



Welcome

Odessa District Bike Plan

Virtual Public Meeting

Script: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to this virtual public meeting. This presentation will provide information on the development of the Odessa District Bike Plan.

This is a pre-recorded presentation that was made available online on Feb. 17, 2026.

ROUND 1 VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 17 to Tuesday, March 17, 2026



ROUND 1 ODESSA DISTRICT VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WEBSITE



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"Odessa District Bicycle Plan"

Script: This virtual public meeting will run from Tuesday, Feb. 17 to Tuesday, March 17, 2026. There will be a comment period open through Thursday, March 17, 2026. This QR Code is available for your convenience, to continue interacting with and viewing our resources on the Virtual Public Meeting website.

Meeting Purpose

Document and evaluate bicycling needs, including existing conditions, safety challenges and multi-modal gaps.

Identify locations where better bikeways would enhance mobility, connectivity, safety and tourism.

Guide the District in future project development and investment decisions.

Reduces barriers to bicycling in the region.

Script: Thank you for joining the Virtual Public Meeting for the Odessa District Bicycle Plan; part of a larger plan for improving bicycling across Texas.

While many bikeways are planned and funded at the local level, TxDOT works with local communities to develop bike networks integrated with the state system to improve safety, connectivity, and access within and between TxDOT districts.

Developing a regional framework is vital as the state works to provide safe, thoughtfully designed, well-maintained facilities for bicyclists within each district and between districts, providing connectivity across the State. District Bicycle Plans are a vital step for the state to plan more effectively for this mode of travel.

The TxDOT Public Transportation Division (PTN) will lead the effort to develop a bike plan for the Odessa district. The plan will include an analysis of the needs for bicycle infrastructure on the state highway system inside the district, as well as identify priority locations for bicycling improvements and what role different routes should play in the bike network. The plan will incorporate the public and stakeholder feedback received.

There are four main reasons The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting this meeting for the Odessa District Bicycle Plan.

The first is to document and evaluate bicycling needs on and across the on-system highway network, including assessments of existing conditions, safety challenges, and multi-modal gaps.

Second is to identify locations where better bikeways would enhance mobility, connectivity, safety, and tourism.

Third is to guide the District in future project development and investment decisions by providing data-driven recommendations.

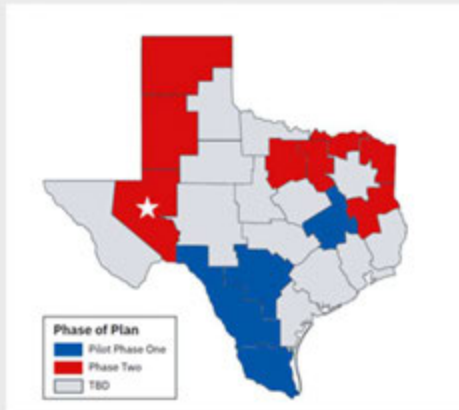
Finally, we are looking to reduce barriers to bicycling in the region by increasing transportation options, refining bicycle tourism trail routes, and supporting the development of a user-friendly bike system.

The Texas Department of Transportation – or TxDOT - will be developing this plan with support and feedback from the public, local governments, advocacy groups, and other partners. It builds on years of planning efforts and is part of a coordinated strategy to improve travel within Texas.

We welcome your feedback on the plan, especially in regard to the early implementation steps.

The project website is available at txdot.gov. We are excited about this opportunity to set plans in place to offer Texans more transportation choices and to do our part to Connect you with Texas.

District Bike Plan Overview



Analyze Bicycle Needs

Identify and Prioritize Locations

Recommend Routes and Provide Guidance

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Script: Texas is rapidly growing. By the year 2050, the population is expected to grow by nine million people and six million new jobs.

To address this growth, Texas must implement a transportation strategy that is responsive to the increasing and changing needs of residents, workers, and visitors.

Active transportation can play an important role in an integrated multimodal approach focused on creating more travel choices that connect people to where they want to go, increase access to opportunities, and support vibrant and safe communities.

The District Bicycle Plan will analyze needs on the state highway system, prioritize locations for bicycling improvements, and identify which role different routes should play in the bicycling network. This effort includes technical studies, stakeholder engagement, and this virtual public meeting.

Plan Vision

The Odessa District Bike Plan will provide a clear, actionable framework to improve bicycle safety, connectivity, and access while supporting mobility, economic development, and tourism across the district.

The plan contributes to a unified vision for active transportation across Texas through 2050.

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Script: At the beginning of plan development, we set forth our vision for the plan, shown here on slide 5.

The District Bicycle Plan is a collaborative effort to advance a safe, accessible, connected and fully integrated pedestrian and bicycle network that increases active mobility and supports health, economic vitality, and resiliency within communities and across Texas.

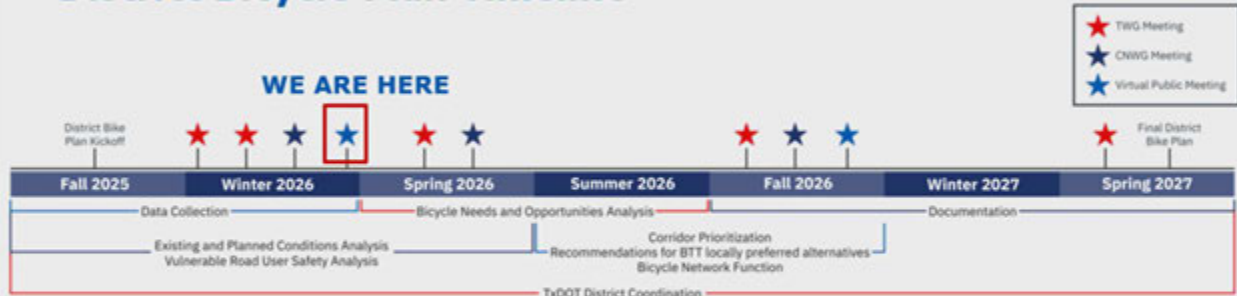
This plan began with the Statewide Active Transportation Plan, which creates a unified vision for active transportation across Texas through 2050. The Statewide Active Transportation Plan, or SATP, wrapped up in the summer of 2025. Since then, a District Bike Plan has been implemented in four TxDOT Districts so far- Bryan, Laredo, Pharr, and San Antonio. The goal is to implement a District Bike Plan in all 25 TxDOT districts.



Script: Implementation of this plan will require a combination of TxDOT-led and TxDOT-supported efforts. To accelerate this implementation, the plan lays out some priority actions to be taken, which include:

- Reduce barriers to bicycling in the region and improve health outcomes.
- Support economic development and build on Texas' Bicycle Tourism Trails Network.
- Improve safety for all people traveling.

District Bicycle Plan Timeline



Ongoing Outreach Efforts: Online interactive maps, Working Group Online Review Portal, media releases, ongoing engagement updates

Script: This is the projected overall timeline of the Odessa District Bicycle Plan. The project team has been working on Data Collection, Existing and Planned Conditions Analysis, Vulnerable Road User Safety Analysis, and have been participating in working group meetings. The next steps are to complete a Bicycle Needs and Opportunities Analysis, Corridor Prioritization, Recommendations for Bicycle Tourism Trails, or BTT, locally preferred alternatives, and Bicycle Network Functions. TxDOT district coordination remains consistent throughout the project.

We are currently in the Winter of 2026 portion of the timeline.

Our second Virtual Public Meeting is projected to take place in Fall of 2026 but is subject to change.

Plan Goals



Promote safety



Foster stewardship



Deliver the right projects



Optimize system performance



Focus on the customer



Preserve our assets

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Script: Six goals were developed to shape the vision of this District Bike Plan.

Promote Safety – Champion a culture of safety that reduces crashes and fatalities through a performance-based approach to address negative safety trends.

Deliver the Right Projects – We want to ensure efficient use of state resources by implementing effective planning processes to help deliver the right projects on time and on budget.

Focus on the Customer – Ensure the public and stakeholders can see and understand TxDOT’s decisions and provide feedback that is heard. In some cases, data does not tell the whole story.

Foster Stewardship – Integrate environmental considerations into all TxDOT activities so that future generations of Texans can benefit from the state’s valuable natural, historic, and cultural resources.

Optimize System Performance – Develop and operate an integrated transportation system that provides reliable and accessible mobility, enabling economic growth.

Preserve Our Assets – Deliver a cost-efficient product that requires a minimum amount of preventive maintenance necessary for to keep Texas roads, bridges, and other infrastructure and technology in good repair.

District Bicycle Plan Major Components



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Script: In this slide, you can see some major components of the District Bicycle Plan.

Existing conditions – What's this like today?

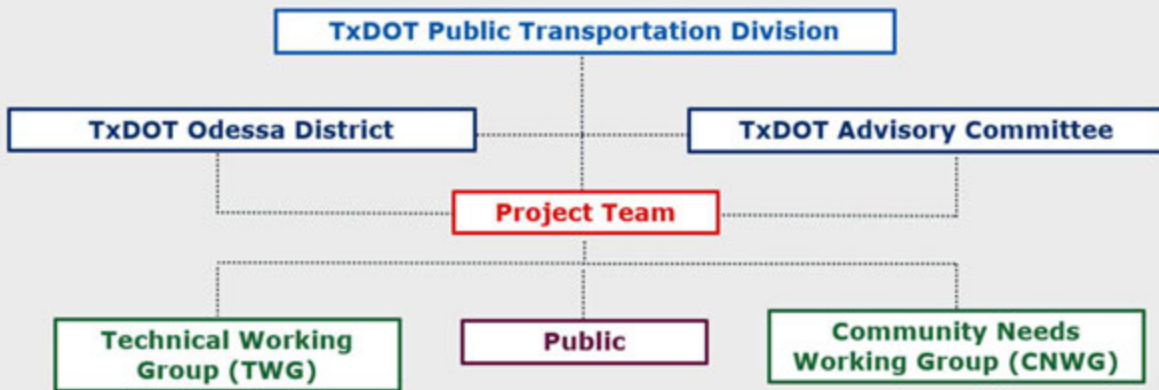
Needs - what gaps and barriers do bicyclists encounter here?

Network functions – Who might ride this route? For what kinds of trips?

Priorities – How should TxDOT advance projects to meet needs?

Bicycle Tourism Trails – Where will TxDOT plan for long-distance recreational riding?

District Bicycle Plan Structure



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Script: TxDOT is working with stakeholders and the public to gather existing condition information, confirm and prioritize goals, and develop challenges and potential strategies. Input provided now will help refine the plan and priority actions for implementation.

As mentioned earlier TxDOT's PTN is leading the effort in the District Bicycle Plan Development. The project team meets regularly with Odessa District staff to coordinate these meetings, various analyses, and strategies moving forward. There is a TxDOT Advisory committee that also supports these efforts and keeps items moving forward. Then, we have the Technical Working Group, or the TWG, who will help guide the plan's strategies and outcomes through these meetings and providing their input. Additionally, the Community Needs Working Group will provide their input as well. Lastly, we will have a total of 2 virtual public meetings, to encourage public input on the plan (this being the first opportunity).



Survey

Scan the QR code above to access the virtual survey.



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To be included in the public engagement summary, comments must be received or postmarked by March 17, 2026.

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Script: The District Bicycle Plan team is seeking feedback and we would like to hear from you! Please provide your feedback by taking our survey, available by scanning the QR code on the left side of the screen. You can also send your comments to us by mail or email.

The comment period closes March 17, 2026, and all input must be received or postmarked by that date to be included in the official public engagement summary.

For any questions about the plan or outreach efforts, please reach out to our project manager, Elizabeth Jones, at Elizabeth.jones@txdot.gov.

Next Steps



FALL 2026: Second Virtual Public Meeting



SPRING 2027*: Finalize District Bicycle Plan
**timeframe subject to change*

Stay Informed



Visit the DBP website.



Join the mailing list for **email updates.**



Stay involved by joining the next **Virtual Public Meeting** in the Fall of 2026*.

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Script: Once this round of outreach is complete, the team will analyze the feedback received and make appropriate updates to the draft plan. The plan is expected to be finalized next fall with implementation beginning shortly after. The timeline is subject to change.

Thank you for attending the virtual public meeting for the Odessa District Bicycle Plan.

To join the mailing list and get more information about the DBP, please visit the DBP engagement platform by scanning the QR code. To stay up to date with the implementation of the plan and other active transportation efforts, go to the TxDOT website to view updates and join the next Virtual Public Meeting, tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 2026, but is subject to change.