

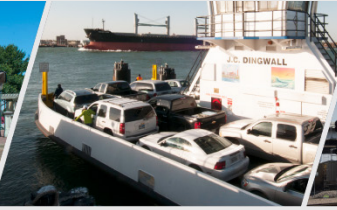


The 2021 – 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Public Hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m.

- Participants planning to speak at the Public Hearing can do so via any of the methods below:
 - Pre-Register by March 17, 2021 before 12 p.m. at 512-416-2187.
 - Participants who registered in advance will be called upon first in the order they were received.
 - If a participant is was unable to pre-register and are joining in via the WebEx, use the “raise hand” option after the conclusion of the presentation.
 - The host will call upon these participants after those who previously registered.
 - If a participant cannot join in the WebEx, a call-in number is available, +1-415-655-0003 use access code **157 419 6138**.
 - To be able to make a comment at the designated time via the call-in number, push *3 and it will signal the host that you would like to speak.
 - The host will call upon the order it was received after all registered guests are done commenting.
 - Once a comment has been made via the call-in feature, push *6 to un-signal the host.
 - There will also be a “Chat” feature on the bottom right-hand side of the WebEx screen. If a participant wishes to comment but not actually speak, a comment can be made using this feature.
- The presentation and public speakers are being recorded.



- This hearing is being conducted to consider public comments on STIP for FY 2021-2024, and is being held pursuant to 23 U.S. Code, Section 135, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the STIP.
- Notice of this hearing was published in the February 26, 2021 edition of the Texas Register and on TxDOT.gov.
- Anyone may offer comments during this hearing. If you represent a group, please appoint a spokesperson rather than having all members repeat the same comments.
- The department will not respond to questions or enter into any debates during this hearing. Questioning of persons making comments is reserved to the presiding officer.
- Speakers will be taken in the order registered. Speakers who did not register in advance will be taken at the end of the hearing.
- **Remarks will be limited to three minutes per speaker. This limitation will be strictly enforced to maintain order during the hearing.**



2021-2024 STIP

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Virtual Public Hearing

March 18, 2021

10 a.m. CDT



Post 2021-2024 STIP, begins public comment period	▪ February 26, 2021
Public Hearing Held	▪ March 18, 2021
2021-2024 STIP public comment period ends	▪ March 29, 2021
2021 – 2024 STIP goes the TxDOT Executive Director for approval	▪ March 30, 2021
First date FHWA / FTA can approve the 2021-2024 STIP	▪ March 30, 2021
First revision to the 2021-2024 STIP	▪ August 2021* *(subject to change)

2021 -2024 STIP Revisions

The STIP is revised on a quarterly basis.
August, November, February and May



WHAT IS IT ?

A statewide prioritized list/program of transportation projects covering a period of four years.

It's multimodal



Comprised of Rural and MPO TIPs!

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Transportation projects **CANNOT** receive federal funding unless they are in the

STIP



Identifies statewide priorities for transportation

Projects that best address state, regional, and local transportation needs!

HOW IS IT CREATED ?

Projects are identified by evaluating existing and future needs

Project identification considers current conditions and projections, statewide and regional plans as well as public input regarding transportation priorities

Added Capacity / Regionally Significant Projects

Grouped Projects

Projects that are not considered by the department and MPO to be of appropriate scale for individual listing. i.e. safety, rehab & maintenance.

Projects respond to Statewide needs!

WHO PAYS FOR IT ?

Funds to pay for all selected projects can come 3 sources:

Federal Government

Through the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations.

TxDOT (state)

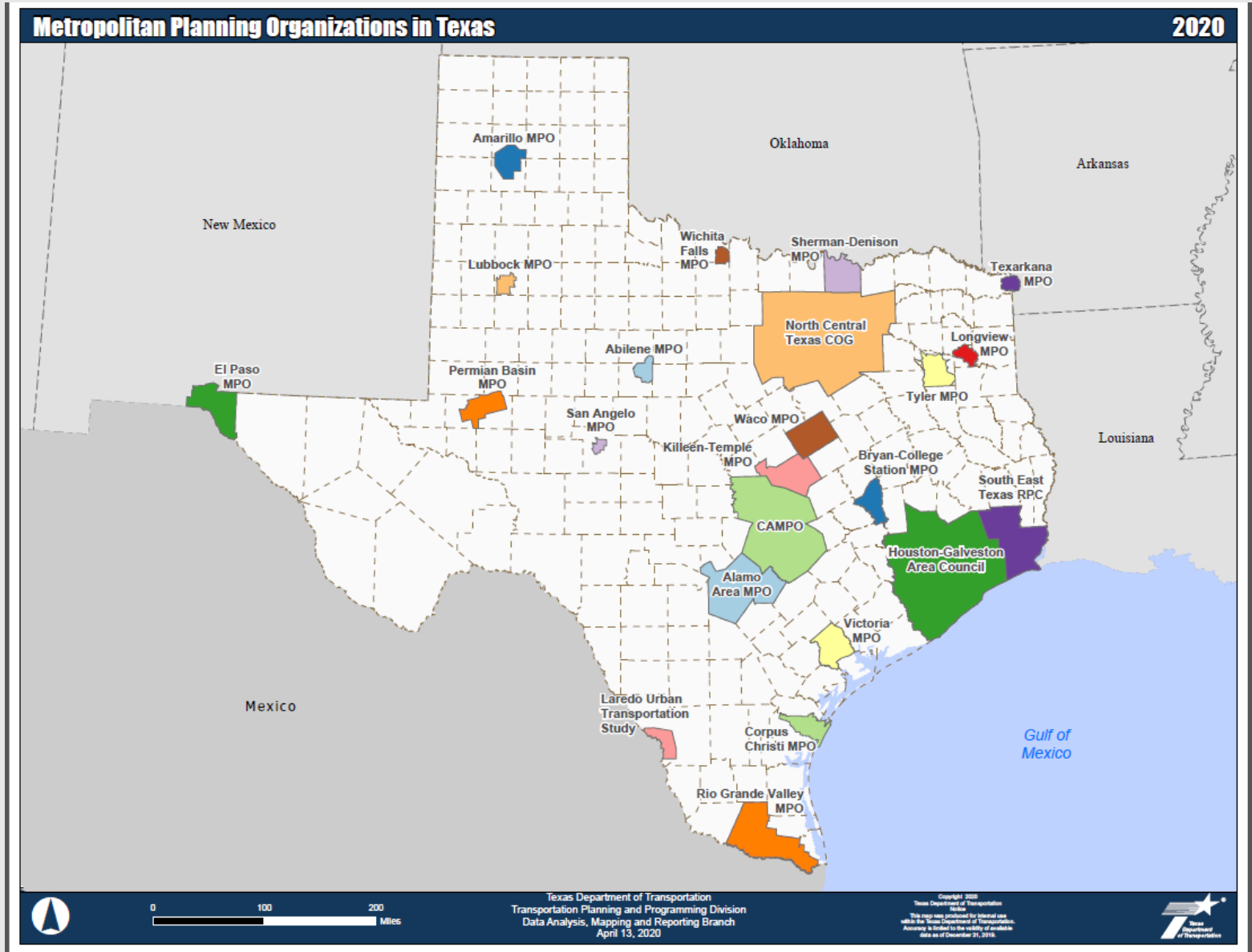
Local Governments

This could be local contribution or a local match to federal funding

Federal / State / Local funding is distributed through the Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Funds come from all government levels!

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)

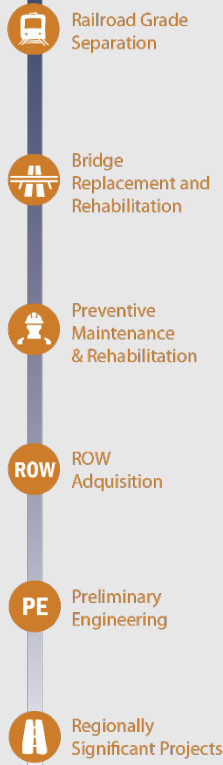




MPO Area	TxDOT Districts
Abilene MPO	Abilene
Alamo Area MPO (AAMPO)	San Antonio
Amarillo MPO	Amarillo
Bryan-College Station MPO (BCSMPO)	Bryan
Capital Area MPO (CAMPO)	Austin
Corpus Christi MPO (CCMPO)	Corpus Christi
El Paso MPO (ELMPO)	El Paso
Houston-Galveston (HGAC)	Houston / Beaumont
Killeen-Temple MPO (KTMPO)	Waco
Laredo MPO (LUTS)	Laredo
Longview MPO	Tyler
Lubbock MPO (LMPO)	Lubbock
North Central Counsel of Governments (NCTCOG)	Dallas / Fort Worth / Paris
Permian Basin MPO (PBMPO)	Odessa
*Rio Grande Valley MPO (RGVMPO)	Pharr
San Angelo MPO	San Angelo
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)	Beaumont
Sherman-Denison MPO	Paris
Texarkana MPO	Atlanta
Tyler MPO	Tyler
Victoria MPO	Yoakum
Waco MPO	Waco
Wichita Falls (WFMPO)	Wichita Falls
* Now includes Brownsville, Hidalgo and Harlingen San-Benito	



TxDOT FUNDING CATEGORIES



PROJECT CATEGORIES

<p>RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION</p> <p>CATEGORY 1</p> <p>Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation</p> <p>Icons: Road, Worker, Cone, ITS, Bridge</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation</p> <p>Icons: Road, Bus</p>
<p>BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION</p> <p>CATEGORY 2</p> <p>Metropolitan and Urban Areas Corridor Projects</p> <p>Icons: Road, PE, Worker, Train, Cone, ITS, Bus</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>Icons: Road, Train, Cone, Bridge</p>
<p>PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION</p> <p>CATEGORY 3</p> <p>Non-Traditional Funded Transportation Projects</p> <p>Icon: Road</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Transportation Alternatives Program</p> <p>Icons: Bicycle, Bus</p>
<p>ROW</p> <p>CATEGORY 4</p> <p>Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects</p> <p>Icons: Road, PE, ROW</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Supplemental Transportation Projects</p> <p>Icons: Bicycle, Landscaping, Bridge</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>CATEGORY 5</p> <p>Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement</p> <p>Icons: Road, PE, Worker, ITS, Bicycle</p>	<p>11</p> <p>District Discretionary</p> <p>Icons: Road, PE, Worker, Train, Cone, ITS, Bus, Bicycle, Landscaping, ROW, Bridge</p>
<p>REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS</p> <p>CATEGORY 6</p> <p>Structures Replacement and Rehabilitation</p> <p>Icons: Worker, Train, Bridge</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Strategic Priority</p> <p>Icons: Road, PE, ROW</p>



Table 1

GROUPED PROJECT CSJs

Definition of Grouped Projects for use in the STIP
Revised February 23, 2021

PROPOSED CSJ	GROUPED PROJECT CATEGORY	DEFINITION
5000-00-950	PE Preliminary Engineering	Preliminary Engineering for any project except added capacity projects in a nonattainment area. Includes activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and research activities; grants for training; engineering to define the elements of a proposed action or alternatives so that social, economic, and environmental effects can be assessed.
5000-00-951	Right of Way	Right of Way acquisition for any project except added capacity projects in a nonattainment area. Includes relocation assistance, hardship acquisition and protective buying.
5000-00-952	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Projects to include pavement repair to preserve existing pavement so that it may achieve its designed loading. Includes seal coats, overlays, resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation done with existing ROW. Also includes modernization of a highway by reconstruction, adding shoulders or adding auxiliary lanes (e.g., parking, weaving, turning, climbing, passing, non-added capacity) or drainage improvements associated with rehabilitation [See Note 3].
5000-00-957		
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5000-00-953	Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation	Projects to replace and/or rehabilitate functionally obsolete or structurally deficient bridges.
5000-00-954	Railroad Grade Separations	Projects to construct or replace existing highway-railroad grade crossings and to rehabilitate and/or replace deficient railroad underpasses, resulting in no added capacity.
5800-00-950	Safety	Projects to include the construction or replacement/rehabilitation of guard rails, median barriers, crash cushions, pavement markings, skid treatments, medians, lighting improvements, highway signs, curb ramps, railroad/highway crossing warning devices, fencing, intersection improvements (e.g., turn lanes), signalization projects and interchange modifications. Also includes projects funded via the Federal Hazard Elimination Program, Federal Railroad Signal Safety Program, or Access Managements projects, except those that result in added capacity.

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5000-00-956	Landscaping	Project consisting of typical right-of-way landscape development, establishment and aesthetic improvements to include any associated erosion control and environmental mitigation activities.
5800-00-915	Intelligent Transportation System Deployment	Highway traffic operation improvement projects including the installation of ramp metering control devices, variable message signs, traffic monitoring equipment and projects in the Federal ITS/IVHS programs.
5000-00-916	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Projects including bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities (e.g., sidewalks, shared use paths, side paths, trails, bicycle boulevards, curb extensions, bicycle parking facilities, bikeshare facilities, etc.). Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure related activities (e.g. enforcement, tools, and education programs).
5000-00-917	Safety Rest Areas and Truck Weigh Stations	Construction and improvement of rest areas, and truck weigh stations.
5000-00-918	Transit Improvements and Programs	Projects include the construction and improvement of small passenger shelters and information kiosks. Also includes the construction and improvement of rail storage/maintenance facilities bus transfer facilities where minor amounts of additional land are required and there is not a substantial increase in the number of users. Also includes transit operating assistance, preventative maintenance of transit vehicles and facilities, acquisition of third party transit services, and transit marketing, and mobility management/coordination. Additionally includes the purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet [See Note 4].
5000-00-919	Recreational Trails Program	Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), Equestrian, Recreational Water/Paddling Trails and related facilities; Recreational Trails related education and safety programs.

Note 1: Projects eligible for grouping include associated project phases (Preliminary Engineering, Right-Of-Way and Construction).

Note 2: Projects funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding require a Federal eligibility determination, and are not approved to be grouped.

Note 3: Passing lanes include "SUPER 2" lanes consistent with TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual.

Note 4: In PM10 and PM2.5 nonattainment or maintenance areas, such projects may be grouped only if they are in compliance with control measures in the applicable implementation plan.

Note 5: Projects funded as part of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program consistent with the grouped project category definitions may be grouped. RTP or TA funded projects that are not consistent with the grouped project category definitions must be individually noted in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Road diet projects may not be grouped.



The 2021-2024 STIP contains thousands of projects that can be viewed on TxDOT's website at :

<https://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/stips.html>

OR

the eSTIP portal at: <https://apps3.txdot.gov/apps/estip/> and click the link under 2021-2024 STIP current STIP revision pending federal approval.



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OR send by U.S. Mail to:

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All written comments must be received at the Transportation Planning and Programming office by 4:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, March 29, 2021



Speaker Instructions

- Please begin by stating and spelling your name for the record
- Speakers are asked to keep comments to no more than **3-minutes**
- Staff are not to respond to questions or statements in this forum

Pre Registered Instructions

- Call 512-416-2187 to pre-register.
- Registered speakers will be called upon in the order received.

- If callers who do not pre-register and do not have web access can use the call in number **+1-415-655-0003**.
Access Code 157 419 6138





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End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.