

**Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program
89th Texas Legislature**

RTC Position	Addressed in Legislation
Legislation to Actively Pursue	
Ensure fair-share allocation of funds for roadway capacity improvements to metropolitan regions or allow the use of Public-Private Partnerships	HB 1288 (Landgraf) <i>(May not be consistent with RTC priorities)</i> Relating to discretionary funding decisions of the Texas Transportation Commission HB 1589 (Gerdes) <i>(May not be consistent with RTC priorities)</i> Relating to requiring voter approval for the construction of a new toll project by a toll project entity
Support innovative funding methods to expand rail and transit options within the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require expenditure of a portion of the Texas Mobility Fund for regional commuter rail and Class I railroad improvements • Support dedicated funding for public transportation and rail via TxDOT budget rider • Allocate funds to the existing Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund 	HB 542 (Bucy) / HJR 58 (Bucy) Relating to the use of certain money transferred to and deposited in the state highway fund as required by the Texas Constitution SB 1555 (Nichols) Relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects.
Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others	
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	
Return approximately \$80 million in air quality user fees to counties for Local Initiatives Projects	HB 1361 (Hernandez) / SB 861 (Johnson) Relating to the distribution of funds designated for the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program
Review with TxDOT and the Legislature options related to the creation of a new State high-speed rail authority	

<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>SB 47 (Zaffirini) / HB 1357 (Cunningham) Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle SB 305 (Perry) / HB 2041 (King) Relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway HB 603 (Tepper) Relating to the operation of school buses at certain railroad grade crossings HB 1282 (Raymond) Relating to the enforcement of the prohibition on passing a school bus using images and video from a school bus infraction detection system HB 1625 (Vasut) Relating to the penalties for the offense of passing certain vehicles, creating a criminal offense, increasing a criminal penalty.</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>SB 887 (Eckhardt) Relating to the authority of a municipality to use funds collected from an impact fee to construct or install a safety improvement to a roadway facility.</p>
<p>Provide Testimony Upon Request</p>	
<p>Identify and pursue additional revenue for all modes of transportation</p>	<p>HB 188 (Landgraf) / SB 1001 (Blanco) (Oil and gas fund, not for transportation) Relating to the allocation of certain constitutional transfers of money to certain funds and accounts, including the Texas severance tax revenue and oil and natural gas (Texas STRONG) defense fund HJR 47 (Landgraf) / SJR 48 (Blanco) (Oil and gas fund, not for transportation) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas severance tax revenue and oil and natural gas (Texas STRONG) defense fund, dedicating the money in that fund HB 265/HJR 35 (Craddick) (For oil and gas transportation areas) 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 HB 326 (Lopez)</p>

	<p>Relating to authorizing the increase of decrease of the rates of the gasoline and diesel fuel taxes based on the cost of certain highway projects HB 769 (Gervin-Hawkins) Relating to a grant program for neighborhood organization pedestrian infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs HB 784 (Gervin-Hawkins) Relating to a grant program for municipal pedestrian infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs HB 884 (Hernandez) Relating to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance HJR 63 (Walle) / SJR 33 (Miles) Proposing a constitutional amendment to permit additional uses of certain dedicated general revenue transferred each fiscal year to the state highway fund. (Prop 1 revenue may be used for constructing, maintaining, and acquiring rights-of-way for: (1) public transportation; (2) public bicycle paths; and (3) public sidewalks.) SB 178 (Menendez) Relating to the permissible uses of revenue attributable to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance HB 2099 (Plesa) Relating to the imposition of a tax on commercial electric vehicle charging services based on the amount of electricity transferred</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>SB 720 (Hall) (May not be consistent with RTC priorities) Relating to the prohibition of lane restrictions on a portion of Interstate Highway 635 HB 2323 (Shaheen) / HB 2948 (May not be consistent with RTC priorities) Relating to the cessation of tolls by toll project entities in certain circumstances</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>HB 341 (Morales) Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on traffic collisions involving persons operating bicycles, electric bicycles, or motor-assisted scooters HB 535 (Lopez) Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle passing a pedestrian or a person operating a bicycle in certain municipalities.</p>

	<p>HB 702 (Lalani) Relating to a notification provided by a transportation network company regarding a designated bicycle lane</p> <p>HB 723 (Gervin-Hawkins) Relating to school bus monitoring systems and the required reporting of certain offenses recorded by those systems</p> <p>HB 1282 (Raymond) 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>SB 864 (Alvarado) Relating to allowing a bicyclist to treat certain traffic-control devices as a yield sign</p>
Explore transit and its ability to enhance community safety	
Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above current law	<p>HB 283 (Guillen)/SB 70 (Zaffirini) Relating to axle weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting aggregates</p> <p>HB 1384 (Virdell) Relating to the enforcement of certain standards for commercial motor vehicles.</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>HB 2979 (Harris) (May not be consistent with RTC priorities) Relating to a prohibition on the exercise of eminent domain and the disposition of certain property acquired for certain rail projects</p>
Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies for regular workdays and special events	<p>HB 635 (Flores) Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites</p>
Support high-speed rail development in Texas and its superior safety history	<p>HB 483 (Bucy)/SB 424 (Eckhardt) 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>HB 663 (Harrison) (May not be consistent with RTC priorities) Relating to limitations on the applicability of certain statutes to high-speed rail</p> <p>HB 1402 (Harris) (May not be consistent with RTC priorities) Relating to a prohibition on the use of public money to pay for the alteration of a roadway related to high-speed rail construction</p> <p>HB 2003 (Harris)</p>

	Relating to provision to the Texas Department of Transportation of information regarding certain high-speed rail projects
Utilize innovation in higher-speed transportation, transit, autonomous vehicles, and freight	
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	
Support broadband expansion as a mode of transportation	HB 1241 (Guillen) Relating to the installation of conduit by the Texas Department of Transportation in the state highway system
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><u>Alternative Fuel</u> HB 205 (Cortez) Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities</p> <p><u>Electric Vehicles</u> HB 1846 (Walle) Relating to the establishment of the Electric Truck Advisory Council SB 1495 (Schwertner) Relating to the establishment of an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Advisory Board.</p> <p><u>Tire Disposal</u> HB 464 (Gonzales)/SB 910 (Blanco) Relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires HB 1463 (Jones) Relating to the manufacture, transportation, storage, and disposal of new and scrap tires</p> <p><u>Cement Batch Plants</u></p>

HB 873 (Wilson)

Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants

HB 1498 (Walle)

Relating to the monitoring of emissions from certain concrete plants

HB 1513 (Walle)

Relating to the location and operation of certain concrete batch plants

SB 373 (Miles) / HB 844 (Thompson)

Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to request a hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant

SB 492 (Miles)

Relating to the establishment of the Task Force on Concrete Plants

HB 1726 (Collier)

Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant

HB 1768 (Walle)

Relating to the construction, expansion, or modification of certain concrete plants under a standard permit

SB 763 (Alvarado)

Relating to the renewal and review of standard permits for certain concrete plants

SB 796 (Alvarado)

Relating to the construction of certain concrete batch plants

SB 817 (Miles)

Relating to air quality permits for certain concrete plants and crushing facilities

HB 2231 (Jones)

Relating to the consideration for approval by the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of an application for an authorization to use a certain standard permit for a concrete batch plant

HB 2642 (Dutton)

Relating to the persons entitled to request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Emissions and Other Air Quality

HB 853 (Reynolds) / SB 429 (Miles)

Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for certain facilities located in a nonattainment area

	<p>HB 1412 (Allen) Relating to the location of certain public meetings for certain permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</p> <p>HB 1438 (Zwiener) Relating to climate change planning and reporting</p> <p>SB 212 (West) Relating to certain public meetings and public hearings concerning permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</p> <p>SB 273 (Miles) Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process</p> <p>SB 727 (Johnson) Relating to the creation of a small non-road engine purchase incentive program under the Texas emissions reduction plan</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>	