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Welcome to the virtual public meeting for the development of the 2025-2028 Rural Transportation Improvement Program also known as the Rural TIP for the San Antonio District.

Agenda



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Today we will go over the counties in San Antonio district and all the roads under the district's care. We'll provide an overview of the transportation planning process. We will also review the basics of what is the Rural TIP? and why is it important for you to be here with us today.

You will have the opportunity to review all the projects the San Antonio District has included in the 2025-2028 program. We will also go over funding, answering questions on "where does the money to pay for these projects come from?"

Lastly, we will outline all the options you have to comment on these projects and the priority.



November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

Help us end the streak of daily deaths, Texas!

#EndTheStreakTX

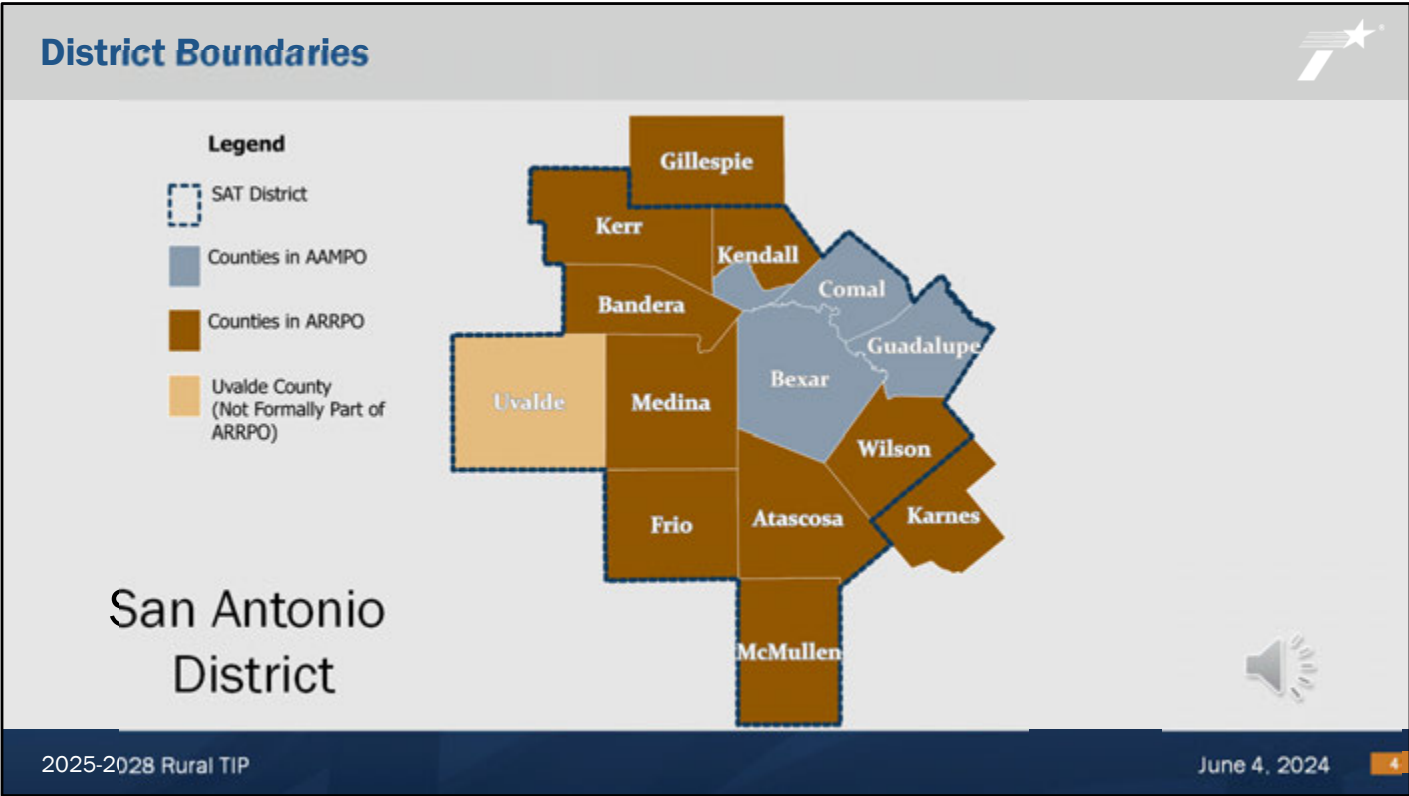
End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.



Safety Never Stops! 

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Safety is a top priority at TxDOT, we begin each meeting with a safety minute. Today, we will highlight TxDOT's End the Streak campaign. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was November 7, 2000. That means for over 23 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play in changing that. This message is a reminder to End the Streak of deaths on Texas roadways. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, and put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive when sleepy or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



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The San Antonio District includes all of the counties inside the dashed blue line. The district is made up of a mix of urban and rural counties. The urban counties within the district are Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe and a small portion of Kendall county. Shown here in light blue. These counties have populations over 50,000 and coordinate together as the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO). The rural counties within the San Antonio District which are the areas of focus for the Rural TIP are Atascosa, Bandera, Frio, the rest of Kendall county, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, Uvalde, and Wilson. With the exception of Uvalde these counties together with the counties of Gillespie and Karnes are part of the Alamo Regional Rural Planning Organization (ARRPO).

Projects included in the 2025-2028 Rural TIP are located in *Atascosa, Bandera, Frio, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, Uvalde, Wilson, Gillespie, and Karnes.*

What is ARRPO?



- Alamo Regional Rural Planning Organization (ARRPO) is the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) representing your region for transportation planning.
- Organized by elected officials
 - Help identify transportation needs
 - Plan transportation
 - Recommend rural transportation priorities



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As stated in the previous slide, most of the rural counties in the San Antonio District are part of the Alamo Regional Rural Planning Organization (ARRPO) but what is ARRPO? ARRPO is the Rural Planning Organization representing rural and small urban areas outside of the metropolitan planning area (MPA).

ARRPO is composed of elected officials representing their county constituents and help identify transportation needs, plan, and recommend rural transportation priorities.



Goals

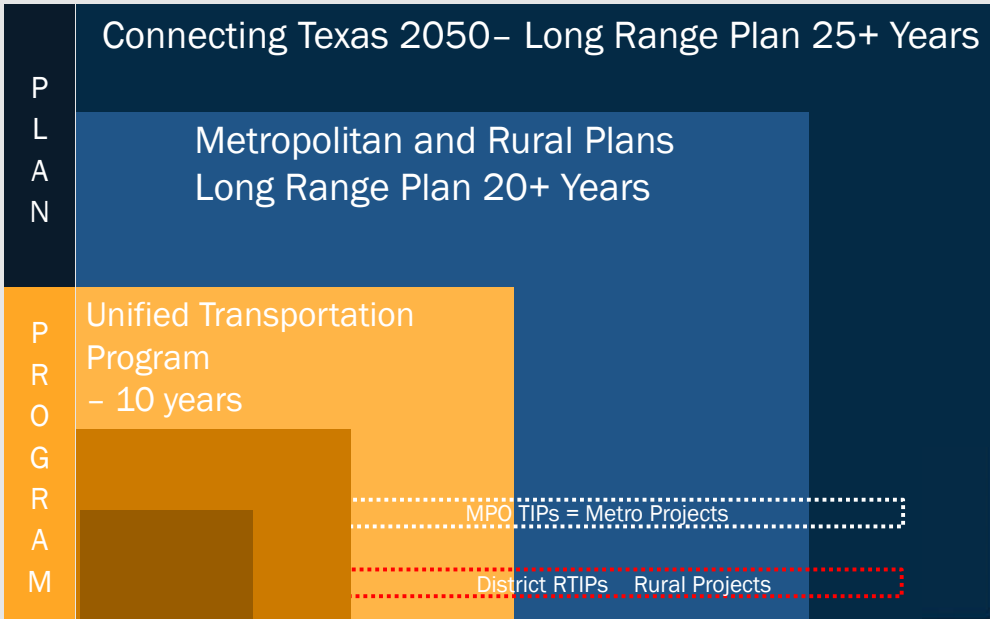
| Performance | Strategic |
|---|--|
|  Safety <i>Plan, build, and maintain a safe and secure transportation system for all users.</i> |  Connectivity <i>Improve multimodal and intermodal connectivity at the local, regional, statewide, national, and international level.</i> |
|  Preservation <i>Maintain and preserve transportation infrastructure and resources to achieve a state of good repair and mitigate asset deterioration.</i> |  Economic Vitality <i>Develop transportation systems that support the movement of people and goods to enhance quality of life and promote personal and statewide economic growth.</i> |
|  Mobility <i>Address congestion by improving efficiency, resilience, and reliability.</i> |  Stewardship <i>Continue the responsible and efficient use of federal, state, and local fiscal and natural resources.</i> |



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Connecting Texas 2050 is the updated statewide long-range transportation plan. It outlines goals and evaluates long-term investment priorities by measuring performances of those goals and creating targets. This helps TxDOT with planning and programming projects that keep on track with a transportation plan that is reflective of future transportation needs.

Transportation Planning Products



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These are all TxDOT's transportation planning and programming products. Connecting Texas 2050 drives the department's planning and project selection activities through its goals and target measures. The metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) forecasts transportation needs and plans for future projects in the upcoming 20-year horizon. The unified transportation program (UTP) is a 10-year plan that identifies a pipeline of project to achieve the department's performance goals. The statewide transportation improvement program (STIP) is a list of projects that have identified funding and are in the final stages of development. It includes the Rural TIP and MPO's TIP project list. The 2-year letting schedule authorizes and administers funding for projects to be constructed in the next two years.



THE RURAL TIP

is a list of all added capacity and regionally significant projects to be funded within a TxDOT District during the next 4 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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What is the Rural TIP? The Rural TIP is part of the transportation planning process. The Rural Transportation Improvement Program is a list of local projects expected to be funded in a TxDOT District over the next 4 years. This means that all projects included in the list are anticipated to be underway within the 4 years following its approval.

It is multimodal; which means that it can include projects relating to highways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit services, and freight projects as well as the preliminary studies used to define those projects.

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

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

How the Rural TIP Impacts You



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

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

Turning lanes

By participating today, you are providing input in Rural TIP projects!

**You know your
community
best!**

**Tell us what
project
should come
first and why**



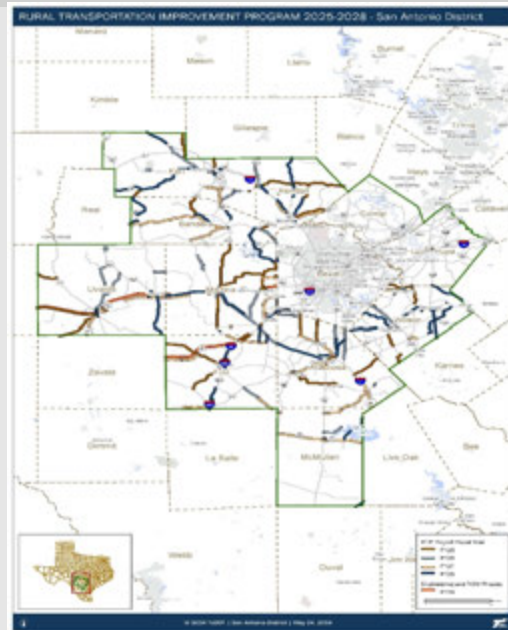
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It is important for you to participate because funding secured by this process is intended to address your communities' most immediate needs. By providing comments on the priority of the projects included, you are helping us identify regional priorities.

By reviewing the entire program in a single meeting you are:

- 1) having a regional impact,
- 2) helping us be more effective with your money,
- and 3) ensuring that we are investing where we should.

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These are all the projects included in the 2025-2028 Rural TIP for the San Antonio District. Most of these projects are seal coats, safety, and overlay type of projects. The map and project list for each county are available for download to review and provide comments.

Individually Listed Projects for Engineering and ROW Phases



Fiscal Year 2028

| Map ID | CSJ | Highway | County | Limits | | Description | PE & ROW Cost |
|--------|-------------|---------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| | | | | From | To | | |
| 21 | 0276-07-036 | US 57 | Frio | Zavala/Frio County Line | IH 35 | Expand Existing 2 Lane Roadway with Passing Lanes to 4 Lane Divided Roadway (US 57 Corridor) | \$27,057,536 |
| 34 | 0024-04-071 | US 90 | Medina | Medina/Uvalde County Line | 1.3 Mi. East of Medina/Uvalde CL | Upgrade to 4 Lane Divided Roadway | \$329,340 |
| 35 | 0024-06-075 | US 90 | Medina | FM 471 South | Medina/Bexar County Line | Expand From 4 Lane Divided To 6 Lane Expressway & From 0 to 4 Frontage Road Lanes | \$17,899,305 |
| 21 | 0023-05-091 | US 90 | Uvalde | Kinney/Uvalde County Line | FM 481 | Expand From 2 Lane to 4 Lane Divided Roadway | \$20,391,000 |
| 22 | 0024-01-112 | US 90 | Uvalde | FM 2369 | Frio River | Upgrade to 4 Lane Divided Roadway | \$7,121,584 |
| 23 | 0024-02-080 | US 90 | Uvalde | Frio River | Uvalde/Medina County Line | Upgrade to 4 Lane Divided Roadway | \$15,516,111 |



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In addition to the seal coat, pavement markings, and overlay construction type of projects. TxDOT will also be including in the 2025-2028 Rural TIP the preliminary engineering and ROW phases for roadway expansion on US 57 in Frio and US 90 in Medina and Uvalde counties.



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



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The Rural TIP functions as a budget list for the District. As such it is fiscally constrained. Like the budget of a household, the Rural TIP has to be realistic about the amount of money available to covers all the needs. Frequently we identify more improvements than we have money to implement. This means prioritizing according to those items that are most necessary.

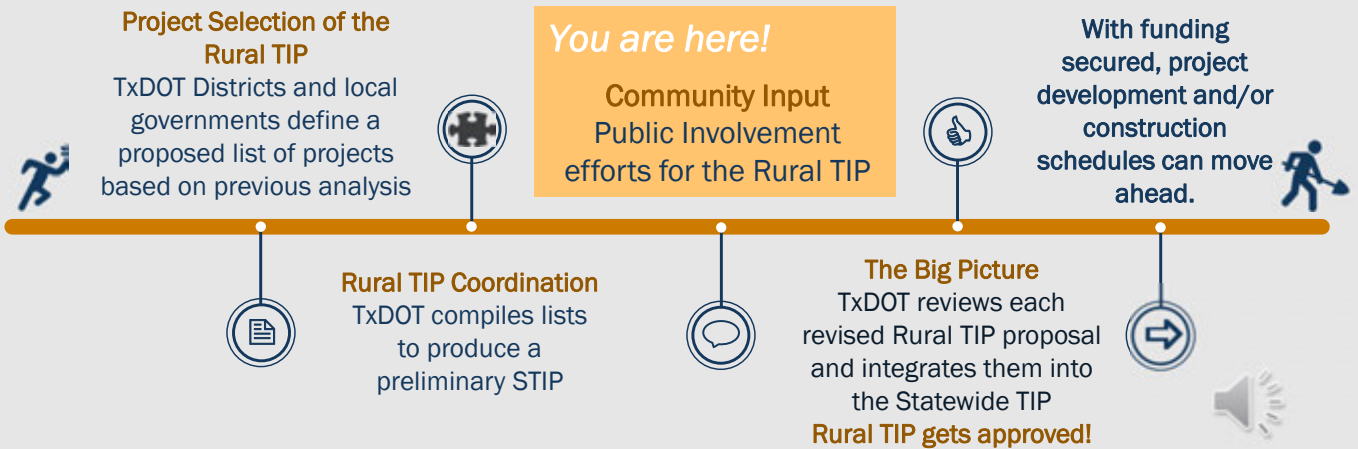
We've discussed the list but where is the money coming from? Funds can come from 3 main sources:

- 1) The Federal Government, through the establishment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the federal government allocates these funds through the processes established by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations.
- 2) TxDOT, like the Federal Government also allocates a section of our budget for these projects through the Unified Transportation Program's 12 funding categories.

And 3) the local governments. Once the need has been identified and the amount of federal monies has been defined, the Rural TIP helps local governments assess the funding requirements to match those of the federal and state government and their capacity to meet them.



In the Rural TIP Process



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After reviewing the projects in the Rural TIP, you might ask, “What’s Next”? The timeline above illustrates the Rural TIP process and where we are right now. Once your comments have been collected and considered, the District will provide TxDOT with a revised Rural TIP for approval and integration into the Statewide document.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program consists of the Rural TIP’s of all the 25 TxDOT districts in the state, as well as the Metro TIP’s from all the MPOs. The timeline above shows where the Rural TIP process fits into this larger effort. Once the STIP is approved by the Federal government, everyone’s projects are funded and become one stop closer to getting constructed.




How to provide comments:

1. Mail a comment card to:

Texas Department of Transportation
San Antonio District, Attn: Rural TIP
4615 NW Loop 410 San Antonio, Tx 78229

2. Or email a comment to:

ivonne.delarosa@txdot.gov, Attention: Rural TIP.

Remember to submit your comments by **June 14, 2024** to be included in the official summary of this meeting 

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Now that you are familiar with the Program, we want to hear what you think. Go ahead and fill out a comment card and mail it back to us at the address on the screen.

You can also email in your comments to: ivonne.delarosa@txdot.gov

Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by June 14, 2024. Please make sure to send your comments before that date.

If after today, you would like more information or have any other questions feel free to reach out or visit the District Webpage for updates.

Remember that you can share the video and materials if you wish to discuss this information with your friends or family! Just remind them to provide comments before June 14, 2024