

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ALL Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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ALL Districts

Pursuant to Transportation Code, §201.602, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) conducted a public hearing on November 19, 2009 to receive testimony concerning the highway project selection process and the relative importance of the various criteria on which the commission bases its project selection decisions.

The Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is an 11-year statewide plan for transportation project development. The UTP encompasses the Statewide Preservation and Safety Program, which consists of funding categories used to maintain the existing transportation system, and the Statewide Mobility and Supplemental Transportation Program, which includes funding categories used to enhance the transportation system.

There were no oral comments provided at the public hearing. Written comments were accepted through December 21, 2009, but none were received. Minor technical corrections were made following the conclusion of the public comment period, based on an internal review process. Exhibit A contains a summary of the UTP categories and the various project selection methods and usual funding participation.

The commission is satisfied that the proposed highway project selection process is consistent with the Texas Department of Transportation's goals to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality and preserve the value of transportation assets.

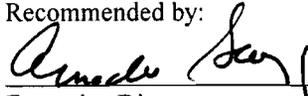
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director is hereby authorized to utilize the project selection process set forth in Exhibit A for developing the 2011 UTP.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Finance Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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Exhibit A

FUNDING CATEGORIES AND PROJECT SELECTION METHODS				
	FUNDING CATEGORY	STARTING POINT	PROJECT SELECTION	USUAL FUNDING PARTICIPATION
STATEWIDE PRESERVATION AND SAFETY PROGRAM	1 - Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	TxDOT District	Projects selected by Districts. Commission allocates funds through Allocation Program.	Federal 90% State 10% or Federal 80% State 20% or State 100%
	6 – Structures <small>Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP); Federal Railroad Grade Separation Program (RGS)</small>	TxDOT District	Projects selected by the Bridge Division as a statewide program based on HBP and RGS program eligibility. Commission allocates funds through Allocation Program.	Federal 90% State 10% or Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 80% State 10% Local 10%
	8 – Safety <small>Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program, Federal Railway-Highway Crossing Program, Safety Bond Program, Federal Safe Routes to School Program, and Federal High Risk Rural Roads</small>	TxDOT District	Projects selected statewide by federally mandated safety indices and prioritized listing. Commission allocates funds through Statewide Allocation Program. Projects selected and approved by commission on a per-project basis for Federal Safe Routes to School Program and Safety Bond Program.	Federal 90% State 10% or Federal 90% Local 10% or Federal 100% or State 100%
STATEWIDE MOBILITY AND SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	2 - Metropolitan Area Corridor Projects	TxDOT District	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT. Commission allocates funds through Allocation Program.	Federal 80% State 20% or State 100%
	3 - Urban Area Corridor Projects	TxDOT District	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT. Commission allocates funds through Allocation Program.	Federal 80% State 20% or State 100%
	4 – Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects	TxDOT District	Projects selected by commission based on corridor ranking. Project total costs cannot exceed Commission approved statewide allocation.	Federal 80% State 20% or State 100%
	5 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement	TxDOT District	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT and funded by District's Allocation Program. Commission allocates money based on population percentages within areas failing to meet air quality standards.	Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 80% Local 20% or Federal 90% State 10%
	7 - Metropolitan Mobility/Rehabilitation	TxDOT District	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT and funded by District's Allocation Program. Commission allocated money based on population.	Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 80% Local 20% or State 100%
	9 - Transportation Enhancements	TxDOT District	Local entities make recommendations and a TxDOT committee reviews them. Projects selected and approved by commission on a per-project basis. Projects in the Safety Rest Area Program are selected by the Maintenance Division.	Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 80% Local 20%
	10 - Supplemental Transportation Projects <small>State Park Roads, Railroad Grade Crossing Replanting, Railroad Signal Maintenance, Construction Landscaping, Landscape Cost Sharing, Landscape Incentive Awards, Green Ribbon Landscape Improvement, Curb Ramp Program, Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program, Comprehensive Development Agreements and Congressional High Priority Projects</small>	TxDOT District, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Other (federal allocation)	Projects selected statewide by Traffic Operations Division or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, local projects selected by district. Commission allocated funds to districts or approves participation in federal programs with allocation formulas. Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program funds are allocated to districts according to the federal formula.	State 100% or Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 100%
	11 - District Discretionary	TxDOT District	Projects selected by districts. Commission allocates funds through Allocation Program.	Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 80% Local 20% or State 100%
	12 - Strategic Priority	Commission	Commission selects projects which generally promote economic opportunity, increase efficiency on military deployment routes or to retain military assets in response to the federal military base realignment and closure report, or maintain the ability to respond to both man-made and natural emergencies. Also, the Commission approves pass-through financing projects in order to help local communities address their transportation needs.	Federal 80% State 20% or State 100%

Selected projects shall support the department's goals and are subject to commission approval.

- Preservation Programs
 Safety Program
 Mobility Programs
 Supplemental Programs