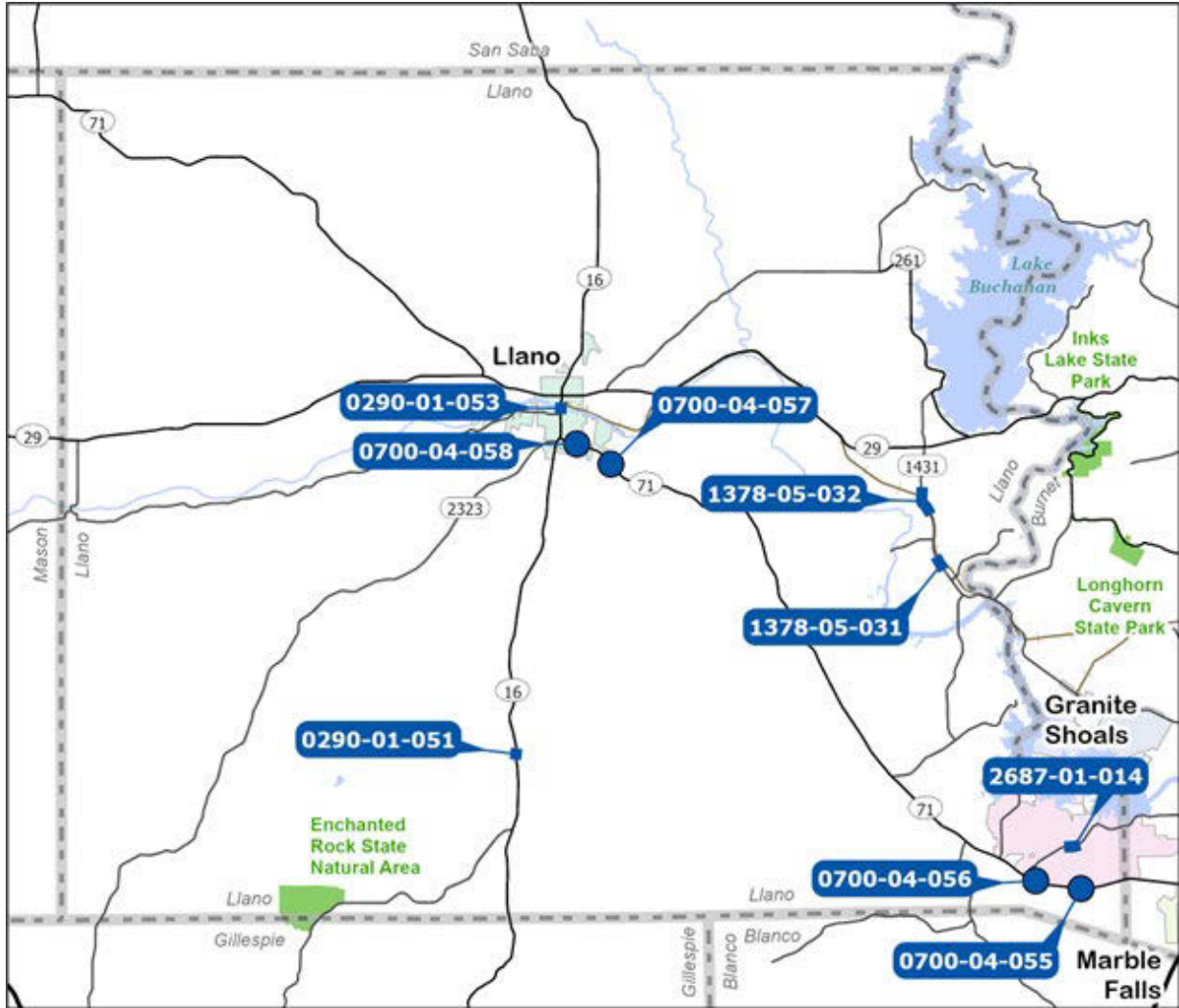
A project on State Highway 16 at Lost Hollow Creek to replace the bridge and approaches at a cost of \$1,089,224 scheduled for 2029;

And a project on State Highway 16 at the Llano River to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$6,792,000 scheduled for 2030.

Llano County Project Map



This slide depicts a map of Llano County with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP, described on the two previous slides.



Llano County map (enlarged) with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP.

Rural TIP Mason County Projects

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	TIP Year
0071-04-058	US Highway 87	Mason	0.33 mile west of Art Hedwigs Hill Road	0.362 mile south of Ranch to Market Road 152	Install a cable barrier in the roadway median	\$1,300,000	2029
0914-26-011	Various	Mason	Various Locations In Mason County		Install cable barriers in the roadway median	\$1,300,000	2029
0071-03-044	US Highway 87	Mason	At Comanche Creek		Bridge Maintenance	\$386,961	2029

Mason County projects identified in the 2027-2030 Rural TIP include:

A project on US Highway 87 from 0.33 of a mile west of Art Hedwigs Hill Road to 0.362 of a mile south of Ranch to Market Road 152 to install a cable barrier in the roadway median at a cost of \$1,300,000 scheduled for 2029;

A project at various locations in Mason County to install cable barriers in the roadway median at a cost of \$1,300,000 scheduled for 2029;

And a project on US Highway 87 at Comanche Creek to perform bridge maintenance at a cost of \$386,961 scheduled for 2029.

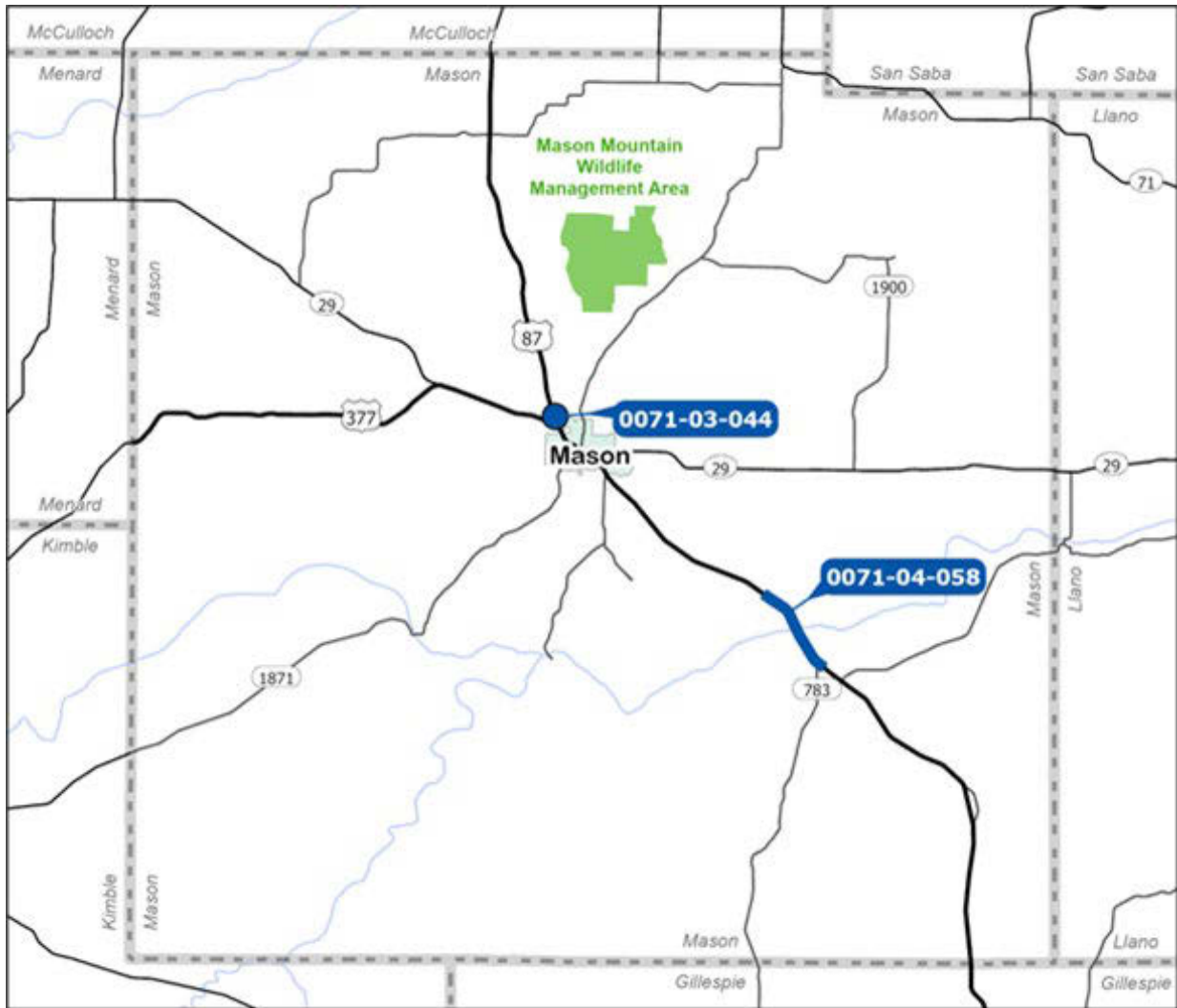
Mason County Project Map



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This slide depicts a map of Mason County with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP described on the previous slide.



Mason County map (enlarged) with the geographic locations of the projects included for this county in the Rural TIP.

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**
 - **Majority through** the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations
- **State**
 - **Majority through TxDOT's** Unified Transportation Program funding categories
- **Regional and Local Sources**
 - **May include** federal grants, regional toll revenue, issuance of bonds, and taxes or fees to support regional and local transportation infrastructure

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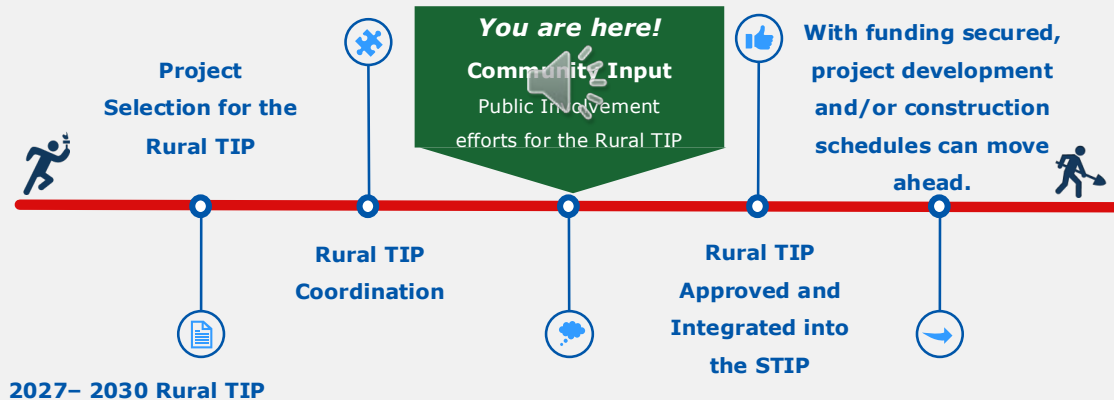
The Rural TIP is a fiscally constrained list of projects that functions as a budgeting tool for our district.

We only include projects in the Rural TIP that we believe can be reasonably expected to be funded over the four-year horizon for the years 2027 through 2030.

Funds can come from the Federal government, a majority of which come from the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations; the State, a majority of which from TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program funding categories; and Regional and Local funding sources that may include federal grants, regional toll revenue, issuance of bonds, and taxes or fees to support regional and local transportation infrastructure.

Next Steps

In the Rural TIP Development Process



The timeline for the Rural TIP Development Process denotes the Project Selection and Coordination of the preliminary project lists in this presentation as steps that were completed prior to the Austin District seeking community input from you via this public meeting.

The timeline further denotes the next steps.

When the public comment period concludes on May 9, 2026, we will review the comments received regarding the proposed projects, make any necessary changes, and submit the Rural TIP for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for federal approval.

As the final step, the approval of the STIP will allow the Austin District to move forward with project development and construction of the projects in each of the five rural counties represented in the Rural TIP.

How to provide comments:

- 1. Mail a comment to:** Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District, Attn: Rural TIP
7901 N Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78753
- 2. Or email a comment to:** Michelle.Conkle@txdot.gov Attention: Rural TIP.

Remember to submit your comments by **May 9, 2026**, to be included
in the official summary of this meeting

This concludes our presentation. Thank you for participating.

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Your input is very important to us.

You can provide comments by mailing them to the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin District, Attention: Rural TIP, 7901 North Interstate 35, Austin, Texas, 78753; or email comments to Michelle.Conkle@txdot.gov. Spelled out that is M-I-C-H-E-L-L-E, dot C-O-N-K-L-E at T-X-D-O-T dot G-O-V, Attention Rural TIP.

Comments must be received by May 9, 2026, to be considered and included in the official summary of this meeting.

This concludes our presentation.

Thank you for participating.