



# Notice of a Virtual Public Hearing

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## **Connecting Texas 2050 | Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a statewide virtual public hearing on *Connecting Texas 2050*, the agency's latest update to the statewide long-range transportation plan, on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) online and via phone.

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, visit [www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/ttp/slntp-public-involvement.html](http://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/ttp/slntp-public-involvement.html) for instructions on how to log onto the virtual public hearing. The log-in process will record your name, email address, and who you represent for the official record. Members of the public who do not have Internet access or wish to participate by phone, can call 1-800-717-1738 and input conference ID number 49101.

*Connecting Texas 2050* is the agency's latest update to the statewide long-range transportation plan. Title 43, Section 16.54 of the Texas Administrative Code provides that TxDOT shall develop a statewide long-range transportation plan (SLRTP) and conduct a statewide virtual public hearing prior to final adoption of the SLRTP by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The purpose of the public hearing is for participants to learn about the process to prepare a statewide long-range transportation plan, review the draft statewide long-range transportation plan, and provide written or verbal comments.

Updated every four years, the statewide long-range transportation plan considers current and future transportation choices, and how they integrate as a system to serve Texans and our economy. With *Connecting Texas 2050*, TxDOT will establish the vision, goals, objectives, performance measures, and strategic recommendations for the state's multimodal transportation system through 2050. The current draft plan is a comprehensive report comprised of all the technical work performed and feedback received from the public and stakeholders since fall 2022.

The draft plan will be available to the public for review and feedback beginning Friday, May 10, 2024, at [www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/ttp/slntp-public-involvement.html](http://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/ttp/slntp-public-involvement.html). In addition, it will also be available for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation Stassney Campus, located 6230 E. Stassney Lane, Austin, TX 78744, and at your local TxDOT District Office. For a complete list of district offices, visit [www.txdot.gov/about/districts.html](http://www.txdot.gov/about/districts.html) or call 512-271-2025 for assistance.

The virtual public hearing will include a live presentation from TxDOT's *Connecting Texas 2050* team. This presentation will include both audio and visual components. An opportunity for formal comment will be provided following the presentation.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing (optional) may register in advance by notifying the *Connecting Texas 2050* team at 512-271-2025 and providing your full name with spelling and a phone number, no later than by 4 p.m. CDT Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Speakers will be taken in the order registered and will be limited to three minutes. During the hearing, speakers who do not register in advance may register and be added to the list of speakers to be taken at the end of the hearing. Instructions will be provided on how to register during the hearing. Please note, if you would like to make a verbal comment, you will be required to close the live webcast on your device and join by phone to limit auditory interference. Should you prefer to remain in the webcast on your device or if you do not wish to provide verbal comments, you can submit written comments through the live webcast platform or through the written comment methods listed below.

Any interested person may offer comments or testimony; however, questioning of witnesses will be reserved exclusively to the meeting's presiding officer as may be necessary to ensure a complete record. While any persons with pertinent comments or testimony will be granted an opportunity to present them during the

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course of the hearing, the presiding officer reserves the right to restrict testimony in terms of time or repetitive content. Groups, organizations, or associations should be represented by only one speaker. Speakers are requested to refrain from repeating previously presented testimony.

Responses to comments received during the hearing will be included as part of the virtual public hearing summary which will be made available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) once they have been prepared.

The virtual public hearing will be conducted in English. If you need interpretation or translation services, or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate, provide TxDOT advance notice at 512-271-2025 by 4 p.m. CT no later than Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Interested parties who are unable to participate may submit written and/or verbal comments regarding the draft plan in the following ways:

- Written comments can be submitted via an online comment form accessed via a link on [www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/ttp/slrtp-public-involvement.html](http://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/ttp/slrtp-public-involvement.html)
- Written comments may be submitted by email to [ConnectingTexas2050@txdot.gov](mailto:ConnectingTexas2050@txdot.gov).
- Written comments may be submitted by mail to: TxDOT TPP Connecting Texas 2050, Statewide Planning Branch Manager, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, TX 78714-9217.
- Members of the public may call 512-271-2025 to provide verbal testimony via a voicemail message.

To be included in the draft plan comment log, comments must be received or postmarked by Sunday, June 9, 2024.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding *Connecting Texas 2050* or the virtual public hearing, please contact Giacomo Yaquinto, project manager, at [ConnectingTexas2050@txdot.gov](mailto:ConnectingTexas2050@txdot.gov) or 737-308-9411.

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