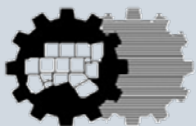


Federal and State Legislative Update

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 9, 2017**



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Federal Update

Appropriations

- Continuing Resolution provides funding through April 28 at Fiscal Year 2016 levels

US Secretary of Transportation

- Elaine Chao confirmed as USDOT Secretary
- Former Deputy USDOT Secretary 1989-91
- Former Labor Secretary 2001-09

RTC Legislative Program

Continue progress made toward improving transportation and air quality during recent legislative sessions

Invest in further progress toward meeting transportation and air quality needs

Provide support for other transportation topics that may be addressed in legislation

85th Texas Legislature

Senate Budget (SB 1)

- Overall spending \$213.4B
- General State spending of \$103.6B
- Additional 1.5% reduction of GR funds proposed
- \$28.2B for Transportation (\$5.7 more than FY16-17)

House Budget

- Overall spending \$221.3B
- General State spending of \$108.9B
- \$28.2B for Transportation (Same as SB 1)

85th Texas Legislature

Senate Transportation Committee

- Chair, Senator Nichols
- New Vice Chair, Senator Hall
- Other members include Senators Creighton, Garcia, Hancock, Hinojosa, Kolkhorst, Perry, Rodriguez

House Transportation Committee

- New Chair, Representative Morrison
- Other members include Reps. Martinez (Vice-Chair), Burkett, Y. Davis, Goldman, Israel, Minjarez, Phillips, Pickett, Simmons, S. Thompson, Wray

85th Texas Legislature

Bill Topics of Interest

- Commissioners court approval for CDA projects
- Eminent domain
- MPO voting
- Red light cameras
- Shared mobility (Uber)
- TERP
- Toll Roads
- TRZ pilot program

Not seeing bills related to transportation funding

85th Texas Legislature

Bill Topics of Interest

Toll related bill topics include:

- Prohibiting the use of state funding for construction or acquisition of toll facilities
- Ending tolls once paid off
- Limiting the use of system financing
- Requiring TxDOT to be repaid for the expenditure of money for toll facilities
- Phasing out TxDOT participation in toll projects

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FOLLOW UP FROM THE WORKSHOP ON MODERN DAY “PEOPLE MOVER” AND ARLINGTON TRANSIT CONCEPTS RESULTING FROM HIGH-SPEED RAIL

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Michael Morris, P.E.

Director Of Transportation

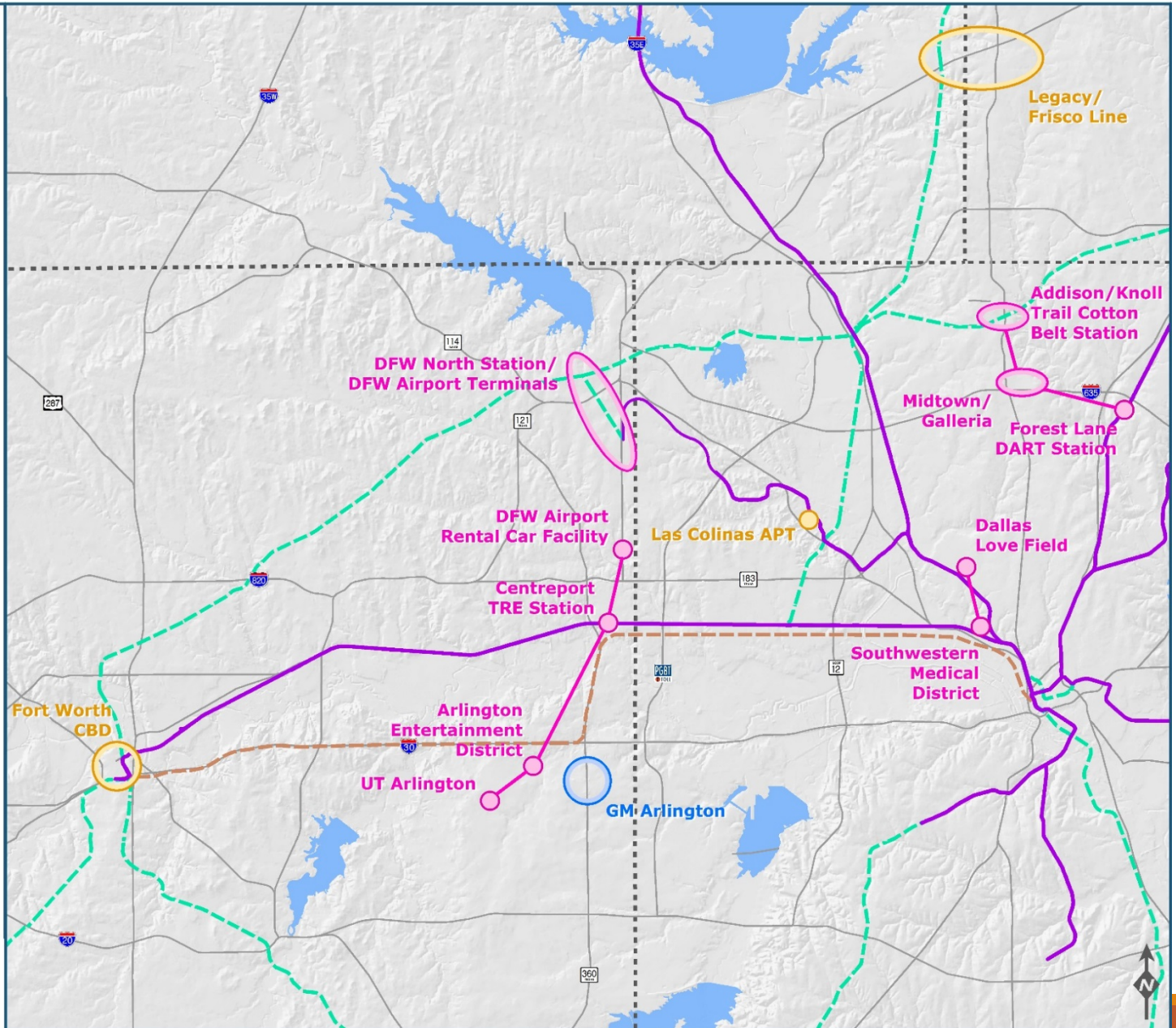
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Proposed and Existing People Mover Systems: Examples

Proposed People Mover Systems

- People
- Freight
- People and Freight
- Existing Light Rail/Commuter Rail
- Proposed Dallas-Fort Worth High Speed Rail
- Mobility 2040 Rail Recommendations



WHAT IS NEW?

Everything

Driverless

Battery

Includes Goods Movement

Engineering Construction Optimization and Construction

Multiple Funders

Not People Movers

Collection-Line Haul-Distribution Operation

Follow-Up on IH 30/IH 635 Interchange

Focus on LBJ East Environmental Clearance

See Public Hearing comments (Electronic Item 8)

Funding Strategy

Interchange (9 Structures)

Built in 1971, 2011

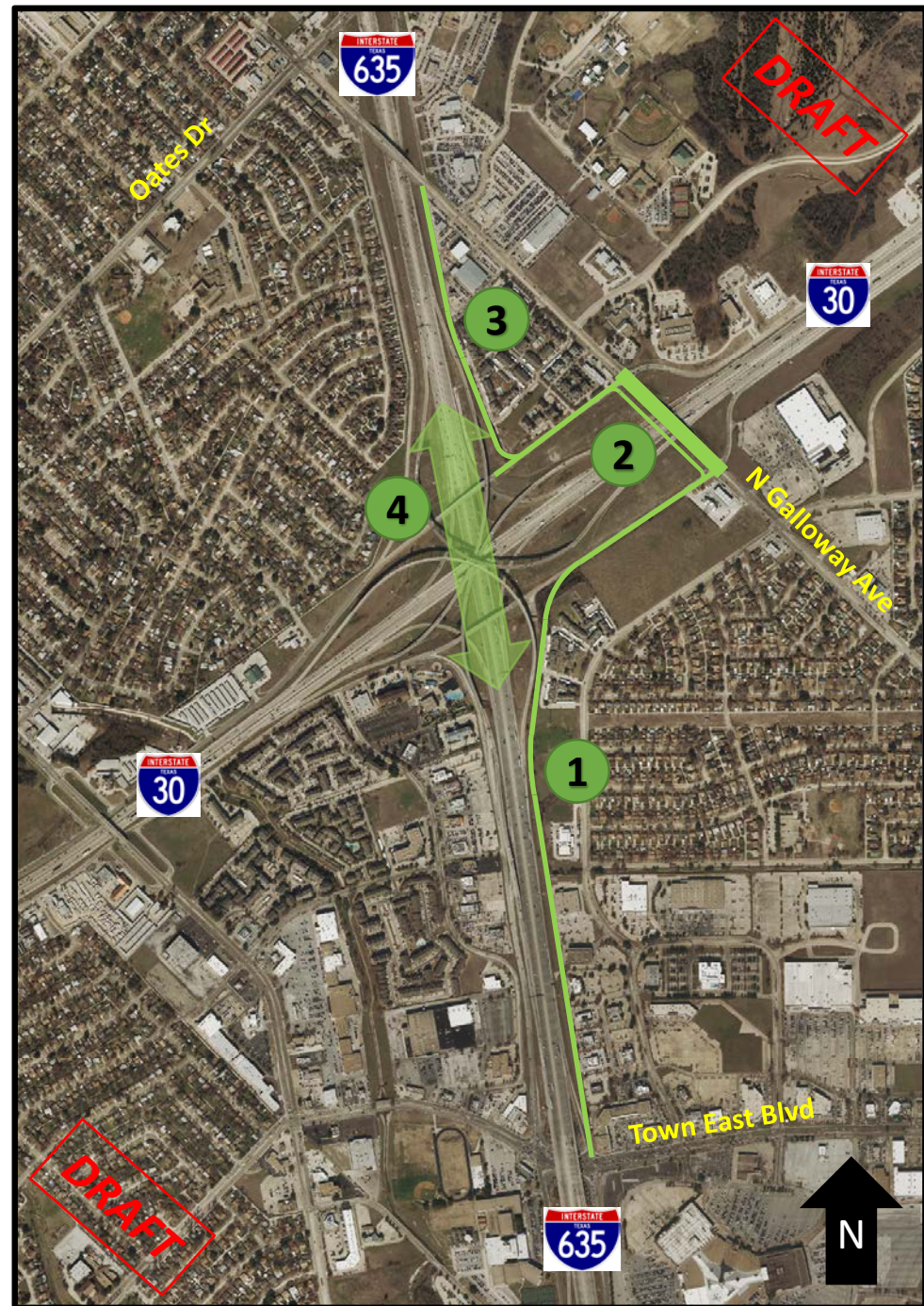
Sufficiency Ratings: 78 – 97

Operational Ideas for TxDOT

IH 30/IH 635 Interchange

Proposed Interim Improvements (to include w/ LBJ East – Phase 1)

1. Build NB-EB frontage road connection between IH 635/Town East Boulevard and IH 30/North Galloway Avenue
2. Reconstruct ultimate North Galloway Avenue bridge over IH 30, including EB-WB frontage road U-turn
3. Build NB IH 635 frontage road between WB IH 30 frontage road and IH 635/North Galloway Avenue interchange
4. Re-stripe IH 635 for 5 general purpose lanes in each direction between Express Lane entrance/exit and Town East Boulevard (*NOTE: distance between bridge columns = 65 feet; lane/shoulder-width design exceptions needed*)



Update on Recent Mobility Initiatives

Regional Transportation Council

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Texas Mobility Summit

“Transportation strategy to advance the creation of a Smart State Consortium”

Nine Participating Teams

Two from DFW Region

Team DFW (I-30 Corridor)

Team Arlington

Common Areas of Interest

Automated vehicles

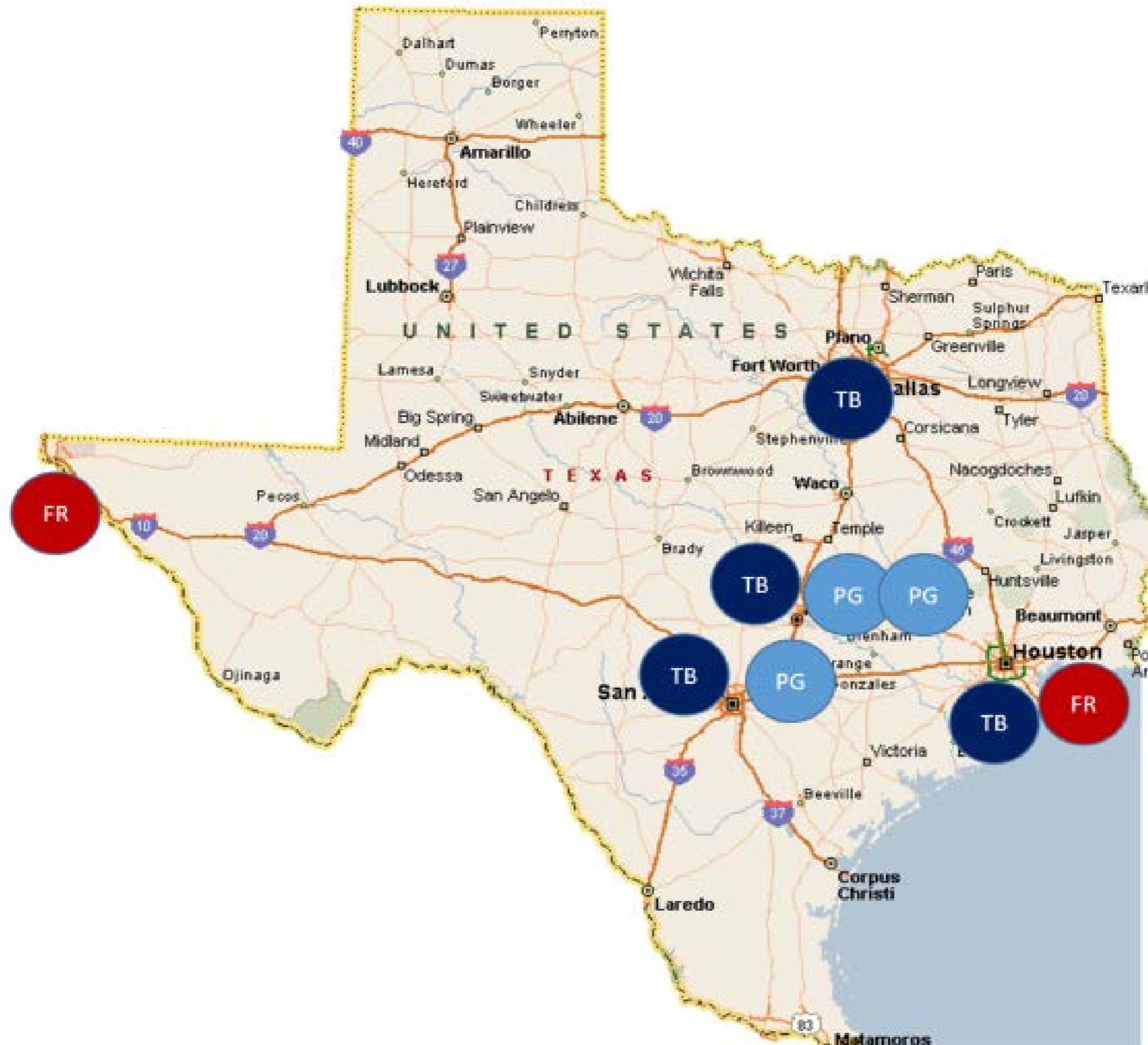
Transportation data

Mobility apps

Shared mobility



Texas Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds



USDOT Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds Designation

60+ Applications

USDOT Designations

- City of Pittsburgh and the Thomas D. Larson Pennsylvania Transportation Institute
- **Texas AV Proving Grounds Partnership**
- U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
- American Center for Mobility (ACM) at Willow Run
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) & GoMentum Station
- San Diego Association of Governments
- Iowa City Area Development Group
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Central Florida Automated Vehicle Partners
- North Carolina Turnpike Authority

North Central Texas Automated Vehicle Test Beds

UTA Campus - Low Speed



North Central Texas Automated Vehicle Test Beds

Arlington Streets - Medium Speed



North Central Texas Automated Vehicle Test Beds

I-30 Corridor Including Managed Lanes - High Speed



First North Texas Autonomous Vehicle Demo



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**Fiscal Year 2017
Federal Highway Administration
10 Year Preliminary Engineering
Audit**

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BACKGROUND

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) audits projects with federal funding for the preliminary engineering (PE) phase to ensure timely implementation.
- Once federal funding is obligated:
 - If not advanced to another phase within 10 years, the State and/or implementing agency will have to repay FHWA for any PE expenditures to date.
 - Time extensions may be requested for extenuating circumstances.
- The PE audit is independent of the federal inactive projects review effort.

PE AUDIT SUMMARY

- 10 projects in the region are subject to the audit in FY 2017.
- The projects are available in [Electronic Item X](#).

TOTAL PROJECTS SUBJECT TO PE AUDIT	10
PROJECTS SET TO LET IN FY 2017	6
PROJECTS AT MOST RISK OF LOSING FUNDING	4
PE OBLIGATIONS ON RTC-SELECTED PROJECTS	\$3,546,894
PE OBLIGATIONS ON TxDOT-SELECTED PROJECTS	\$2,170,000
TOTAL PE OBLIGATIONS	\$5,716,894

CONSEQUENCES OF PE AUDIT

- If the next phase is not initiated in time and an extension is not granted:
 - Obligated funds must be paid back to the federal government.
 - Agencies need to be prepared to remit funds to TxDOT for any expended funds.
- PE funds lost in the region during the FY 2016 audit totaled \$1,661,800

ACTIONS TO DATE

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) district staff has reached out to the local entities to gather the details necessary to justify a time extension.
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff is also working with implementing agencies through the MPO Milestone Policy Effort.
 - Approved by Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on April 14, 2016
 - Agencies with projects selected for RTC funding 10 or more years ago will be subject to cancellation.
 - Intent is to avoid RTC-selected projects on these types of lists (i.e., PE Audit or FHWA Inactive Projects)
- NCTOG will continue to track these projects through the MPO Milestone Policy tracking effort.

IS YOUR PROJECT ON THE LIST?

- If an agency's project is on the PE Audit list:
 - Agencies need to advance project to the next phase of project delivery by September 30, 2017 (end of FY 2017) or as soon as possible
 - Show substantial progress to hopefully get an extension from FHWA
 - Coordinate actively with TxDOT and NCTCOG on project progress.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HELP YOU?

- We are alerting agencies if they make it onto the list to enable agencies to be proactive
- NCTCOG staff monitors project delivery and status on a regular basis.
- Through initiatives like the MPO Milestone effort, NCTCOG hopes to identify projects that may be subject to the PE Audit before they make it on the FHWA list.

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