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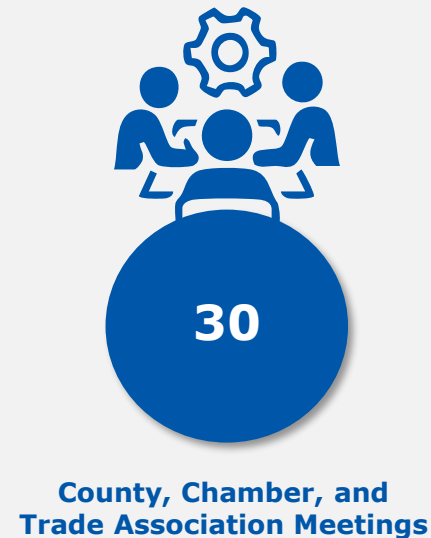
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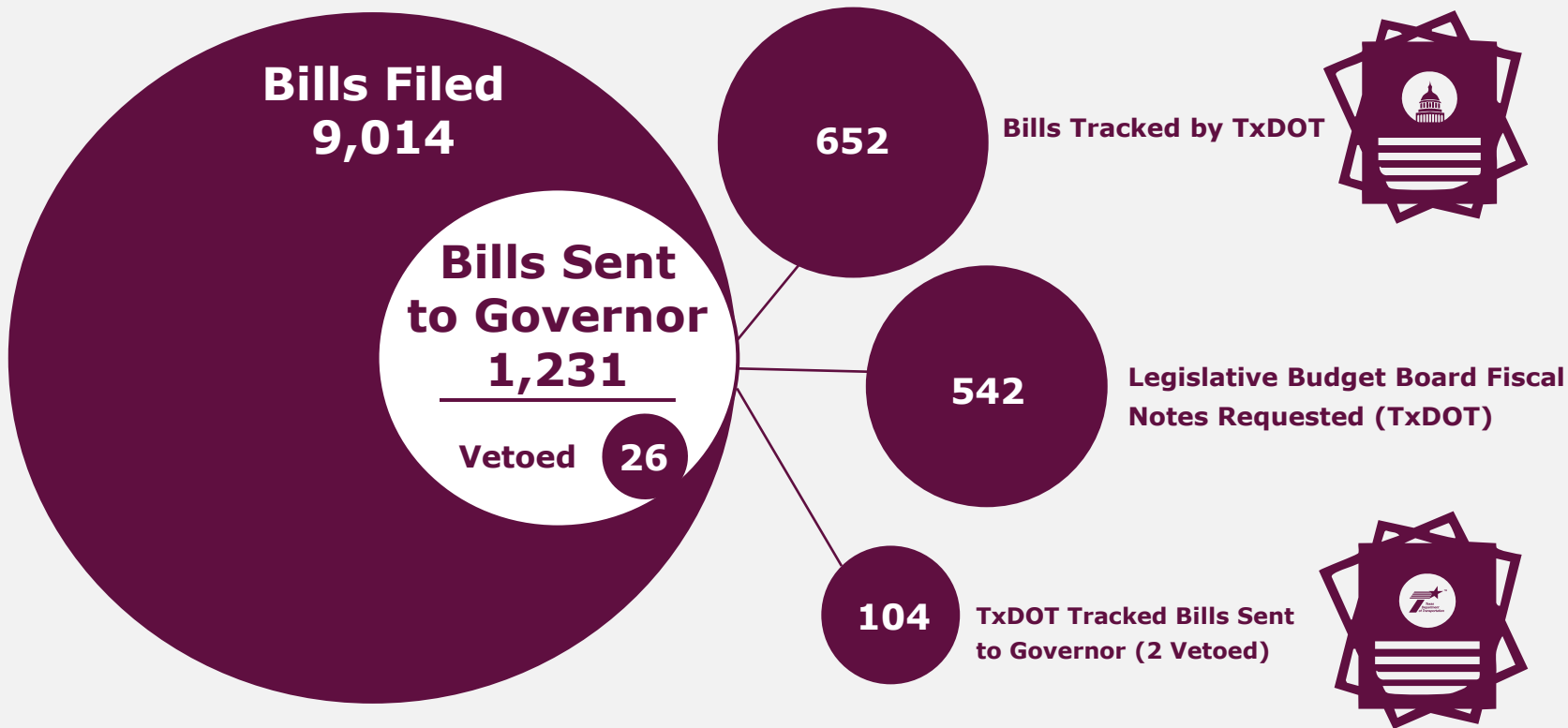
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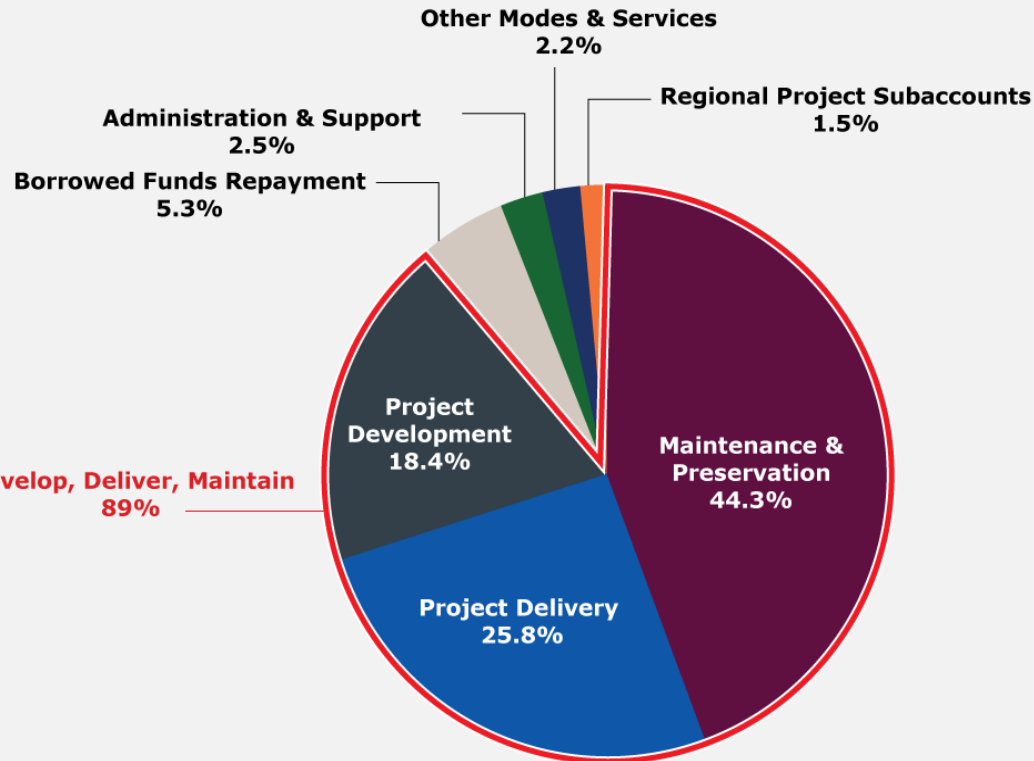
## Highlights of Legislative Involvement



## 89th Regular Legislative Session (2025)



## Budget Uses: Senate Bill 1

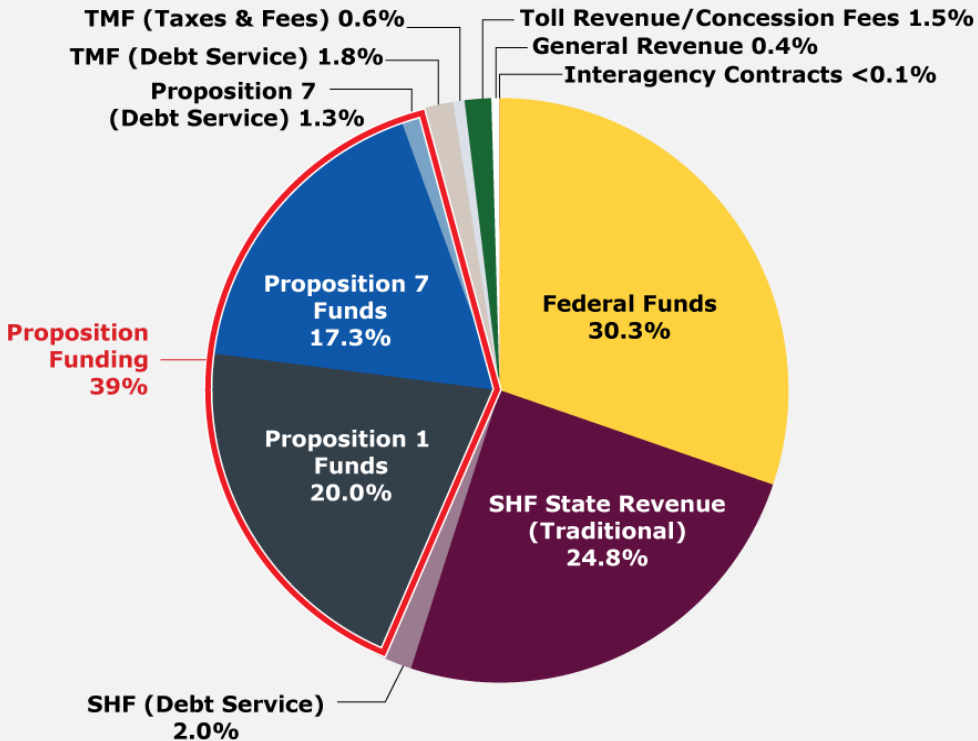


### BUDGET USES

	<b>Maintenance &amp; Preservation</b>	<b>\$17.66 billion</b>
	<b>Project Delivery</b>	<b>\$10.34 billion</b>
	<b>Project Development</b>	<b>\$7.36 billion</b>
	<b>Borrowed Funds Repayment</b>	<b>\$2.13 billion</b>
	<b>Administration &amp; Support</b>	<b>\$0.98 billion</b>
	<b>Other Modes &amp; Services</b>	<b>\$0.86 billion</b>
	<b>Regional Project Subaccounts</b>	<b>\$0.59 billion</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39.92 billion</b>

\*Totals and percentages may not sum due to rounding

## Budget Sources: Senate Bill 1



### BUDGET SOURCES

Federal Funds	\$12.07 billion
SHF (Traditional)	\$9.88 billion
SHF (Debt Service)	\$0.80 billion
Proposition 1 Funds	\$8.00 billion
Proposition 7 Funds	\$6.92 billion
Proposition 7 (Debt Service)	\$0.50 billion
TMF (Debt Service)	\$0.72 billion
TMF (Taxes & Fees)	\$0.25 billion
Toll Revenue/Concession Fees	\$0.59 billion
General Revenue	\$0.18 billion
Interagency Contracts	\$0.01 billion
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39.92 billion</b>

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## Budget Overview: Senate Bill 1 & House Bill 500

### SB 1 (General Appropriations Act)

TxDOT budget **\$39.92 billion**

- **\$35.37 billion (89%)** for the development, delivery, and maintenance of state highways
- **\$860 million** in multi-modal projects and services—rail, maritime, aviation, and public transportation
- Over **\$900 million** in capital budget items—buildings, facilities, land, information technology (IT)
- Nearly **\$180 million** in general revenue funding for various specified roadway, pedestrian, rail, and aviation projects



### HB 500 (Supplemental Appropriations Bill)

**\$504.1 million** appropriated to TxDOT

- **\$250 million** in pedestrian and roadway rail grade separation grant funding
- **\$129 million** in aviation grant funding
- **\$105 million** in capital budget items—TxDOT vehicle fleet, aircraft, and aviation facilities
- **\$20 million** for specified roadway project



# Legislative Highlights



## HB 252 - Representative Walle/Senator Hughes

*Relating to the payment of employment compensation by certain state agencies.*

- Allows TxDOT to pay employment compensation twice a month to all employees in Salary Schedule A.
- Aligns payment practice of TxDOT maintenance employees with the private sector.
- Will allow TxDOT to better recruit and retain certain employees, particularly new hires for TxDOT maintenance crews transitioning from the private sector in the construction industry.

## SB 305 - Senator Perry/Representative King

*Relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.*

- Adds vehicles operated by animal control officers and vehicles operated by individuals issuing parking citations to the list of vehicles for whom drivers are required to "Move Over, Slow Down" on Texas roadways.
- Initially passed by the Texas Legislature in 2003, the state's "Move Over, Slow Down" law requires drivers to move over one lane or slow down to 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit when approaching certain vehicles, including TxDOT vehicles, on the roadside.





## Legislative Highlights

### HB 4520 - Representative M. Martinez/Senator Nichols

*Relating to requirements for certain funding of aviation facilities and projects.*



- Lowers the required local match (**from 10% to 5%**) for General Aviation Airports located in an economically disadvantaged county (EDC).
- Impacts 130 General Aviation Airports located in 100 economically disadvantaged counties.

### SB 1939 - Senator J. Hinojosa /Representative M. Perez

*Relating to the ship channel improvement revolving fund.*



- Directs the interest earned on the ship channel improvement revolving fund (SCIRF) to remain in the fund to be used for future loans.
- The ship channel improvement revolving fund is used to give low interest loans to deepen or widen congressionally-approved ship channel projects.
- The ship channel improvement revolving fund was funded for the first time in 2023 with \$400 million in general revenue.



## Legislative Highlights

### SB 1555 - Senator Nichols/Representative Patterson

*Relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects.*



- Creates a TxDOT administered grant program for local government pedestrian and roadway rail grade separation projects (off-system)—funded with **\$250 million** in HB 500 (89R, 2025).
- Requires at least 10% of the project be funded with non-state dollars.
- Projects must increase public safety, enhance economic development, and reduce traffic.

### SB 2366 - Senator Hughes/Representative Hefner

*Relating to a grant program to fund short line railroad projects.*



- Creates a TxDOT administered grant program for rural rail transportation district short line rail projects—the program was **not funded**.
- Requires at least 10% of the project be funded with non-state dollars.
- Projects must increase public safety, enhance economic development, and reduce traffic.

## Legislative Highlights



### **HB 2003 - Representative C. Harris/Senator Kolkhorst**

*Relating to provision to the Texas Department of Transportation of information regarding certain high-speed rail projects.*

- Requires any entity proposing a high-speed rail project to submit a report to TxDOT, which must post the report on its website each year the project appears in the Texas Rail Plan.
- The report must include project route, schedule, costs, method of finance and ridership estimates.

### **HB 2775 - Representative Landgraf/Senator Sparks**

*Relating to the composition of the I-27 Advisory Committee.*

- Expands the membership of the TxDOT-administered I-27 Advisory Committee—created in 87th Legislature, Regular Session (2021).
- Adds one member each from Schleicher and Ector Counties and the City of Odessa.



## Legislative Highlights

### HB 2898 - Representative Frank/Senator Hagenbuch

*Relating to requirements for certain meteorological evaluation towers.*



- Requires any entity erecting a meteorological evaluation tower to notify TxDOT at least 30 days before construction, using a TxDOT approved online form.
- Requires TxDOT to share the notice with certain military aviation training facilities and county judges.

## Legislative Highlights – General Government

### SB 14- Senator King/Representative Capriglione

*Relating to reforming the procedure by which state agencies adopt rules and impose regulatory requirements and the deference given to the interpretation of laws and rules by state agencies in certain judicial proceedings.*

- Creates the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office within the Office of the Governor to oversee state agency rulemaking.
- The office must work with state agencies to reduce administrative rules and regulatory requirements.



# Required Commission Rulemaking



## HB 2898

- Relating to requirements for certain meteorological evaluation towers.

## SB 995

- Relating to the approval of a surety bond for a contract authorizing an oversize or overweight vehicle to cross a road or highway.



## HB 3642

- Relating to the designation of portions of the state highway system as memorial highways and bridges.

## SB 1555

- Relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects (Proposed June 2025).



## HB 4520

- Relating to requirements for certain funding of aviation facilities and projects.

## SB 2366

- Relating to a grant program to fund short line railroad projects.



# 31 New Memorial Highway Naming and Designations

## MEMORIAL HIGHWAY NAMING AND DESIGNATIONS

Bill	Designation	Highway	Location	Bill Author/Sponsor
1 HB 227	Clarence "BB" Sasser Medal of Honor Highway	Segment of Farm-to-Market 521	Brazoria County	
2 HB 767	Paul P. Mendes Memorial Parkway	Segment of State Highway 249	Montgomery County	
3 HB 1242	Ernesto Solís Cantu Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 281	Brooks County	
4 HB 1708	Trooper Kevin Ramirez Vasquez Memorial Highway	Segment of State Highway 302	Ector County	
5 HB 1960	Milton Rendez Memorial Highway	Segment of State Highway 345	San Benito County	
6 HB 2026	U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Gary C. Johnston and U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Gary S. Johnston Memorial Highway	Segment of State Highway 25	Archer County	
7 HB 2061	Lance Corporal Hernandez Memorial Bridge	State Highway 242	Montgomery County	
8 HB 2143	Army Specialist Joey Lenz Memorial Highway	Segment of Farm-to-Market 1097	Montgomery County	
9 HB 2198	Officer Jacob Candanoza Memorial Highway	Segment of State Highway 34	Kaufman County	
10 HB 2415	Senior Police Officer Lewis "Andy" Traylor Memorial Highway	Segment of Farm-to-Market 969	Travis County	
11 HB 2457	Molly Mullens Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 287	Wilbarger County	
12 HB 2523	Deputy Constable Ruben Garcia Highway	Segment of State Highway 4	Cameron County	
13 HB 3642	Deputy Sheriff David Boscecker Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 183	Eastland County	
14 HB 3642	Ocill and Dorothy Bell Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 79	Freedonia and Leon Counties	

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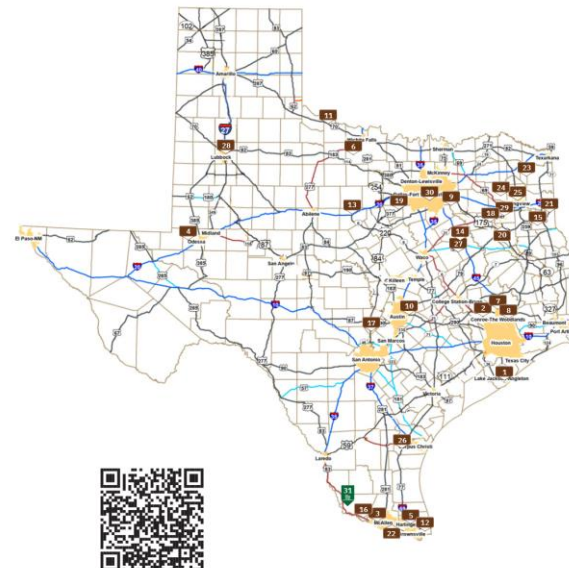
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15 HB 3642	Hamby Webb Memorial Highway	Segment of State Highway 315	Parola and Rock Counties	Rep. Cole Helmer Sen. Bryan Hughes
16 HB 3986	Corporal Speedy Espericueta Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 83	Mission	Rep. Sergio Muñoz Sen. Juan Hinojosa
17 HB 4429	Mucklenroy Family Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. 281	Blanco and Burnet Counties	Rep. John McQuinn Sen. Kelly Hancock
18 SB 682	Captain Kevin Williams and Firefighter Austin Cheek Memorial Highway	Segment of Farm-to-Market 2493	Smith County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Daniel Alders
19 SB 876	Bob Connert Parkway	Segment of U.S. Highway 377	Hood and Johnson Counties	Sen. Brian Birdwell Rep. Shelby Slawson
20 SB 1229	Veterans Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 69	Smith County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Daniel Alders
21 SB 1230	Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson Memorial Highway	Farm-to-Market 10	Parola County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Joanne Sholner
22 SB 1351	Jose Rodriguez-Lua Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 281	Hidalgo County	Sen. Adam Hinojosa Rep. Armando Martinez
23 SB 1369	Army Staff Sergeant Samuel T. Carlie Memorial Highway	Segment of State Highway 11	Morris County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Gary VanDever
24 SB 1422	Petty Officer Billy Machen Bridge	Segment of Farm-to-Market 852	Upham County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Cole Helmer
25 SB 1423	Bill Shoudt Parkway	Segment of Farm-to-Market 2275	Gregg County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Jay Dean
26 SB 1709	Los Robles Trail	Segment of Farm-to-Market 70	Nueces County	Sen. Adam Hinojosa Rep. Richard Peña Raymond
27 SB 1744	Camp County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway	Segment of State Loop 255	Camp County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Cole Helmer
28 SB 1895	First Responders Memorial Loop	Segment of State Loop 255	Lubbock County	Sen. Charles Perry Rep. Carl Tepper
29 SB 2515	Fire Marshal Jimmy W. Seaton Memorial Highway	Segment of State Highway 64	Smith County	Sen. Bryan Hughes Rep. Daniel Alders
30 SB 2790	Eddie Bernice Johnson Memorial Highway	Segment of U.S. Highway 67	Dallas and Ellis Counties	Sen. Royce West Rep. Aicha Davis
31 HB 2763	Eduardo "Eddie" Gracia, Jr., P.E., Area Engineer and Maintenance Facility	TxDOT Building	Starr County	Rep. Ryan Guillen Sen. Judith Zaffra

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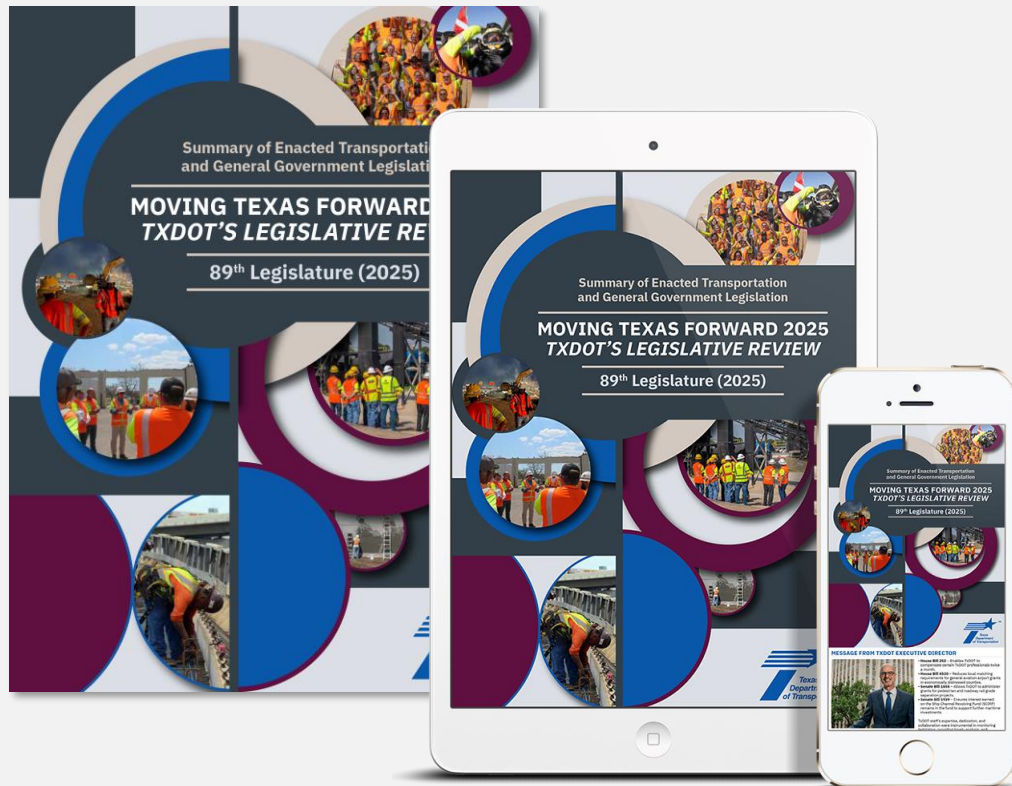
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## MEMORIAL HIGHWAY NAMING AND DESIGNATIONS



For more information about Memorial Highway Naming and Designations,  
<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/highway-designations.html>

# 89<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session (2025) TxDOT Overview



## Moving Texas Forward *Summary of Enacted Transportation and General Government Legislation*



## 89<sup>th</sup> First Called Special Session – July 21, 2025 (30 Days)

- **FLOOD WARNING SYSTEMS:** Legislation to improve early warning systems and other preparedness infrastructure in flood-prone areas throughout Texas.
- **FLOOD EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:** Legislation to strengthen emergency communications and other response infrastructure in flood-prone areas throughout Texas.
- **RELIEF FUNDING FOR HILL COUNTRY FLOODS:** Legislation to provide relief funding for response to and recovery from the storms which began in early July 2025, including local match funding for jurisdictions eligible for FEMA public assistance.
- **NATURAL DISASTER PREPARATION & RECOVERY:** Legislation to evaluate and streamline rules and regulations to speed preparedness for and recovery from natural disasters.
- **REDISTRICTING:** Legislation that provides a revised congressional redistricting plan in light of constitutional concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- **TITLE THEFT & DEED FRAUD:** Legislation, similar to SB 648 from the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, that provides strengthened protections against title theft and deed fraud.
- **12 other items not related to TxDOT.**



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