

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION PLAN

DESCRIPTION:

This discussion item focuses on the department's preparation of a long-range transportation plan. Federal law requires states to prepare long-range statewide transportation plans that provide for the development and implementation of a multimodal transportation system. These plans must consider connections between public transportation, non-motorized modes, rail, commercial motor vehicles, waterways and aviation facilities, particularly with respect to intercity travel. The development of a Texas Transportation Plan covering the next 24 years is underway. Staff will update the commission on the scope of the plan and ongoing activities.

ISSUES:

- Federal requirements
- State requirements
 - Existing requirements
 - Potential requirements
 - Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations
 - House Bill 300, Conference Committee Report, 81st Texas Legislature
- Relation to other planning documents
 - Strategic plan
 - Rail plan
 - Metropolitan transportation plans developed by MPOs
 - Other modal plans (waterway, aviation, public transportation, etc)
 - Unified Transportation Program
 - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- Update on the scope of the plan and ongoing activities
 - Steering committee
 - Stakeholders
 - Public outreach
 - Data collection and analysis
 - Comprehensive report

REFERENCES:

- Title 23, United States Code §135, Statewide Transportation Planning
- Transportation Code, §201.601, Statewide Transportation Plan
- Sunset Advisory Commission, Final Report, Texas Department of Transportation, July 2009
- House Bill 300, Conference Committee Report, 81st Texas Legislature

DESIRED RESULTS:

Receive comments from the commission regarding the development of the Texas Transportation Plan.

FURTHER ACTIONS

None.

OTHER:

None.