

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ALL Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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ALL Districts

Transportation Code, §201.602 requires the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to annually conduct a public hearing on its highway project selection process and the relative importance of the various criteria on which the commission bases its project selection decisions.

Transportation Code, §201.991 provides that the Texas Department of Transportation (department) shall develop a Unified Transportation Program (UTP) covering a period of 10 years to guide the development of and authorize construction of transportation projects.

The commission has adopted rules located in Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, governing the planning and development of transportation projects. The rules include guidance regarding the development of the UTP and any updates to the program, as well as public involvement requirements.

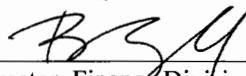
The commission conducted a public hearing regarding the project selection process on January 26, 2012, and written comments were accepted from January 6, 2012, through February 6, 2012.

Exhibit A contains a summary of the UTP funding categories, the various project selection methods and usual funding participation.

The commission is satisfied that the proposed highway project selection process set forth in Exhibit A is consistent with the department's goals to: (1) increase the safety of the transportation system; (2) maintain and preserve the existing transportation system; (3) provide congestion relief; (4) increase the accessibility and mobility of the transportation system; (5) support economic vitality; and (6) promote efficient system management and operation.

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 2013 Unified Transportation Program.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Finance Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A

FUNDING CATEGORY	PROJECT SELECTION	USUAL FUNDING
1 - Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Projects selected by districts. Commission allocates funds through Allocation Program.	Federal 90% State 10% or Federal 80% State 20% or State 100%
2 - Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects	Projects selected by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in consultation with TxDOT. Commission allocates funds through Allocation Program.	Federal 80% State 20% or State 100%
3 - Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Projects	Project selection varies based on the funding source, such as Proposition 12, Proposition 14, Pass-Through Toll Finance, Regional Toll Revenue and Local Participation.	Federal 80% State 20% or State 100% or Local 100% Varies by agreement and rules
4 - Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects	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	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT and funded by districts' Allocation Program. Commission allocates funds 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%
6 - Bridges Federal Highway Bridge Program; Federal Railroad Grade Separation Program	Projects selected by the Bridge Division as a statewide program based on the Federal Highway Bridge Program and the Federal Railroad Grade Separation Program eligibility and ranking. Commission allocates funds through Statewide Allocation Program.	Federal 90% State 10% or Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 80% State 10% Local 10%
7 - Metropolitan Mobility/Rehabilitation	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT. Funded by district's Allocation Program. Commission allocates funds according to the federal formula.	Federal 80% State 20% or Federal 80% Local 20% or State 100%
8 - Safety 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	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.	Federal 90% State 10% or Federal 90% Local 10% or Federal 100% or State 100%
9 - Transportation Enhancements	Local entities nominate projects and TxDOT, in consultation with FHWA, 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 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	Projects selected statewide by Traffic Operations Division or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department or 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	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 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%