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Welcome to the Tyler District Rural Transportation Improvement Program Virtual Public Meeting for the 2027-2030 program! My name is Adrienne Leach and I'm the Tyler District Advance Transportation Planning Director. We are here today to go over the projects to be included in the upcoming 2027-2030 Rural TIP.

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Today we will go over the counties in Tyler district and all the roads under the district’s care. 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. We will explain how the projects included in the program are selected and classified in order to make the most of the program.

Once you understand all of this, you will have the opportunity to review all the projects the Tyler District has included in the **2027–2030** program. Both the big projects and the small supporting projects.

We will also go over funding, answering questions on “where does the money to pay for these projects come from? and how it get distributed?”.

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



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Drive like a Texan is all about saving lives. It's a reminder for everyone in Texas to treat each other with a little bit of the kindness, respect, and neighborly spirit we're famous for, especially on the road. By showing courtesy and care behind the wheel the same way we would in person, we can make our roads safer for all.

Kind

It's that simple. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Say thanks by giving a small wave, or just a friendly nod.

Courteous

Courtesy isn't just about being polite in person. Show respect by letting others merge, giving plenty of space, and practicing patience on the road. Small actions save lives.

Safe

The most important part of any journey is arriving safely. Not only do you keep yourself safe, but you also help protect every driver, passenger, biker, and pedestrian sharing the road.

District Boundaries



Tyler District Map

2027 – 2030 Rural TIP



www.LongviewTexas.gov/MPO



www.TylerAreaMPO.org

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The Tyler District includes all of the counties shown in the map. Projects included in the **2027–2030** Rural TIP are located in Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, Van Zandt and Wood Counties.

There are two Metropolitan Planning Organizations, or MPOs, within the District's boundary. The Longview MPO, which is in Gregg County, and the Tyler Area MPO, which is in Smith County. Projects within the MPOs' boundaries will not be a part of this presentation. These projects will be presented through their respective MPO. Please visit the MPOs' websites shown here for more details.

Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

THE RURAL TIP
 includes both grouped projects and individually listed projects that include added-capacity projects and regionally significant projects to be funded outside of MPO boundary, and within a TxDOT district during the next four years, including those eligible for federal funding.

It can include projects for :

Car, Pedestrian, Bus, Bicycle, Freight Truck

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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The Rural Transportation Improvement Program is a list of local projects to be funded in a TxDOT District over the next 4 years. This means that all projects included in the list are expected to be underway within 4 years following its approval. These are the changes you can expect to go to contract in the near future!

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 its rules are established by Federal law, no project can receive federal funding unless it is listed in the Rural TIP!

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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 / comments in listed regionally significant projects to be discussed

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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How Projects are Selected for the Rural TIP

Projects are identified and selected by evaluating existing and future needs based on:


current conditions and projections, statewide and regional plans,
public input regarding transportation priorities


^ This would be you, right now!

For Example:










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Rural Transportation Organizations, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and local governments are responsible for selecting projects within their boundaries.

TxDOT, through the District office, is responsible for selecting of all projects relating to the state transportation system and other national roadways. This includes Interstates, State and US Highways but most importantly this can also include the Farm-to-Market and Ranch-to-Market roads you use every day. The projects you will review today should respond to local needs!

It is our responsibility to provide you with the opportunity to provide input on which projects should be advanced.

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Individually Listed Projects –FY 2027 - 2030

**Individually Listed
Projects**
Tyler District RTIP 2027-2030

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Now let's discuss the Regionally Significant individually listed projects for the Tyler District.

Regionally Significant Projects –FY 2027 - 2030

Table 1 Regionally Significant Projects in FY 2027

CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Year of Expenditure	TIP Year
0495-03-070	SH 19	VAN ZANDT	SH 19	FM 17	CONSTRUCT FRONTAGE ROAD	\$11,500,000	2027	2027

Project Map - SH 19, SH 19 to FM 17 - CSJ 0495-03-070



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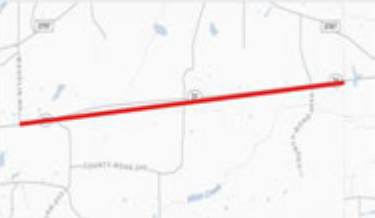
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This table and map shows one project included in the 2027-2030 Rural TIP for Van Zandt County. This project is planned for letting in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. TxDOT will construct a westbound frontage road off IH 20 between SH 19 and FM 17. This project is estimated to cost \$11,500,000.

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Regionally Significant Projects –FY 2027 -2030

Project Map - SH 31, CR 236 TO Gregg County Line - CSJ 0424-01-057



Project Map - SH 31, FM 2767 – FM 1639 – CSJ 0424-02-045

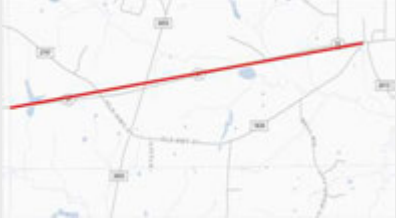



Table 1 Regionally Significant Projects in FY 2029								
CSJ	Highway	County	Limits from	Limits to	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Year of Expenditure	TIP Year
0424-01-057	SH 31	SMITH	CR 236	Gregg County Line	WIDEN 2 LANES TO 4 LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY	\$125,440,000	2029	2029
0424-02-045	SH 31	GREGG	Smith County Line	FM 1639	WIDEN 2 LANES TO 4 LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY	\$63,392,000	2029	2029

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Two individually listed projects are planned for Fiscal Year 2029, one in Smith County and one in Gregg County. These two maps and table show SH 31 in Smith County and SH 31 in Gregg County, which will widen the roadway from 2 lanes to a 4 lane divided highway. The limits for SH 31 project in Smith County are from County Road 236, East to the Gregg County Line and the project is estimated to cost \$125,440,000. The limits for SH 31 project in Gregg County are from the Smith County Line, East to FM 1639 and the project is estimated to cost \$63,392,000.

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Funding

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**
 - **Majority through** the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations
- **State**
 - **Majority through** TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program funding categories
- **Local Government**
 - **May be required to provide matching funds for federal monies**

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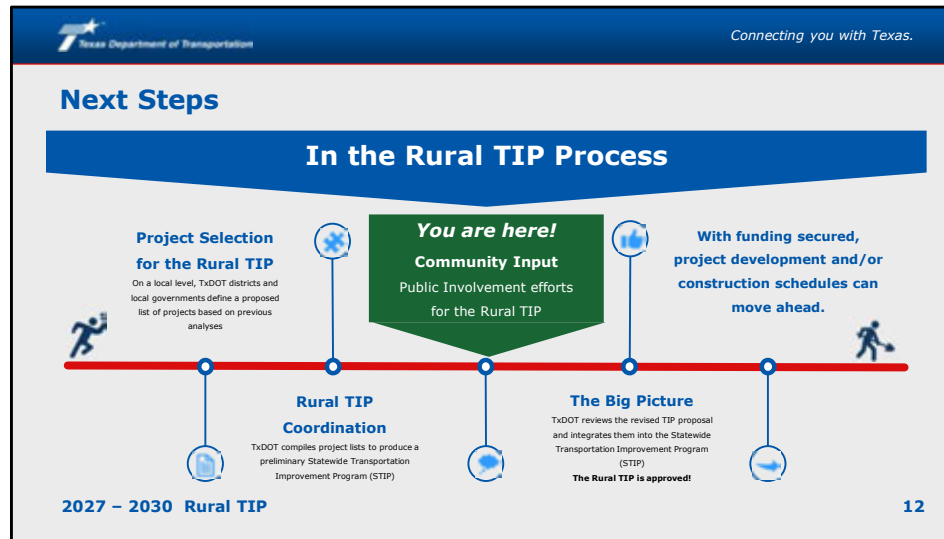
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The Rural TIP functions as a budget list for the District. Therefore, it is fiscally constrained. Like the budget of a household, the Rural TIP has to be realistic about the amount of money available to cover all the needs. Frequently we identify more 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 multiple sources:

- 1) The Federal Government. Funds are allocated through the processes established by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations.
- 2) TxDOT, like the Federal Government also allocates a section 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.



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The timeline above illustrates the Rural TIP process and where we are right now. Once comments have been collected and considered, if necessary, the Tyler District can provide a revised Rural TIP for approval and integration into the Statewide document.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is an accumulation of all 24 district’s Rural TIPs, and the 24 Metropolitan Planning Organization’s TIPs, and additional Statewide Programs, for example: Texas Park and Wildlife Program, Federal Land, Tribal Projects, Statewide Transit, etc. The timeline above shows where in the Rural TIP process fits into this larger effort. Once the STIP is approved by the Federal government everyone’s projects are considered approved.

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Next Steps

How to provide comments:

- 1. If attending an in-person meeting, fill out a comment card today and leave it with staff**
- 2. Mail a comment to:**

Texas Department of Transportation
Tyler District, Attn: Rural TIP
2709 WEST FRONT STREET, TYLER, TX 75702
- 3. Or email a comment to:**

Adrienne.Leach@txdot.gov, Attention: Rural TIP.

Remember to submit your comments by **April 29, 2026** 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: Adrienne.Leach@txdot.gov

Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by 4/29/2026. 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.

Thank you for your time and drive safely!