

**Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program  
89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature**

<b>RTC Position</b>	<b>Addressed in Legislation</b>
<b>Legislation to Actively Pursue</b>	
Ensure fair-share allocation of funds for roadway capacity improvements to metropolitan regions or allow the use of Public-Private Partnerships	<b>HB 1288 (Landgraf)</b> Relating to discretionary funding decisions of the Texas Transportation Commission
Support innovative funding methods to expand rail and transit options within the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require expenditure of a portion of the Texas Mobility Fund for regional commuter rail and Class I railroad improvements</li> <li>• Support dedicated funding for public transportation and rail via TxDOT budget rider</li> <li>• Allocate funds to the existing Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund</li> </ul>	
<b>Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others</b>	
Protect existing transportation authority dedicated funding	

<p>Provide tools to aid transit agencies in supporting transit-oriented development (TOD) and/or funding to supplement TOD financing/public-private partnerships while allowing for cities to maintain the lead and local control in development decisions</p>	
<p>Return approximately \$80 million in air quality user fees to counties for Local Initiatives Projects</p>	
<p>Review with TxDOT and the Legislature options related to the creation of a new State high-speed rail authority</p>	
<p>Improve the safety of the statewide transportation system for all users; lower excessive speed limits, reduce aggressive driving, eliminate driving under the influence, enforce seat belts; advance automated speed enforcement over 90 mph</p>	<p><b>SB 305 (Perry)</b>          Relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway</p>
<p>Modernize messaging in construction zones through technology and electronic signage; support automated speed enforcement in construction zones</p>	
<p>Provide counties and cities with expanded tools for land use control to preserve future transportation corridors and safety needs</p>	
<p><b>Provide Testimony Upon Request</b></p>	

<p>Identify and pursue additional revenue for all modes of transportation</p>	<p><b>HB 326 (Lopez)</b>          Relating to authorizing the increase or decrease of the rates of the gasoline and diesel fuel taxes based on the cost of certain highway projects</p> <p><b>HB 542 (Bucy)</b>          Relating to the use of certain money transferred to and deposited in the state highway fund as required by the Texas Constitution</p> <p><b>HB 884 (Hernandez)</b>          Relating to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance</p> <p><b>HJR 58 (Bucy)</b>          Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of money in the state highway fund for trans-oriented projects</p> <p><b>HJR 63 (Walle)</b>          Proposing a constitutional amendment to permit additional uses of certain dedicated general revenue transferred each fiscal year to the state highway fund</p> <p><b>SB 178 (Menendez)</b>          Relating to the permissible uses of revenue attributable to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance</p>
<p>Support use of Public-Private Partnerships for roadway and transit projects, and tolled managed lanes through a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/local decision-making process</p>	
<p>Support a budget rider for Texas MPOs to receive \$100,000 per year for the next two years to complete a safety action plan within their metropolitan region</p>	
<p>Encourage measures that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and focus on areas with pedestrian movements</p>	<p><b>HB 341 (Morales)</b>          Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on traffic collisions involving persons operating bicycles, electric bicycles, or motor-assisted scooters</p> <p><b>HB 535 (Lopez)</b></p>

	<p>Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle passing a pedestrian or a person operating a bicycle in certain municipalities.  <b>HB 603 (Tepper)</b>  Relating to the operation of school buses at certain railroad grade crossings  <b>HB 702 (Lalani)</b>  Relating to a notification provided by a transportation network company regarding a designated bicycle lane  <b>HB 1282 (Raymond)</b>  Relating to the enforcement of the prohibition on passing a school bus using images and video from a school bus infraction detection system</p>
<p>Explore transit and its ability to enhance community safety</p>	
<p>Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above current law</p>	<p><b>HB 283 (Guillen)</b>  Relating to axle weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting aggregates</p>
<p>Retain eminent domain authority in current statute to allow planning and development of new and/or expanded transportation corridors, including high-speed rail, commuter rail, freight rail, roadways, and trails</p>	
<p>Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies for regular workdays and special events</p>	<p><b>HB 635 (Flores)</b>  Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites</p>

<p>Support high-speed rail development in Texas and its superior safety history</p>	<p><b>HB 83 (Bucy)</b>          Relating to the use of state money for high-speed rail operated by a private entity and to the construction of certain high-speed rail</p> <p><b>HB 663 (Harrison)</b>          Relating to limitations on the applicability of certain statutes to high-speed rail</p>
<p>Utilize innovation in higher-speed transportation, transit, autonomous vehicles, and freight</p>	
<p>Support the continued collaboration between local governments, the military, the State, and FAA to advance regulations for compatible land use, infrastructure, and the safe operations of unmanned aircraft</p>	
<p>Support broadband expansion as a mode of transportation</p>	
<p>Support legislation that improves air quality, including enhancing the emissions inspection/maintenance program, especially for heavy-duty vehicle trucks, reducing heavy-duty truck idling, ending vehicle emissions inspection fraud, and supporting tire disposal programs</p>	<p><b>HB 464 (Gonzales)</b>          Relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires</p>
<p>Modernize and increase flexibility in the Local Initiative Projects (LIP) through a limited program focused on transportation and air quality improvements</p>	

<p>Protect the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Trust fund and revenue balance to ensure funds are used for TERP purposes, including zero emission vehicle infrastructure investments</p>	
<p>Modernize TERP and ensure flexibility to accommodate innovative approaches to improving air quality and reducing emissions, including the purchase of heavy-duty zero emission vehicles such as hydrogen fuel cell and battery electric vehicles and associated infrastructure</p>	<p><b>HB 205 (Cortez)</b>          Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities</p>