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STATE BUDGET

TOTAL FUNDING

Senate Bill 1

Statewide Total for FY26-27:
\$338.02 billion in All Funds, All
Articles

- All Funds 5% increase over FY24-25; \$16.68 billion increase

House Bill 500

Supplemental Appropriations,
adjustments for current fiscal year

- \$25 billion in All Funds
- \$504.1 million to TxDOT

SB 1 ARTICLE VII – TxDOT FUNDING

TxDOT Total for FY26-27: **\$39.92**
billion in All Funds:

- \$21.2 billion in FY26
- \$18.72 billion in FY27

\$2.61 billion increase over FY24-25

This includes:

\$35.36 billion for highway planning
improvement project development and
delivery, roadway maintenance



STATE BUDGET

SB 1 AND HB 500 DFW REGION RIDERS

Southern Gateway Deck Park: \$10 million in Federal Funds administered by TxDOT for construction and buildout of the project, if the project meets federal funding requirements and approved by USDOT, FHWA.

Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project: \$20 million in Federal Funds administered by TxDOT to the Texas Trees Foundation, for planning and construction if the project meets federal funding requirements and approved by USDOT, FHWA.

TxDOT Aviation Services Funded:
\$14.8 million for McKinney National Airport



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

SB 1555 (Nichols) Establishes a grant program for railroad grade separation projects.

- TxDOT would award grants for rail intersections at **off-system** roadways and public pedestrian crossings; \$250 million for FY26-27.
- Awarded to political subdivisions of the state; ten percent local match; effective immediately.

SB 2366 (Hughes) Establishes a grant program for Class II and III short line railroads.

- Grants could be used for track and bridge replacement, rail capacity improvements, or rail restoration.
- Awarded to rural rail districts; effective immediately.



TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

SB 305 (Perry) Expands the current Move Over, Slow Down Law to include animal control vehicles and parking enforcement vehicles, using flashing lights as in current law.

SB 2039 (Hancock) Updates the definition of a sidewalk user to include non-pedestrians (bike, motor-assisted scooter, electric mobility assistance device, skateboard, roller skates). Amends existing law to ensure sidewalk users receive the same protections as pedestrians at intersections, crosswalks.

SB 2129 (Johnson) Increases the penalty for disobeying railroad grade crossing signals and ignoring flagger's warning.



MISCELLANEOUS SAFETY

SB 546 (Menendez) Requires three-point seat belts on all school buses; report to Texas Education Agency, Legislature if budget does not allow.

SB 826 (Parker) Increases the penalty for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated in an active school crossing zone.

SB 1366 (Nichols) Requires information about construction or maintenance work zones to be included in driver education and driver safety courses.



HIGH-SPEED RAIL AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES

HB 2003 (Harris) Mandates entities proposing high-speed rail projects to disclose detailed annual information to TxDOT when included in the Texas Rail Plan. TxDOT to make available online.

- Information includes timelines, proposed route, method of financing, balance sheet, construction costs, ridership projections, organizational chart, disclosure of foreign investment.

SB 2807 (Hagenbuch) Regulates the operation of automated motor vehicles and automated driving systems, establishes authorization procedures by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.



LAND USE/PLANNING

SB 15 (Bettencourt) Establishes new size and density requirements for new subdivisions on at least five acres (promotes smaller lots and homes); prevents cities from enforcing some building regulations for smaller lots (in cities over 150,000 and counties over 300,000).

SB 840 (Hughes) Requires cities to allow mixed-use residential and/or multifamily residential development in areas already zoned for commercial uses and streamlines converting existing buildings into residential property (150,000/300,000).

SB 2477 (Bettencourt) Requires cities to allow conversion of an office building into a residential building; streamlines process (150,000/300,000).

SB 2835 (Johnson) Allows cities to amend their residential building codes to accommodate single staircase multifamily developments.



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