

**Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program
88th Texas Legislature**

RTC Position	Addressed in Legislation
Adequately Fund Transportation and Utilize Tools	
Identify additional revenue for all modes of transportation, including fees on alternative fuel vehicles.	<p>HB 1 (Bonnen) General appropriations bill.</p> <p>HB 78 (Ortega) Relating to the authorization by referendum of an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties. Please note: this only affects El Paso County.</p> <p>HB 321 (Lopez) 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>HB 615 (Patterson) Relating to authorizing certain projects to be undertaken by economic development corporations.</p> <p>HB 640 (Johnson) Relating to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance.</p> <p>HB 1259 (Jetton) Relating to studies and reports regarding public-private partnerships and funding for certain public projects, including transportation projects.</p> <p>HB 1392 (Craddick) Relating to the allocation of certain constitutional transfers of money to the economic stabilization fund, the state highway fund, and the Grow Texas fund and to the permissible uses of money deposited to the Grow Texas fund.</p> <p>HB 2226 (Reynolds) Relating to state and municipal motor fuel taxes.</p> <p>HB 3418 (Canales) Relating to the implementation by the Texas Department of Transportation of a vehicle mileage user fee pilot program and a task force to assist in developing and evaluating the program.</p> <p>HB 3805 (Canales)</p>

Relating to the program categories in the unified transportation program.

HB 3812 (Jetton)

Relating to the establishment and use of the Texas Infrastructure Fund.

HB 4464 (Gervin Hawkins)

Relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety inspections for noncommercial vehicles and the imposition of replacement fees.

HB 5215 (Bucy) / HJR 204 (Bucy)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of money in the state highway fund for transit-oriented projects. Companions:

HB 5227 (Howard) / HJR 203 (Howard)

Relating to the allocation of certain constitutional transfers of money to the economic stabilization fund, the Texas legacy fund, and the state highway fund and to the management and investment.

HJR 144 (Canales)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of money in the state highway fund for roadways for seaports, airports, spaceports, land ports of entry, and international bridges.

HCR 47 (Canales) / SCR 2 (Nichols)

Concurrent Resolution extending the duty of the comptroller of public accounts under Section 7-c, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to deposit certain tax revenue to the state highway fund.

SB 1 (Huffman)

General appropriations bill.

SB 254 (Eckhardt)

Relating to increasing the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.

SB 282 (Eckhardt)

Relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects. Please note: this only applies to Travis County.

SB 1129 (Blanco) / SB 2219 (Blanco)

Relating to the funding categories of the unified transportation program.

SB 1232 (Nichols)

Relating to the determination of the sufficient balance of the economic stabilization fund for the purpose of allocating general revenue to that fund and the state highway fund.

EV and Alternative Fuel Fee/Tax

HB 820 (King)

	<p>Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles. HB 960 (Jetton)</p> <p>Relating to imposing a road maintenance fee for the registration of an electric vehicle. HB 2027 (Dean)</p> <p>Relating to the imposition of a road use tax on the retail sale of electric motor vehicles. HB 2028 (Dean)</p> <p>Relating to imposing a motor fuel tax recovery fee for the registration of an electric vehicle. HB 2129 (Canales)</p> <p>Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an electric vehicle. HB 3297 (Harris) / HB 4420 (Goldman) / SB 1708 (Middleton)</p> <p>Relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety inspections for noncommercial vehicles and the imposition of replacement fees. SB 505 (Nichols) / HB 2199 (Canales)</p> <p>Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an electric vehicle.</p>
Support innovative funding methods to expand rail and transit options within the region.	
Allocate funds to the existing Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund.	
Return approximately \$80 million in air quality user fees to counties for Local Initiatives Projects.	<p>HB 1175 (Plesa) / SB 607 (Johnson) Relating to the distribution of funds designated for the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.</p> <p>HB 1351 (Hernandez) Relating to the distribution of funds designated for the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.</p>
Ensure fair-share allocation of funds for roadway capacity improvements to metropolitan regions.	<p>HB 3444 (Canales) Relating to the classification of transportation districts by the Texas Transportation Commission.</p>
Support full appropriation of current funding initiatives previously approved by the Legislature, including Proposition 1 and Proposition 7.	<p>SB 225 (Nichols)/HB 2230 (Canales)</p>

	<p>Relating to the determination of the sufficient balance of the economic stabilization fund for the purpose of allocating certain constitutional transfers of money to that fund and the state highway fund.</p> <p>SCR 2 (Nichols) Extending the duty of the comptroller of public accounts under Section 7-c, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to deposit certain tax revenue to the state highway fund.</p> <p>SJR 37 (Miles)/HJR 77 (Walle) Proposing a constitutional amendment to permit additional uses of certain dedicated general revenue transferred each fiscal year to the state highway fund.</p>
Expand Transportation Options in Mega Metropolitan Regions	
Support use of Public-Private Partnerships; allow for the ability to create data corridors (i.e., digital twins) and tolled managed lanes for roadway and transit projects through an MPO/local decision-making process.	<p>HB 2325 (Shaheen) Relating to the cessation of tolls by toll project entities in certain circumstances. Note: this is not supported by the RTC priorities.</p> <p>HB 3828 (Metcalf) Relating to the cessation of tolls by toll project entities in certain circumstances.</p> <p>HB 4231 (Talarico) Relating to a one-year moratorium on the collection of tolls.</p> <p>SB 1423 (Hall) Relating to the prohibition of tolls on a portion of Interstate Highway 635. Note: this is not supported by the RTC priorities.</p> <p>SB 1984 (Alvarado) Relating to public-private partnerships for public and private facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p>SB 2515 (Bettencourt) Relating to the restriction of the use of toll road funds for road projects.</p>
Authorize the use of a Comprehensive Development Agreement for specific needed projects.	<p>HB 2795 (Canales) / SB 1071 (Campbell) Relating to the amendment of an existing comprehensive development agreement for a portion of State Highway 130.</p>
Retain eminent domain authority to allow planning and development of new and/or expanded	<p>HB 376 (Rogers) Relating to a landowner's bill of rights statement in connection with the acquisition of real property through eminent domain.</p>

<p>transportation corridors, including high-speed rail, commuter rail, freight rail, roadways, and trails.</p>	<p>HB 718 (Goldman) Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the right to repurchase real property acquired through eminent domain.</p> <p>HJR 26 (Schofield) Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the right to repurchase real property acquired through eminent domain.</p> <p>HJR 81 (Schofield) Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the taking of property by eminent domain for the purpose of transferring the property to a private entity.</p>
<p>Support the use of a balanced liability insurance program that would allow North Texas transit agencies to operate on additional rail corridors as part of the regional transportation system.</p>	
<p>Provide counties and cities with expanded tools for land use control to preserve future transportation corridors.</p>	<p>HB 1379 (Ortega) / SB 848 (Blanco) Relating to the development and operation by a regional mobility authority of an urban green space or aesthetic enhancement located above, adjacent to, or connected to an interstate highway.</p>
<p>Pursue Innovation, Technology, and Safety</p>	
<p>Utilize innovation in high-speed transportation, transit, autonomous vehicles, and freight</p>	<p>HB 366 (Bell) Relating to the filing of a bond by a private high-speed rail operator with the Texas Department of Transportation.</p> <p>HB 2039 (Hull) Relating to remote vehicle disabling technology capable of being activated or engaged by a motor vehicle manufacturer or governmental entity.</p> <p>HB 2357 (Harris) Relating to provision to the Texas Department of Transportation of information regarding certain high-speed rail projects.</p> <p>HB 2678 (Cook) Relating to advanced air mobility technology.</p> <p>HB 2931 (Harrison) Relating to limitations on the applicability of certain statutes to high-speed rail.</p> <p>HB 3274 (Gamez) / SB 2156 (Eckhardt)</p>

	<p>Relating to human operators of automated motor vehicles. HB 3870 (Harris) Relating to the disposition of real property acquired for high-speed rail projects. HB 4551 (Kacal) Relating to a required water quality permit for construction of a high-speed rail project. HJR 106 (Schaefer) Proposing a constitutional amendment recognizing the right of a person to travel in a vehicle using human decision-making to operate the vehicle.</p>
<p>Support the collaboration between local governments, the military, the State, and FAA to advance regulations for compatible land use and the safe operations of unmanned aircraft.</p>	<p>HB 1068 (Frank) Relating to the construction of a meteorological tower near a federally owned or operated radar installation or military installation. HB 1302 (Geren) Relating to inspections and examinations by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain sites and facilities conducted using unmanned aircraft. HB 1443 (Slawson) Relating to the operation of a wind-powered generation facility near a joint-use airport. HB 1516 (Wilson) / SB 423 (Paxton) Relating to the use of unmanned aircraft by the Texas military forces. HB 2159 (Capriglione) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities. HB 2365 (Geren)/ SB 1308 (Hancock) Relating to the operation of an unmanned aircraft over an airport or military installation; creating a criminal offense. HB 2678 (Cook) Relating to advanced air mobility technology. HB 3075 (Kacal) Relating to the operation of an unmanned aircraft over a correctional facility or detention facility. HB 3489 (Gervin-Hawkins) Relating to the use of an unmanned aircraft to locate and retrieve wounded or killed wildlife. HB 4102 (Guillen) / SB 1986 (Hughes) Relating to prohibiting the acquisition or use of certain unmanned aircraft by a governmental entity.</p>

	<p>HB 4249 (Morales) / SB 1899 (Birdwell) Relating to a law enforcement agency's use of deadly force by means of a drone.</p>
<p>Plan for shared mobility solutions and technology-based transportation solutions; enable transportation data sharing and accessibility with appropriate privacy protection.</p>	<p>HB 1657 (Capriglione)/ SB 535 (Paxton) Relating to state agency information technology infrastructure and infrastructure security assessments.</p>
<p>Establish and support programs to improve cybersecurity.</p>	<p>HB 1657 (Capriglione) / SB 535 (Paxton) Relating to state agency information technology infrastructure and information security assessments.</p>
<p>Support broadband expansion as a mode of transportation.</p>	<p>HB 9 (Ashby) / HJR 125 (Ashby) Relating to the development and funding of broadband and telecommunications services. HB 2662 (Ashby) Relating to the administration of the broadband development office. HB 2697 (Guillen) Relating to the regulation of the funding resources awarded by the broadband development office. HB 3479 (Leach) Relating to the authority of the broadband development office to award grants for certain facilities. HB 5090 (Davis) Relating to transportation planning for statewide broadband infrastructure. HB 5191 (Davis) Relating to the supplemental appropriation and reductions in appropriation and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriation for the development of a statewide broadband infrastructure. SB 272 (Blanco) Relating to the composition of the governor's broadband development council. SB 1238 (Nichols) Relating to broadband development. SJR 27 (Perry) Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Texas Connectivity Fund for the development of broadband and other telecommunication services.</p>

Improve Air Quality	
Support legislation that improves air quality.	<p><u>EVs (Excluding Fees/Taxes)</u></p> <p>HB 821 (King) Relating to the placement of electric vehicle charging equipment on state property.</p> <p>HB 1420 (Darby) Relating to the installation and operation of electric vehicle charging stations installed or funded by the Texas Department of Transportation.</p> <p>HB 2144 (Plesa) Relating to the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle in a parking space designated as an electric vehicle charging station.</p> <p>HB 2191 (Canales) / SB 2508 (Alvarado) Relating to mobile source emissions reductions and transportation electrification.</p> <p>HB 2236 (Schaefer) Relating to prohibiting the Texas Department of Transportation from participating in or using state money for certain electric vehicle infrastructure programs or plans. Note: this is not supported by the RTC priorities.</p> <p>HB 3014 (Harris) Relating to the motor vehicle safety inspection of electric vehicles.</p> <p>HB 4672 (Bhojani) Relating to the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at state-owned parking lots and garages.</p> <p>HB 5120 (Patterson) / SB 1732 (Hancock) Relating to standards for certain electric vehicle charging stations.</p> <p>SB 1001 (Schwertner) Relating to the regulation of electric vehicle supply equipment.</p> <p>SB 1002 (Schwertner) / HB 3508 (Hernandez) Relating to the operation of electric vehicle charging stations.</p> <p><u>Emissions</u></p>

SB 784 (Birdwell) / HB 2211 Landgraf

Relating to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state to regulate greenhouse gas emissions in this state and the express preemption of local regulation of those emissions.

SB 1114 (Hancock) / HB 3856 (Goldman)

Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate the use or sale of a product for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions or conserving natural resources.

HB 4932 (Lopez) / SB 2152 (Sparks)

Relating to the amount of foreign emissions of air contaminants in nonattainment areas and the required revision of the state implementation plan to account for those emissions.

Climate Change

HB 57 (Zwiener)

Relating to climate change planning and reporting.

HB 846 (Reynolds)

Relating to the creation of the Climate Change Impact Assessment Council.

HB 4792 (Anchia)

Relating to establishing the Texas Carbon Emissions Mitigation and Severe Weather Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of carbon emissions and severe weather in this state.

Energy/Solar

SB 238 (Menendez)

Relating to the installment of electric school buses and solar panels in Texas public schools.

HB 1681 (Hernandez)

Relating to the establishment of an energy efficiency program for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

Tire Disposal

HB 1503 (Gonzalez)

Relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires.

HB 3282 (Jones)

Relating to county authority to mitigate illegal tire disposal.

HB 3352 (Gerdes)

Relating to the regulation of used and scrap tires by certain counties.

SB 1328 (Blanco)

	<p>Relating to common nuisance remedies and registration and permitting requirements for the storage of scrap tires. SB 2126 (Hinojosa) Relating to the authority of a county to administer a used tire buy back program. <u>Miscellaneous Air Quality</u> HB 2222 (Lozano) / SB 1190 (Zaffirini) Relating to certain eligibility requirements for grants under the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program. HB 2290 (Cortez) Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities. HB 3100 (Landgraf) Relating to the creation of a hydrogen infrastructure and vehicle grant program under the Texas emissions reduction plan. HB 4983 (Klick) / SB 2203 (Hancock) Relating to the franchise tax credit for certain clean energy projects. Relating to certain eligibility requirements for grants under the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program. SB 1284 (Springer) Relating to the portion of the fee for certain vehicle safety inspections that is remitted to the state.</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>Strengthen emissions enforcement through temporary tag enforcement.</p>	<p>HB 718 (Goldman) Relating to the issuance of temporary tags and license plates by a motor vehicle dealer. HB 914 (Hefner) Relating to temporary vehicle tags and the offense of tampering with a governmental record. HB 2195 (Noble) Relating to wrong, fictitious, altered, or obscured license plates. HB 2902 (Gamez) Relating to a statement on a temporary tag warning against unauthorized reproduction, purchase, use, or sale of the tag.</p>

	<p>HB 4226 (Raney) Relating to certain temporary motor vehicle tags.</p> <p>SB 970 (Hall) Relating to a study and report by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute on replacing buyer's temporary tags with permanent license plates.</p> <p>SB 1182 (Eckhardt) Relating to motor vehicle registration and license plates.</p>
<p>Protect the TERP Trust fund and revenue balance to ensure funds are used for TERP purposes; modernize the program 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>HB 2207 (Landgraf) Relating to the allocation of certain constitutional transfers of money to the economic stabilization fund, the state highway fund, the oil and gas regulation and cleanup account.</p> <p>HB 2214 (Landgraf) Relating to the allocation of Texas Emissions Reduction Plan funds.</p> <p>HB 4885 (Landgraf) Relating to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan.</p> <p>HJR 111 (Landgraf) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas severance tax revenue and oil and natural gas (Texas STRONG) defense fund.</p> <p>SB 104 (Johnson) Relating to the creation of a small non-road engine purchase incentive program under the Texas emissions reduction plan.</p>
<p>Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies.</p>	<p>HB 1638 (Canales) Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on future transportation needs for the year 2045.</p> <p>HB 3753 (Flores) Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.</p>
<p>Enhance Safety</p>	
<p>Improve the safety of the statewide transportation system for all users, including controlling texting while driving, eliminating driving under the influence, lowering excessive speed limits, reducing aggressive driving, reducing the number of</p>	<p><u>Fraudulent Temporary Tags</u></p> <p>HB 718 (Goldman) Relating to the issuance of temporary tags and license plates by a motor vehicle dealer.</p> <p>HB 914 (Hefner) Relating to temporary vehicle tags and the offense of tampering with a governmental record.</p>

fraudulent temporary tags, and improving bicycle and pedestrian safety.

HB 2195 (Noble)

Relating to wrong, fictitious, altered, or obscured license plates.

HB 2902 (Gamez)

Relating to a statement on a temporary tag warning against unauthorized reproduction, purchase, use, or sale of the tag.

HB 3747 (Goldman)

Relating to the criminal penalty for the offense of the unauthorized reproduction, purchase, use, or sale of a temporary tag.

SB 970 (Hall)

Relating to a study and report by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute on replacing buyer's temporary tags with permanent license plates.

SB 1182 (Eckhardt)

Relating to motor vehicle registration and license plates.

Speed Limits/Recklessness

HB 1442 (Johnson) / SB 1970 (Bettencourt)

Relating to the prosecution of certain criminal conduct involving a reckless driving exhibition and to the forfeiture of contraband as a result of a reckless driving exhibition.

HB 1639 (Canales)/HB 1885 (Canales)

Relating to the authority of the Texas Transportation Commission to establish variable speed limits.

HB 1855 (Goodwin)

Relating to the designation of highway safety corridors; increasing a fine.

HB 2224 (Hernandez)

Relating to the authority of a municipality to alter speed limits.

Red Light Camera Contracts

HB 167 (Cortez)

Relating to contracts authorizing the use of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems.

HB 177 (Cortez) / SB 446 (Menendez)

Relating to contracts authorizing the use of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems.

General Traffic Laws

HB 198 (Noble)

Relating to vehicle safety inspections of certain travel trailers.

HB 648 (Gervin-Hawkins)

Relating to the enforcement of the prohibition on passing a school bus using images from a school bus monitoring system.

HB 806 (VanDeaver)

Relating to a study regarding the placement of rumble strips on highway shoulders.

HB 898 (Stucky)

Relating to the offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway; increasing a criminal penalty.

HB 2084 (Landgraf)

Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of racing on highway.

HB 2190 (Canales)

Relating to the terminology used to describe transportation-related accidents.

HB 2899 (Plesa) / SB 385 (Hall)

Relating to the impoundment of a vehicle used in the commission of the offense of racing on a highway.

HB 4180 (Frazier) / SB 2043 (King)

Relating to the prosecution of organized criminal activity involving obstructing a highway or other passageway by engaging in a reckless driving exhibition of street racing activity.

DWI

HB 210 (Swanson) / HB 393 (Goldman) / SB 703 (Paxton)

Relating to restitution payments for the support of a child whose parent or guardian is a victim of intoxication manslaughter.

HB 2922 (Dutton)

Relating to the suspension of the driver's license of a person arrested for an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol.

Bicycle/Pedestrian

HB 396 (Collier) / HB 1277 (Cain)

Relating to pedestrian use of a sidewalk.

HB 421 (Lopez)

Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle passing a pedestrian or a person operating a bicycle.

HB 3281 (Leo-Wilson) / SB 1293 (Hall)

Relating to a prohibition on certain roadway projects and to the distribution of affordable housing funds to local governmental entities that violate that prohibition.

HB 3944 (Lalani)

	<p>Relating to a notification provided by a transportation network company regarding a designated bicycle lane. HB 4464 (Gervin-Hawkins) Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle passing a person operating a bicycle.</p>
Reduce distracted driving through measures such as the use of hands-free cell phone technology.	<p>SB 41 (Zaffirini)/ HB 3155 (Harris) Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.</p>
Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above 80,000 pounds.	<p>HB 3284 (Lujan) / SB 1364 (Alvarado) Relating to weight limitations for certain natural gas or electric vehicles. HB 3484 (Harris) Relating to weight exemptions for alternative fueled heavy weight vehicles on state highways.</p>
Support legislation allowing sponsorships to support roadside assistance programs.	
Eliminate deferred adjudication for safety related traffic violations (e.g., traffic violations in construction zones are not eligible for deferred adjudication).	
Allow non-sworn police officers to complete crash reports and clear minor, non-injury traffic crashes/	<p>HB 2564 (Anchia) Relating to the investigation of certain motor vehicle accidents by trained employees of a law enforcement agency.</p>