

LOW CARBON-EMITTING FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

DESCRIPTION:

Discuss low carbon-emitting freight transportation facilities and evaluate whether to begin rulemaking for the leasing of right of way for such purposes, and the best process for a possible procurement.

Discuss the history and summarize major points to consider in planning for a request for proposal for the lease of department ROW for low carbon-emitting freight transportation facilities.

ISSUES:

The department issued a request for information and received information from various sources. Staff has reviewed this information and will discuss the possibility of entering into a competitive lease process to allow implementation of this technology on state-owned ROW.

REFERENCES:

- Transportation Code 202.052(a) - TxDOT may lease highway right of way if the department determines the interest to be leased will not be needed during the term of the lease.
- 43 TAC ch. 21, Subchapter. L - TxDOT has rules concerning the leasing of right of way.

DESIRED RESULTS:

New solutions for the 21st century for short and mid-haul freight movements to provide an environmentally sensitive alternative to more trucks on the roadways.

FURTHER ACTIONS

Make necessary TAC rule revisions; present rule revisions to commission; allow for public and industry comments; adopt TAC rule changes; and issue request for proposals.