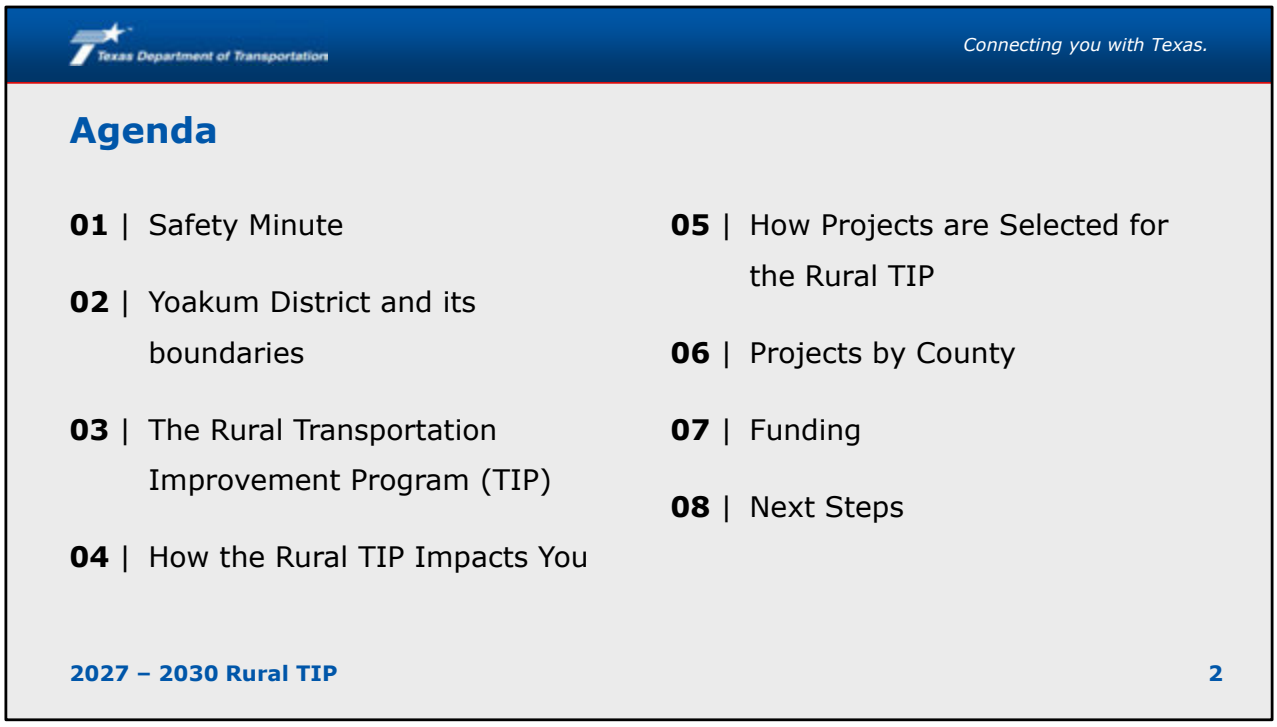
Welcome to the Yoakum District's Rural Transportation Improvement Program Virtual Public Meeting for the 2027-2030 program! We are here today to go over the projects to be included in the upcoming 2027-2030 Rural TIP.



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Today we will go over the counties in the Yoakum 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 Yoakum 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.

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.

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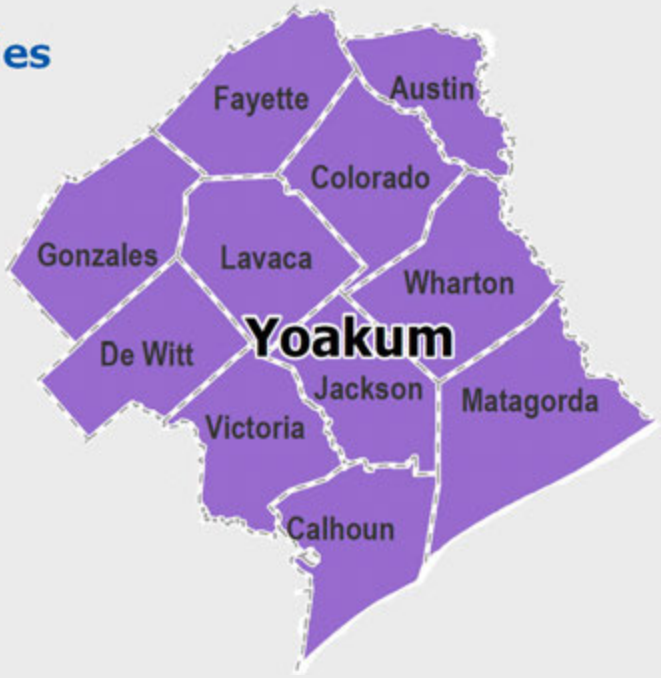
District Boundaries



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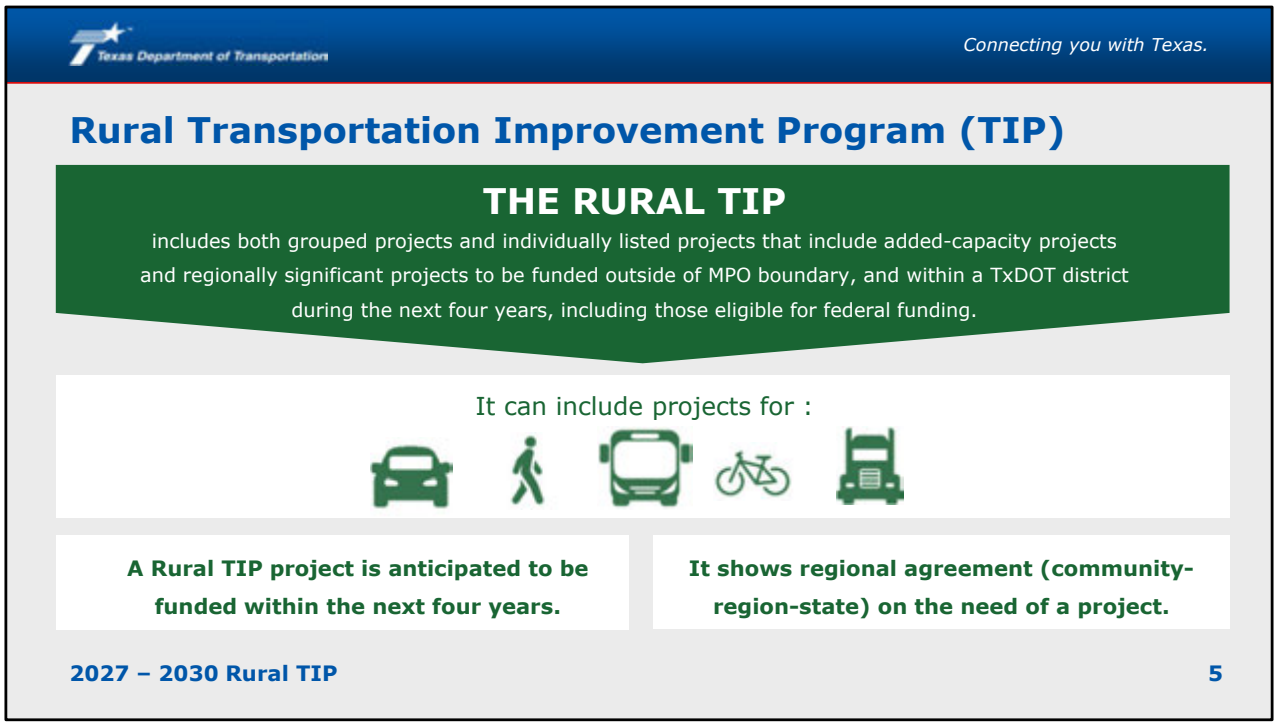
The Yoakum District's projects for the 2027-2030 Rural TIP are located in all 11 of the district's counties: Austin, De Witt, Calhoun, Colorado, Fayette, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Victoria, and Wharton counties



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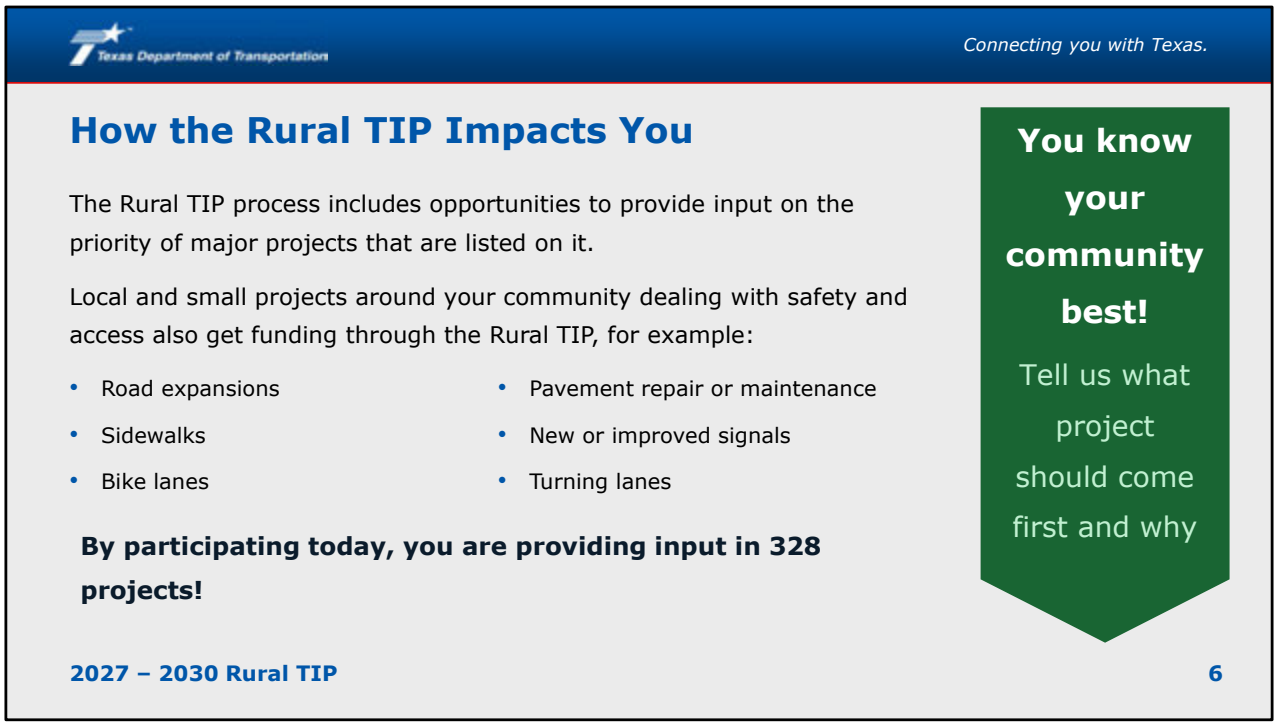
The Rural Transportation Improvement Program is a list of local projects to funded in a TxDOT District over the next 4 years. This means that all projects included in the list are expected to be underway within 4 years following its approval. These are the changes you can expect to go to contract in 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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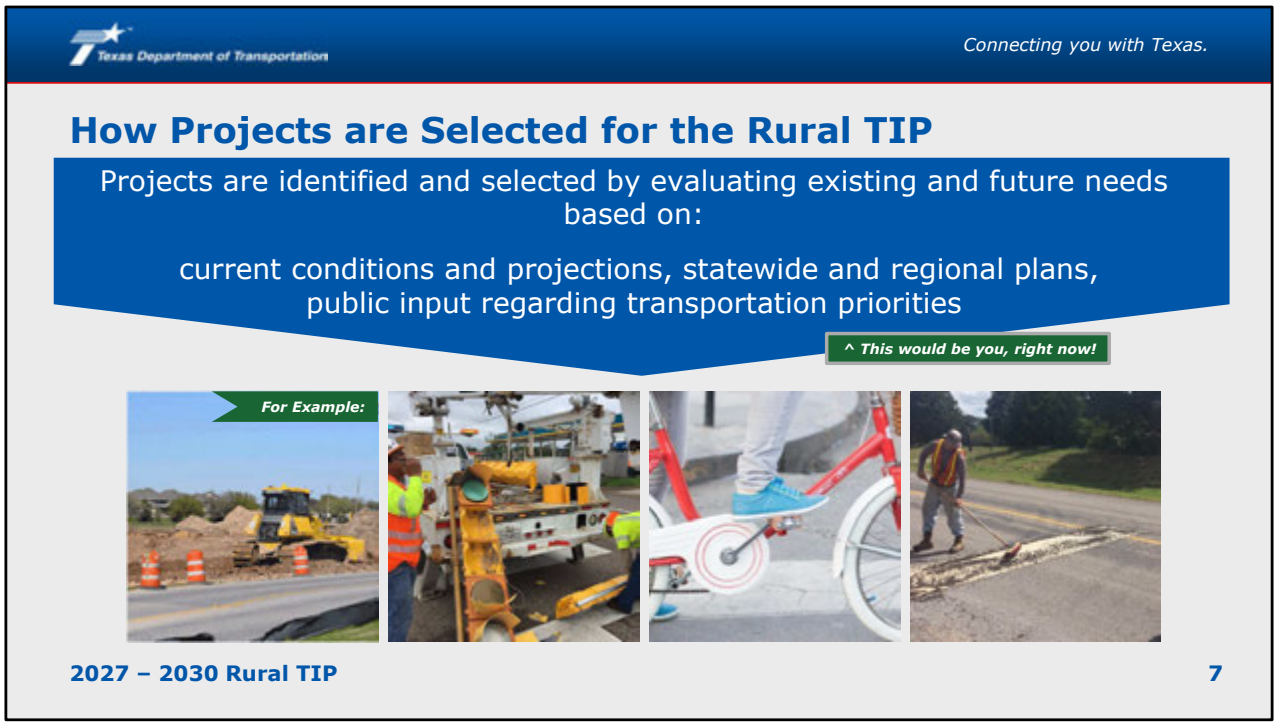
It is important for you to participate because funding secured by this process is intended to address your communities' most immediate needs. By providing comments on the priority of the projects included, you are helping us identify regional priorities. By reviewing the entire program in a single meeting 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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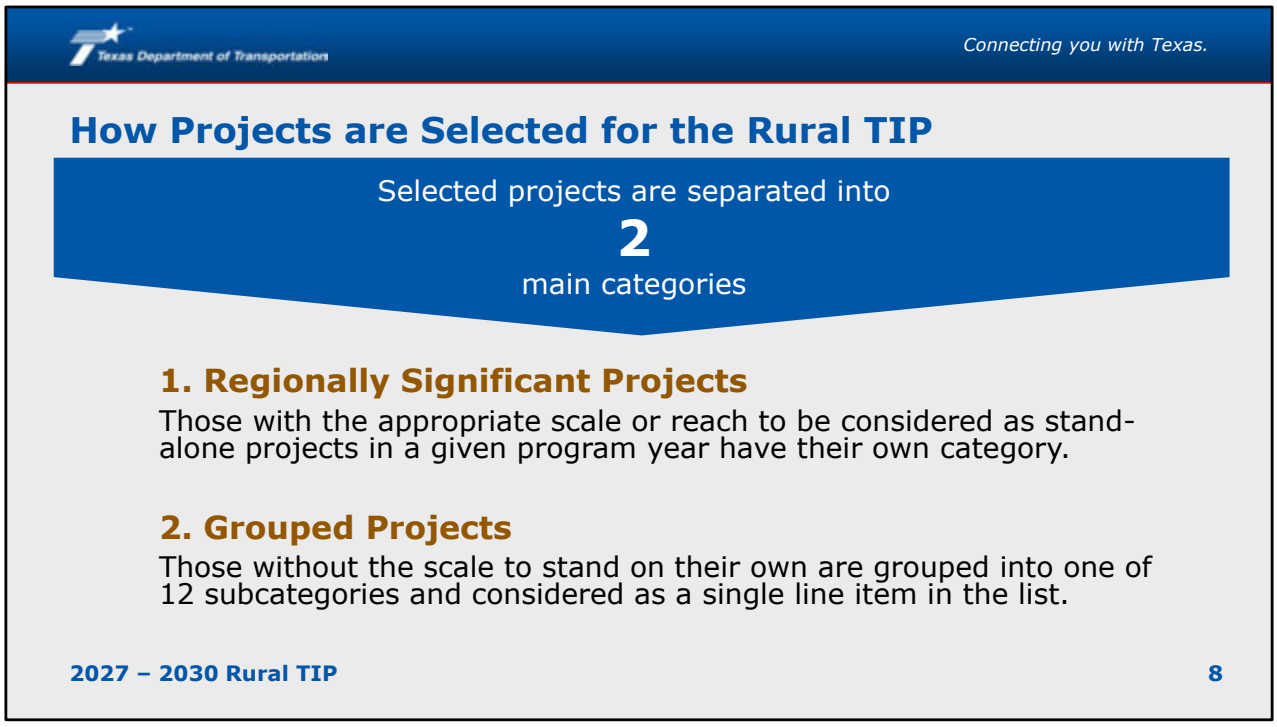
Rural Transportation Organizations, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and local governments are responsible for selecting projects within their boundaries.

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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Once projects have been defined, they are evaluated according to their scale and classified according to the funding they require as well as their potential impact.

Big projects are categorized as Regionally Significant Projects and are included as stand-alone items, such as *a new bridge over a river*

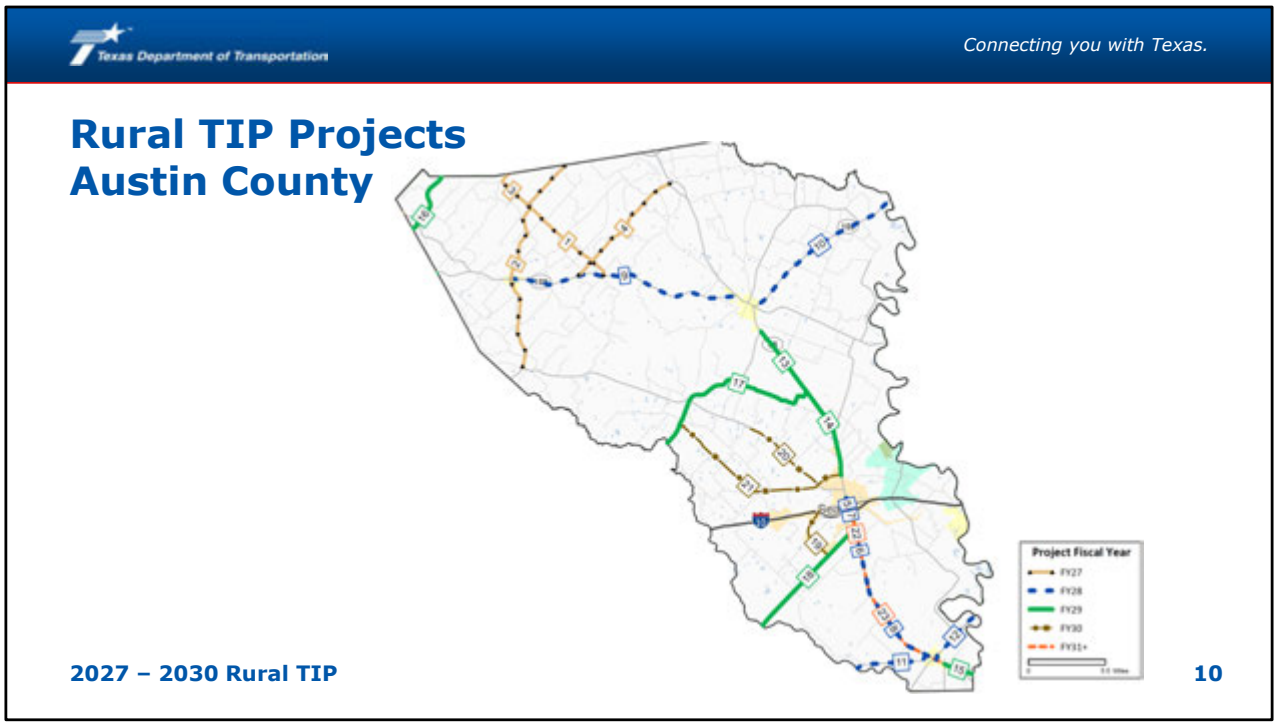
To simplify this budgeting and planning process, smaller projects are lumped together into 12 separate subcategories, refer to as Grouped Projects. Grouped projects include things like landscaping, safety lights, or new bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These grouping practice makes facilitates the federal funding of smaller projects, such as *the pavement repair of an FM road*.

Before get to the projects let's review over who is the Area Engineer for your region.

Ryan Simper is the Wharton Area Engineer that covers Wharton, Austin, Colorado and Matagorda counties.

James Janak is the Victoria Area Engineer that covers Victoria, Jackson, and Calhoun counties.

And Covey Morrow is the Yoakum Area Engineer that covers the De Witt, Gonzales, Fayette, and Lavaca counties.



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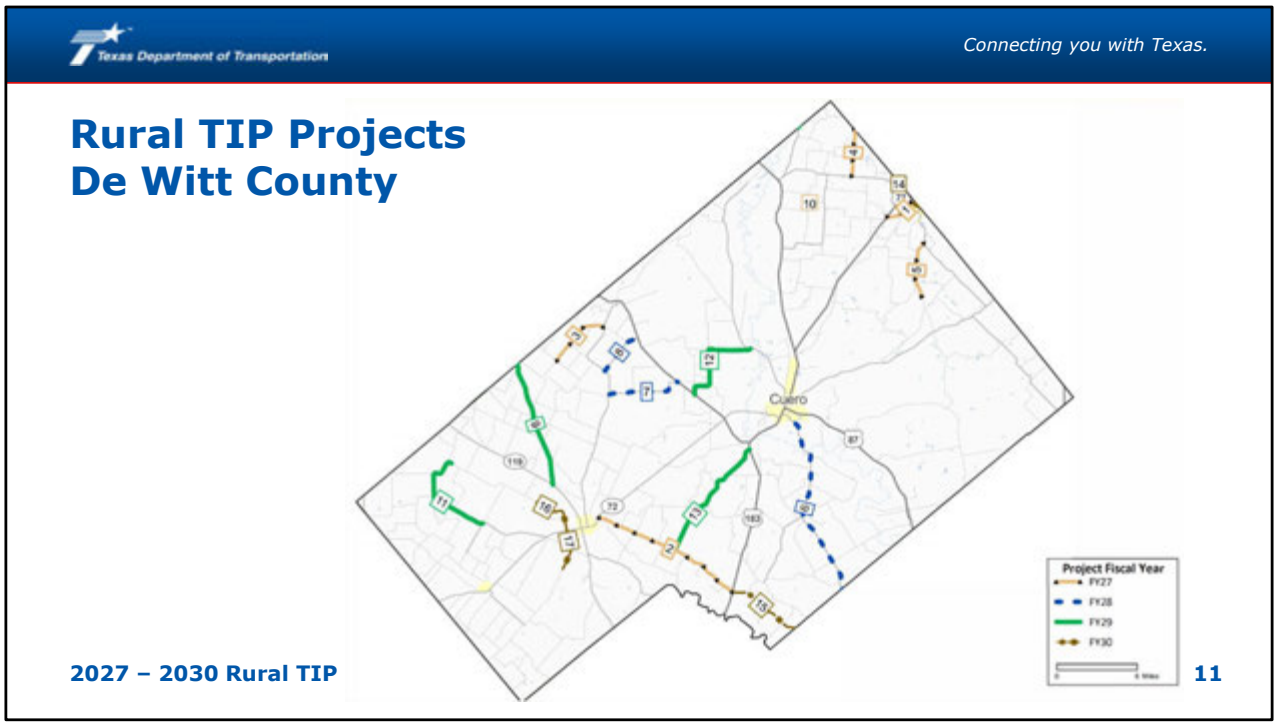
We will now walk through each county in the Yoakum District and identify the roadways that have projects listed in the RTIP. If you are interested in viewing details about the projects within a county, scroll down to 'Meeting Materials' on the Virtual Public Meeting page for the Yoakum District RTIP and select any county to learn more.

This map shows the locations of projects included in the 2027–2030 Rural TIP for Austin County. Specifically, projects are proposed along the following roadways:

- State Highways 36 and 159
- And Farm to Market Roads 109, 389, 949, 1093, 1094, 2187, 2502, 2754, 3013 and 3538



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This map shows the locations of projects included in the 2027–2030 Rural TIP for De Witt County. Specifically, projects are proposed along the following roadways:

- Business US Highway 77Q
- State Highway 111
- Farm to Market Roads 108, 236, 237, 238, 953, 966, 2542, 2656, 2718, 2816, 2980, and 3010
- And Emil Blank Road

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Rural TIP Projects
Calhoun County

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This map shows the locations of projects included in the 2027–2030 Rural TIP for Calhoun County. Specifically, projects are proposed along the following roadways:

- US Highway 87
- State Highways 35, 172, 185, and 238
- And Farm to Market Roads 1090, 1289, 1593, 1679, 2143, 2433, 2541, 2717, 2760, and 3280

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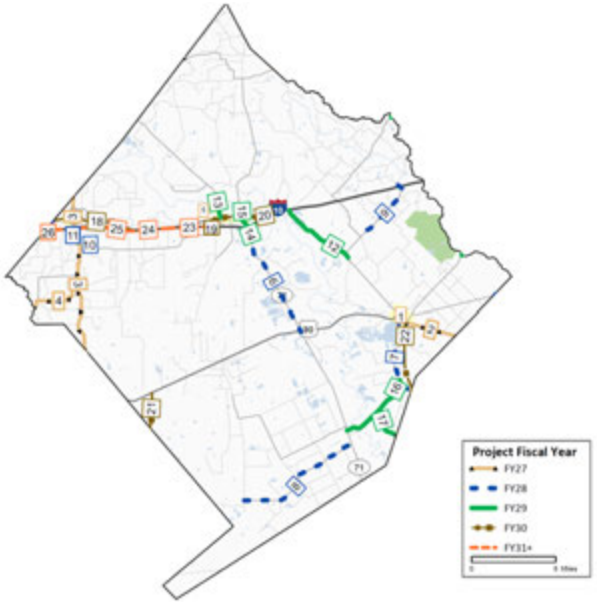
Rural TIP Projects
Colorado County



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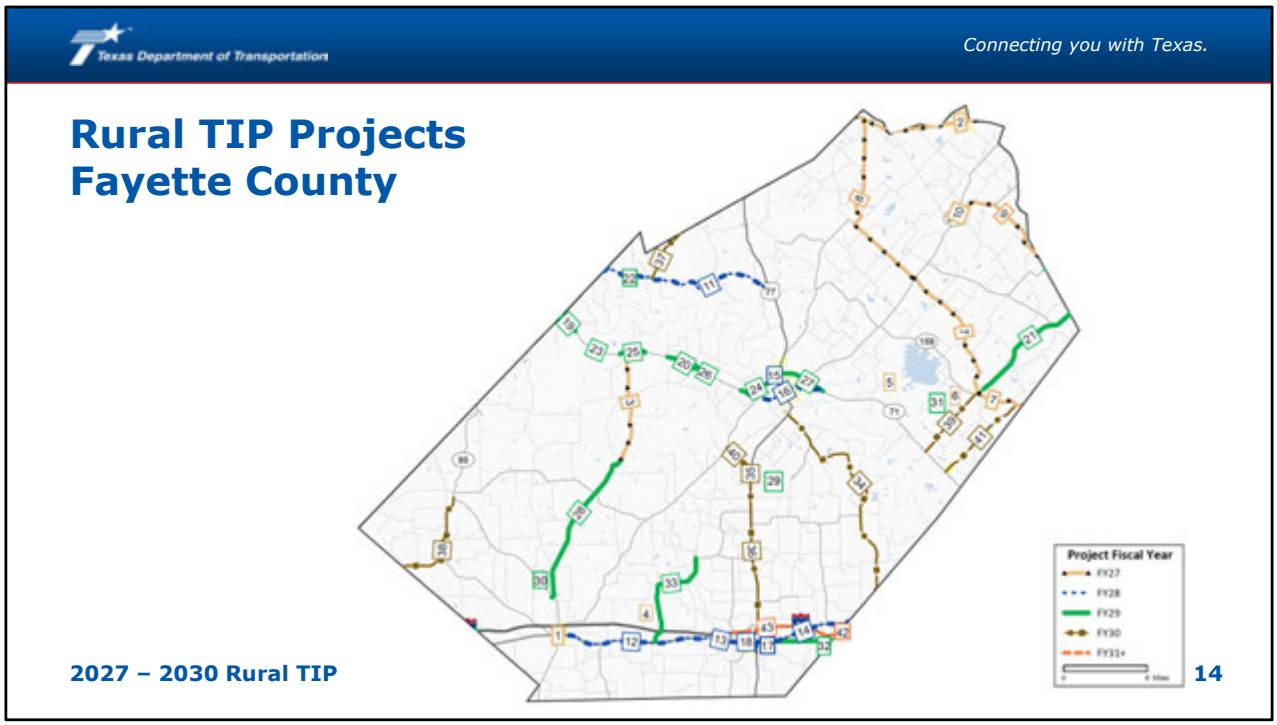
This map shows the locations of projects included in the 2027–2030 Rural TIP for Colorado County. Specifically, projects are proposed along the following roadways:

- Interstate Highway 10
- US Highways 90 and 90 Alternate
- State Highway 71
- Business State Highway 71F
- And Farm to Market Roads 102, 155, 333, 532, 950, 2437, 2614, 2761, and 3013



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- Interstate Highway 10
- US Highways 77, 90, and 290
- State Highways 71, 159, and 237
- State Highway Loops 220, 222, and 543
- Business State Highway 71E
- County Road 174
- Farm to Market Roads 153, 154, 155, 448, 955, 1115, 1291, 1457, 1579, 2238, 2436, and 2503
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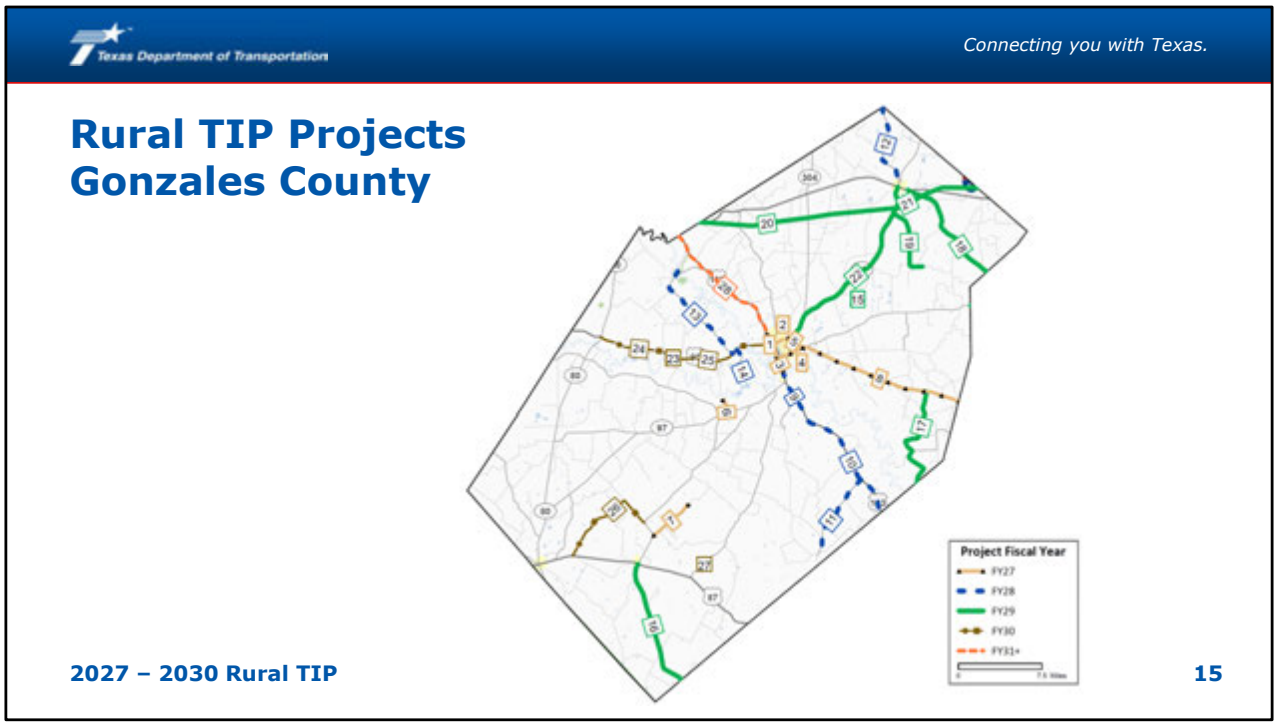

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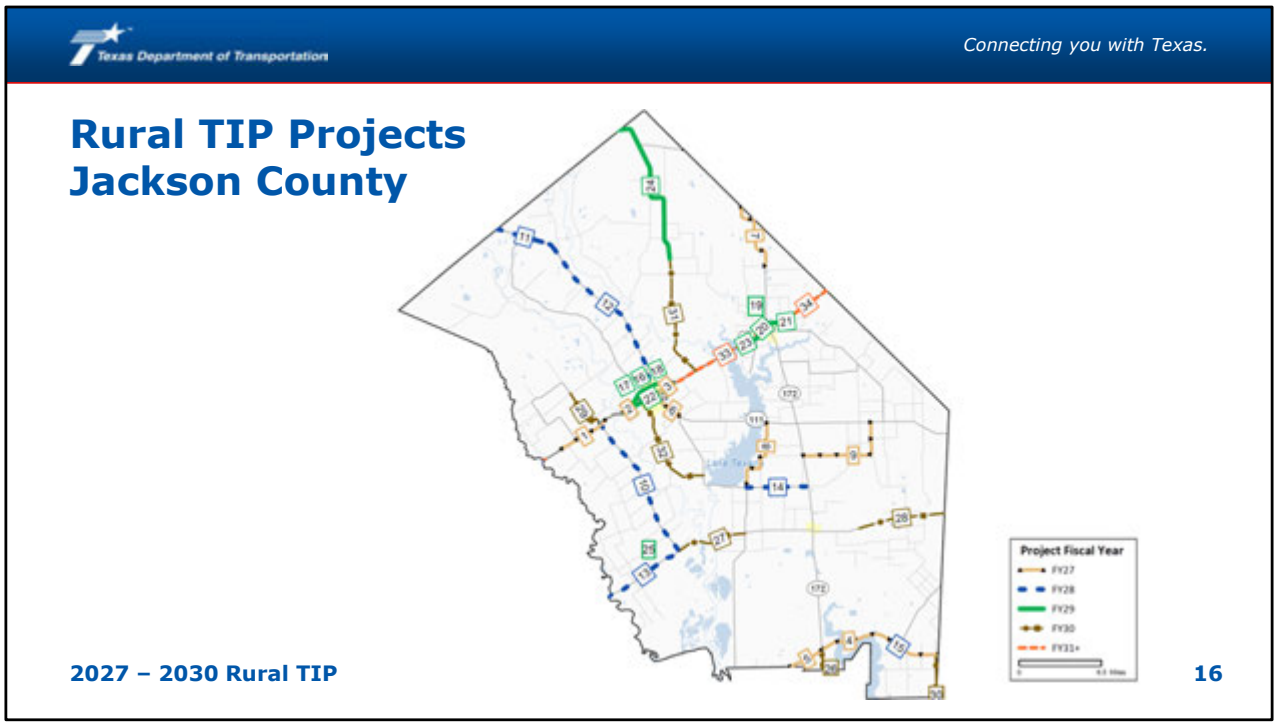
This map shows the locations of projects included in the 2027–2030 Rural TIP for Gonzales County. Specifically, projects are proposed along the following roadways:

- Interstate Highway 10
- US Highways 90, 90 Alternate, and 183
- State Highway 95
- State Highway Spurs 95 and 146
- County Road 385
- And Farm to Market Roads 77, 108, 443, 1116, 1296, 1680, 2067, 2091, 2814, and 3234



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- US Highway 59
- State Highways 35, 111, and 172
- State Highway Loops 521 and 522
- Farm to Market Roads 234, 530, 616, 710, 1593, 1822, 1823, 3131, and 3280
- And Tucker Lane

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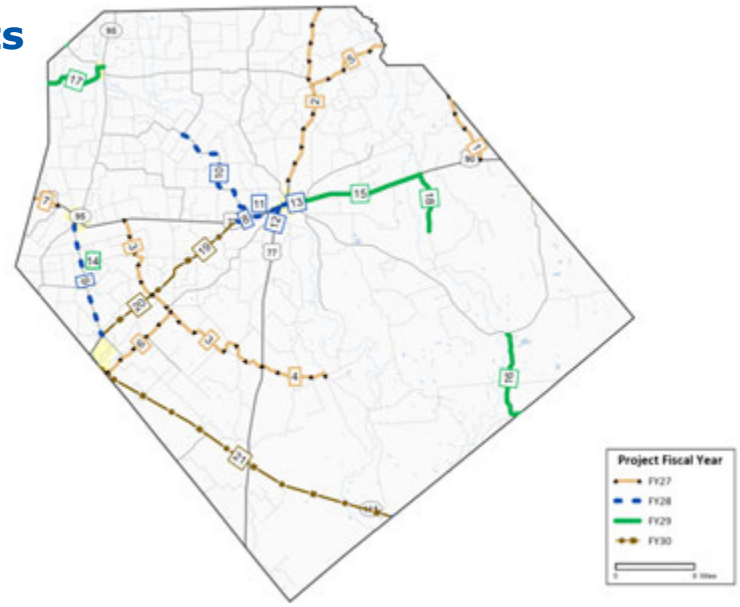
Rural TIP Projects
Lavaca County



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- US Highways 77, 77 Alternate, and 90 Alternate
- State Highways 95 and 111
- County Road 322
- And Farm to Market Roads 155, 318, 340, 530, 531, 532, and 3283

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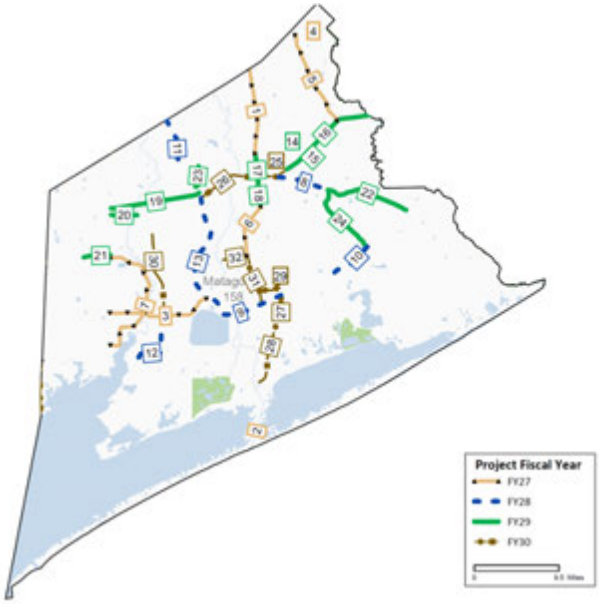
Rural TIP Projects
Matagorda County



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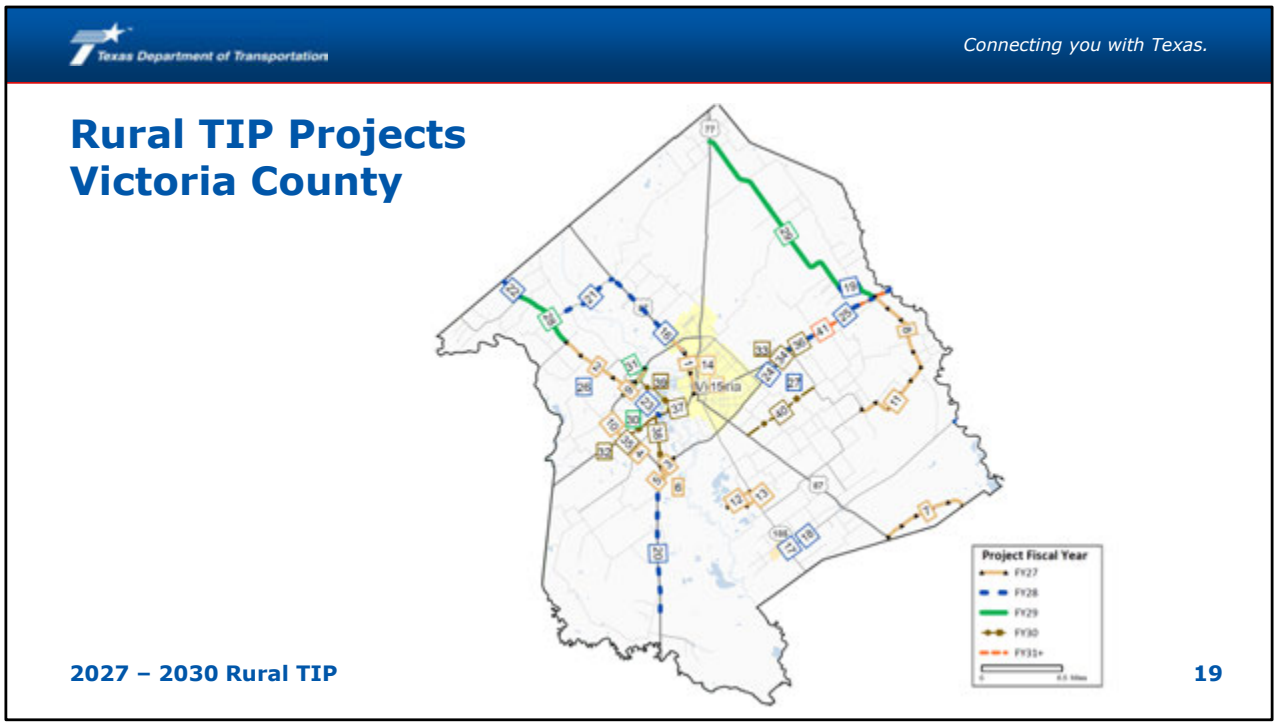
- State Highways 35 and 60
- And Farm to Market Roads 35, 60, 456, 457, 521, 616, 1095, 1162, 1301, 1468, 1728, 2031, 2078, 2175, 2431, 2540, 2668, 2853 and 3057



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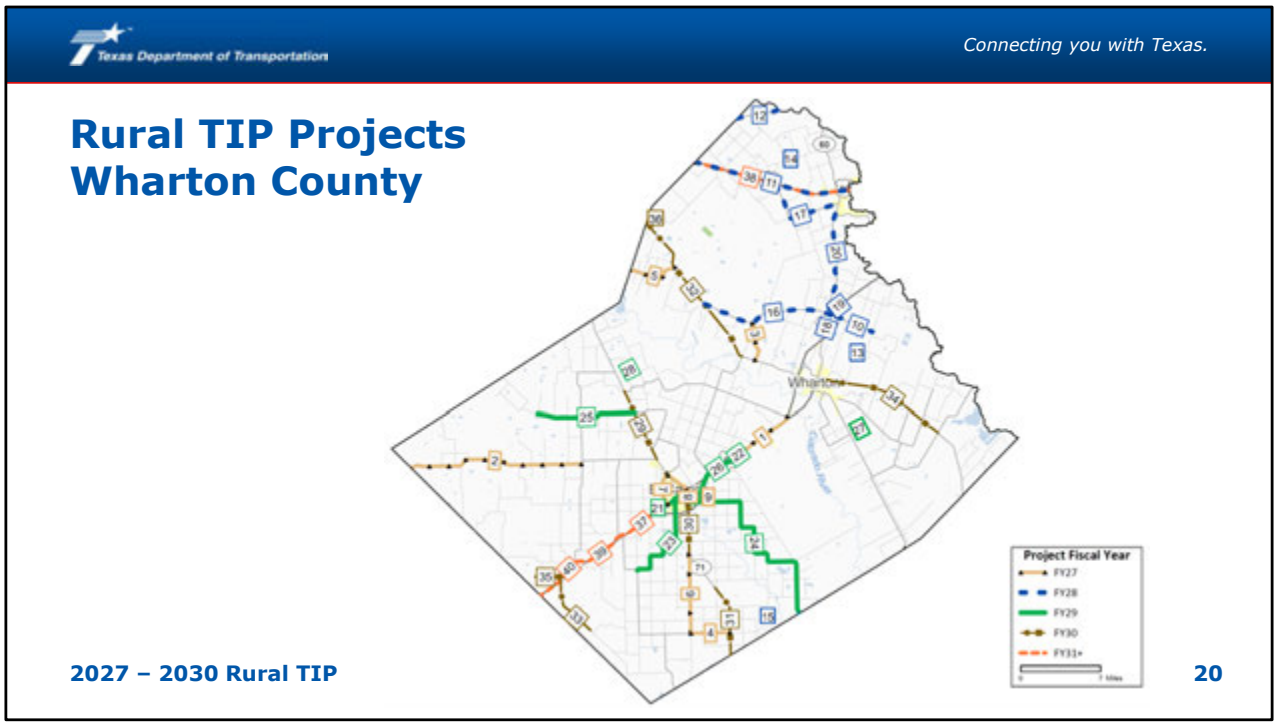
- US Highways 59, 77 and 87
- Business US Highways 59T and 77S
- State Highway 185
- State Highway Spur 91
- Farm to Market Roads 236, 444, 447, 616, 1090, 1432, 1685, 1686, and 2615
- Coletoville Road, Old Highway Road and Old Goliad Road



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- US Highways 59 and 90 Alternate
- Business US Highway 59S
- State Highways 60 and 71
- State Highway Loop 526
- County Roads 125, 130, 268, 419, and 469
- And Farm to Market Roads 102, 441, 640, 647, 653, 1093, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1300, 1301, 2546, 2614, 2674, 2765, and 3013

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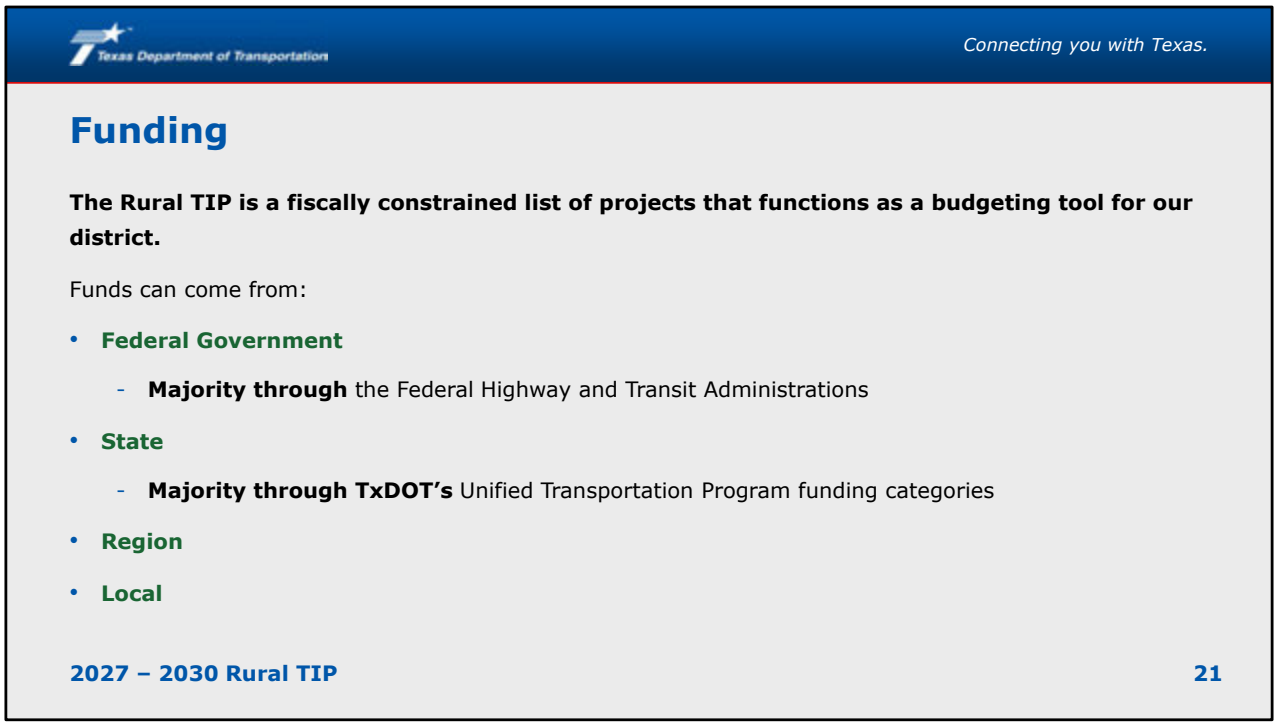

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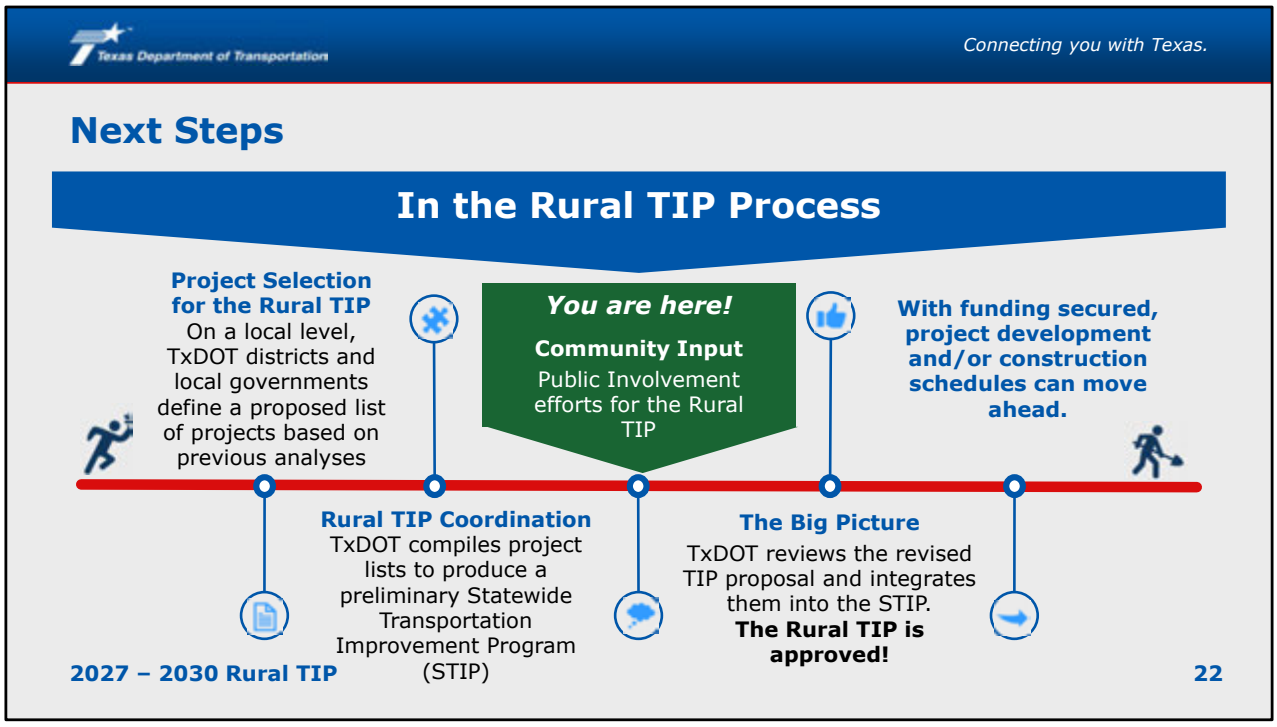
The Rural TIP functions as a budget list for the District. Therefore, it is fiscally constrained. Like the budget of a household, the Rural TIP has to be realistic about the amount of money available to covers all the needs. Frequently we identify more improvements than we have money to implement. This 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 multiple 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 our budget for these projects through the Unified Transportation Program's 12 funding categories.
3) Region – regional entities will also allocate funding to certain transportation projects

And 4) 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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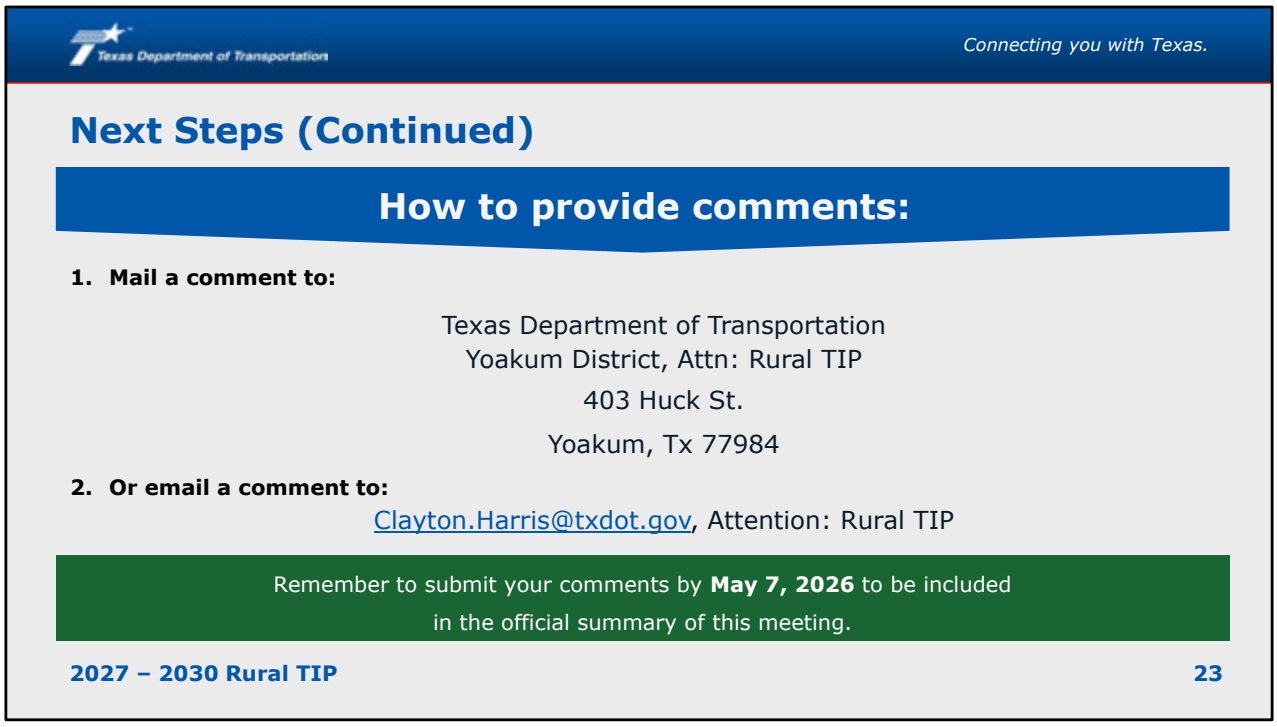
The timeline above illustrates the Rural TIP process and where we are right now. Once comments have been collected and considered, if necessary, the Yoakum District can provide a revised Rural TIP for approval and integration into the Statewide document.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is an accumulation of all 25 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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Now that you are familiar with the Program, we want to hear what you think. Go ahead and fill a comment card and mail it back to us at the address on the screen.

You can also email in your comments to: Clayton.Harris@txdot.gov, Attention Rural TIP.

Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by May 7, 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.

Remember, if you wish to discuss this information with your friends or family, please direct them to this website and remind them to make sure they send any comments in before May 7, 2026. Thank you for your time and drive safely!