

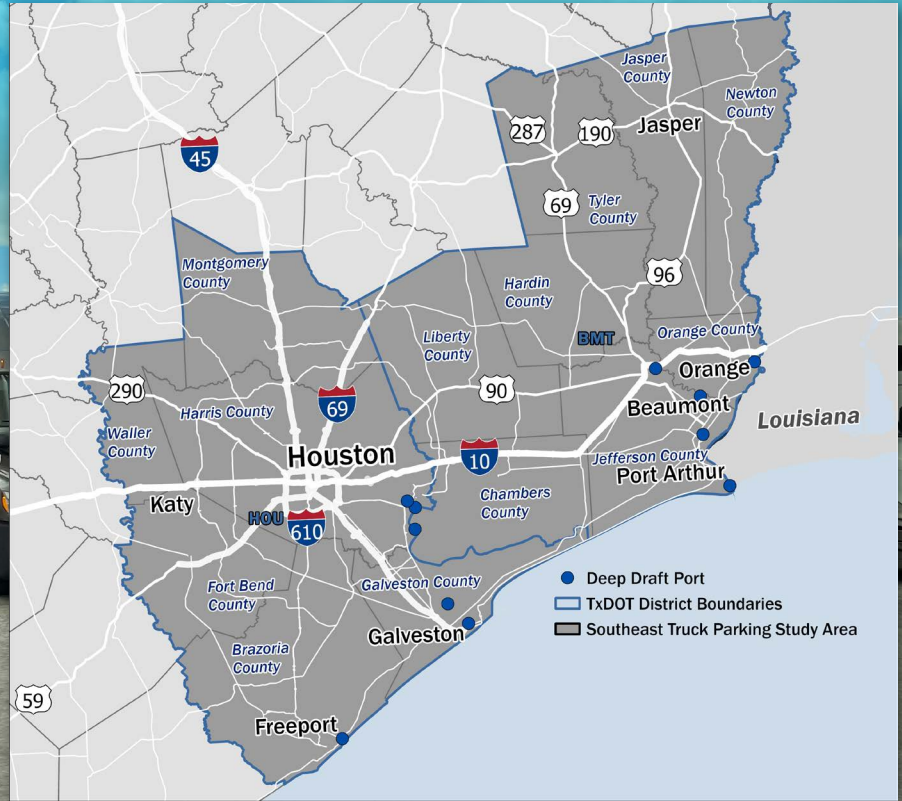


SOUTHEAST TEXAS TRUCK PARKING ACTION PLAN



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is finding solutions for safe truck parking through the development of a Truck Parking Action Plan. The plan builds upon TxDOT's 2020 Statewide Truck Parking Study.

Safe truck parking impacts the safety of all motorists. However, truck drivers often have great difficulty finding safe truck parking, often resulting in truck drivers parking on shoulders, ramps, and other places that impact roadway safety.



Safety

Between 2018 and 2022 there were 31,376 crashes in the study region involving commercial vehicles; 640 involved parked trucks, 9 resulted in fatalities.



Time and Money

Due to the lack of parking, truck drivers lost:

- 9,300 revenue-earning miles per year
- \$4,600 in pay per year

Truck Parking Needs & Challenges



Staging

Factories, distribution centers, ports and other places typically assign drivers a time for pickup and deliveries. Most places do not provide staging areas, which leads to drivers parking and waiting on frontage roads and local streets.



Emergency

Commercial truck drivers need safe places to park when they encounter road closures or severe congestion due to natural disasters or emergencies.



Time off

Cities, counties and neighborhood associations have rules prohibiting or limiting truck parking in residential neighborhoods. This leaves owner/independent drivers without a place to park their truck during time off.



Sleep and Rest Breaks

Federal regulations dictate the amount of time drivers are allowed to drive and the length of required breaks. The lack of parking facilities means drivers often park in unauthorized and unsafe locations.

The Action Plan will provide recommendations to:



Reduce crashes involving parked trucks through new and expanded truck parking facilities.



Consider parking needs for off-duty owner-operators.



Improve safety of parking facilities.



Identify opportunities to address freight impacts on overburdened communities.



Improve resiliency by considering emergency truck parking needs during major incidents.



Support private-sector truck parking development and innovation.



Reduce damage to state property caused by unauthorized parking on shoulders and ramps.



Leverage existing technology to solve truck parking challenges.



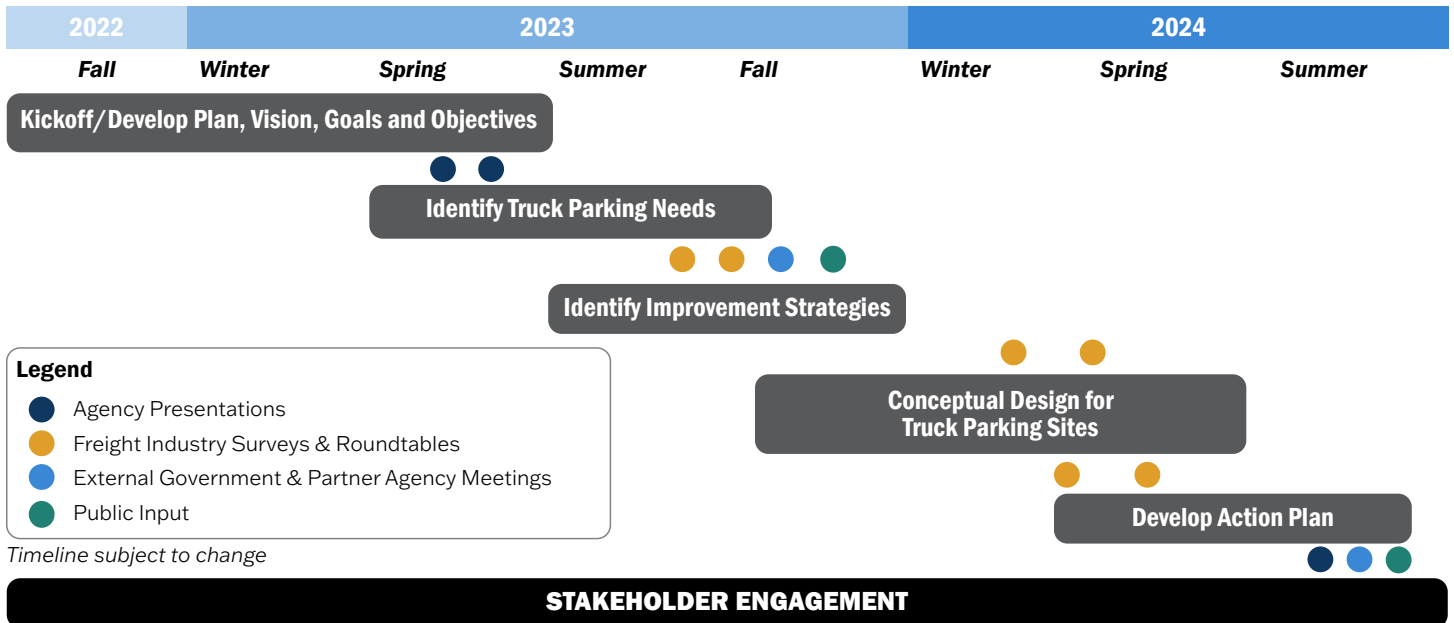
Address truck parking staging needs in/near freight-intensive areas.



Accommodate emerging technology, including diversified fuels and autonomous trucks.

Schedule and Next Steps

TxDOT will engage industry stakeholders and the public through meetings, surveys, and roundtables to help develop a Truck Parking Action Plan by summer of 2024.



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For project updates and events, please visit www.txdot.gov and search Truck Parking Action Plan.

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