

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2025-2026 EDUCATIONAL SERIES

REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

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OVERVIEW

The Texas Legislature authorized the creation of Regional Mobility Authorities (RMA) in 2002. State law allows one or more counties to form a Regional Mobility Authority as a political subdivision to finance, acquire, design, construct, operate, maintain, expand, or extend transportation projects. These projects may be tolled or non-tolled. There are currently ten Regional Mobility Authorities in Texas.

Regional Mobility Authorities are regionally focused transportation development authorities with some oversight from the Texas Transportation Commission. Each Regional Mobility Authority has a governing board of directors, with the presiding officer appointed by the governor. The remaining board members are appointed by the county commissioners court or city council from the host city, county, or counties. State law also establishes the term limits for Regional Mobility Authority board members and requires that they not be elected officials or employees of a governmental entity. A county commissioners court may re-appoint their Regional Mobility Authority board members. Additionally, Regional Mobility Authority boards may hire an executive director to operate the Regional Mobility Authority and carry out duties that the board may assign.

Regional Mobility Authorities deliver transportation plans and projects in a cooperative relationship with their host counties, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and other local entities. Regional Mobility Authorities typically ask that Metropolitan Planning Organizations include Regional Mobility Authorities' projects (or project plans) in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's long-range plan, known as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. In most cases, Regional Mobility Authorities have a seat either on the Metropolitan Planning Organization's policy board or on the Metropolitan Planning Organization's technical advisory committee.

REGIONAL MOBILITY

AUTHORITY FORMATION

A county commissioners court may petition the Texas Transportation Commission to request the formation of a Regional Mobility Authority. The petition must include a supporting resolution from the commissioners court(s) of the county or counties requesting the formation of the Regional Mobility Authority. After TxDOT reviews a petition and determines that the requestors have met all state law requirements, TxDOT schedules a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Regional Mobility Authority. The requesting county or counties must also advertise the public hearing. After receiving and reviewing public comments, the Texas Transportation Commission will consider the formation of the Regional Mobility Authority and approve or deny the petition. If the Texas Transportation Commission approves the petition, the requesting county commissioners court(s) adopt a resolution to create the Regional Mobility Authority.

REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY POWERS

- Develop a transportation project.
- Issue revenue bonds.
- Establish tolls.
- Acquire property for transportation projects.
- Use surplus revenue to finance other local transportation projects.
- Apply for federal highway and rail funds.
- Enter into contracts with other governmental entities and Mexico.
- Apply for State Infrastructure Bank loans.
- Set speed and weight limits on Regional Mobility Authority facilities consistent with state and federal guidelines.
- Enter into agreements with other governmental entities to develop a transportation project on behalf of that entity.



AUTHORITY REPORTING

Each year, the Texas Transportation Commission requires Regional Mobility Authorities to submit a compliance report and a project report, each with specific requirements.

- Compliance Report: Per 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §26.65(a), Regional Mobility Authorities must submit a compliance report to the TxDOT executive director within 150 days after the end of a Regional Mobility Authority's fiscal year.

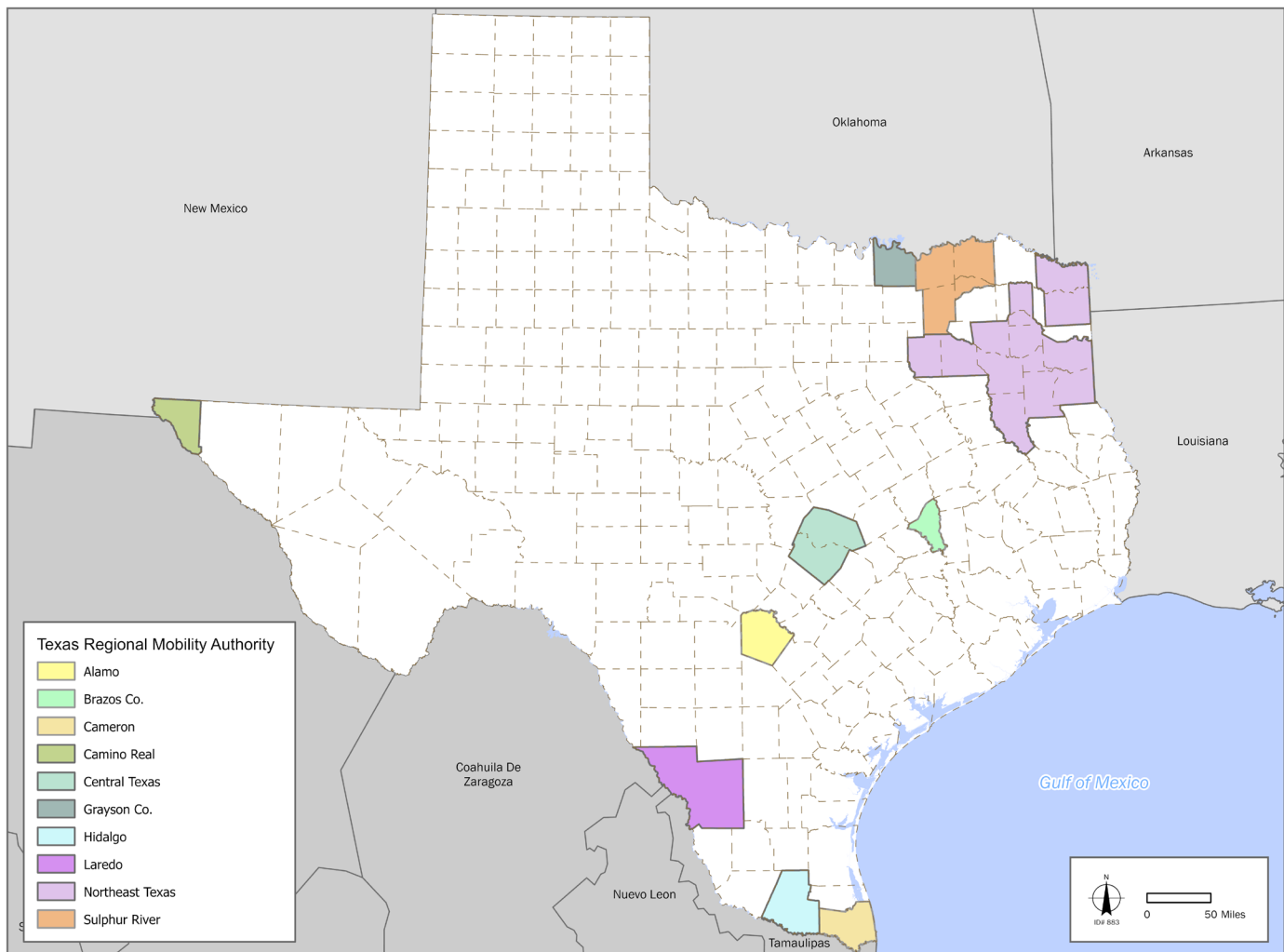
- Project Report: Per 43 TAC §26.65(b), no later than December 31st of each year, Regional Mobility Authorities must submit to the Texas Transportation Commission a written report that describes the progress made during the year on each transportation project or system of projects of the Regional Mobility Authorities, including the initial project for which the Regional Mobility Authority was created.

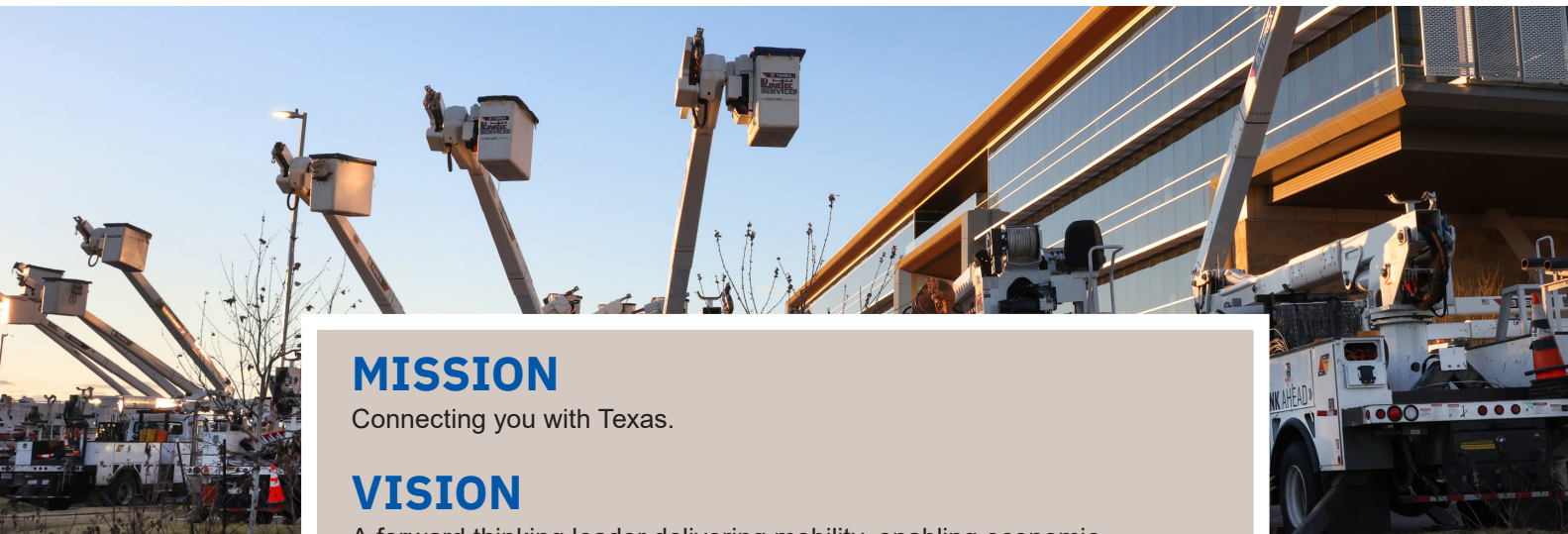


REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY REPORTING

<https://www.txdot.gov/about/partnerships/regional-mobility-authorities.html>

REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY MAP





MISSION

Connecting you with Texas.

VISION

A forward thinking leader delivering mobility, enabling economic opportunity, and enhancing quality of life for all Texans.



VALUES

People

People are the Department's most important customer, asset, and resource. The well-being, safety, and quality of life for Texans and the traveling public are of the utmost concern to the Department. We focus on relationship building, customer service, and partnerships.

Accountability

We accept responsibility for our actions and promote open communication and transparency at all times.

Trust

We strive to earn and maintain confidence through reliable and ethical decision-making.

Honesty

We conduct ourselves with the highest degree of integrity, respect, and truthfulness.



PRIORITIES

Safety

Design, build, operate, and maintain our transportation system with safety as our #1 priority.

Delivery

Responsible program execution throughout the transportation life cycle (planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations).

Innovation

Forward-thinking, technology-focused, fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

Stewardship

Professional, responsible stewards of resources.

