



Public Hearing Notice Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2023-2026

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a virtual public hearing on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST) to receive public comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY 2023-2026. Instructions for accessing the hearing will be published at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>.

The STIP reflects the federally funded transportation projects in the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the state. The STIP includes both state and federally funded projects for the nonattainment areas of Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio. The STIP also contains information on federally funded projects in rural areas that are not included in any MPO area, and other statewide programs as listed.

Title 23, United States Code, §134 and §135 require each designated MPO and the state, respectively, to develop a TIP and STIP as a condition to securing federal funds for transportation projects under Title 23 or the Federal Transit Act (49 USC §5301, et seq.). Section 134 requires an MPO to develop its TIP in cooperation with the state and affected public transit operators and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to participate in the development of the program. Section 135 requires the state to develop a STIP for all areas of the state in cooperation with the designated MPOs and, with respect to non-metropolitan areas, in consultation with affected local officials, and further requires an opportunity for participation by interested parties as well as approval by the Governor or the Governor's designee.

A copy of the proposed FY 2023-2026 STIP will be available for review, at the time the notice of hearing is published, on TxDOT's website at: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/stip.html>

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by notifying Lori Morel, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at (512) 810-6663 no later than 12:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Speakers will be taken in the order registered and will be limited to three minutes. Speakers who do not register in advance will be taken at the end of the hearing. Any interested person may offer comments to be included in the official summary report. Groups, organizations, or associations should be represented by only one speaker. Speakers are requested to refrain from repeating previously presented testimony.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public hearing will be conducted in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call TxDOT's Transportation Planning and Programming Division at 512-810-6663 no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022, to request special accommodations. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Interested parties who are unable to participate in the hearing may submit comments regarding the proposed FY 2023-2026 STIP to Jessica Butler, P.E., Director of the Transportation Planning and Programming Division, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714-9217. In order to be considered, all written comments must be received at the Transportation Planning and Programming office by 4:00 p.m. CST on Monday, October 24, 2022.