

## UPDATE OF THE TEXAS RAIL SYSTEM PLAN (TRSP)

### DESCRIPTION

The TRSP identifies current and proposed rail projects, determines infrastructure and capacity constraints on the system, and develops an awareness of the issues and process by which to address them. Originally published in 2005, the department is in the process of updating the TRSP so that it conforms to recently enacted federal and state regulations. For example, SB 1382 of the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislature requires the department to prepare and update annually a long-term plan for a statewide passenger rail system. At the federal level, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act requires states to establish priorities, objectives, and implementation strategies to enhance rail service in the public interest in order to receive federal funds. This discussion will bring the commission up to date on the effort and solicit further direction for the development of the plan.

### ISSUES

- Federal requirements
  - Existing requirements
  - Positioning TxDOT for future federal funds
    - Federal Railroad Administration grant programs
    - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
    - High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail funds
- State requirements
  - Existing requirements
- Relation to other planning documents
  - Strategic plan
  - Texas Transportation Plan
  - Unified Transportation Program
  - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
  - Other modal plans (i.e., waterway, aviation, transit, etc.)
- Public involvement
  - Transportation Commission
  - General Public
  - Rail/Business/Industry Stakeholders

### REFERENCES

- SB 1382, 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislature
- Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act

### DESIRED RESULTS

Receive direction from the commission for updating the TRSP

### FURTHER ACTIONS

None