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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING LEGISLATION FINAL REPORT *for 2021*



MAJOR VICTORIES AND NEXT STEPS

HJR 99 -Terry Canales (HD-40) This legislation, also known as the County TRZbill, passed both chambers. It proposes an amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county; authorizing bonds and notes.



NEXT STEPS

This constitutional amendment now requires statewide approval and will be on the November 2, 2021 ballot. Stay tuned for how you can get involved in this critical campaign to provide Texas counties the authority to bond Transportation Revenue Zones.

HB 2219 -Terry Canales (HD-40) Also known as the Texas Mobility Fund (TMF) bill, this legislation passed both chambers with bipartisan support and would re-open the TMF to new highway and transit projects with a potential funding leverage of \$3 billion.



NEXT STEPS

Signed by Governor Abbott and effective immediately as of June 18, 2021

HJR 2222 -Terry Canales (HD-40) This legislation, also known as the TxDOT study bill, authorizes TxDOT and the Texas A&M Transportation institute to assess funding needs, costs, and benefits through 2045.



NEXT STEPS

This bill passed the House but did not make it through the Senate. We will prioritize this for the 2023 session.

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SB 1728 - Charles Schwerter (SD-5) This legislation, known as the Electric Vehicle fee bill, specifically addresses the equalization for road use consumption for alternatively fueled vehicles imposed at the time of registration or renewal and authorizes a fee.



NEXT STEPS

This legislation had support in both the House and the Senate, however there is still a lot of work to be done to finalize critical elements for full agreement in both chambers. We will prioritize this for the 2023 session.

HB 3282 - Terry Canales (HD-40) This legislation, also known as the highway work zone bill, passed both chambers. It seeks to ensure the safety of highway maintenance workers, contractors, and the traveling public by authorizing a district engineer of the TxDOT to temporarily lower a prima facie speed limit under certain circumstances.



NEXT STEPS

Signed by Governor Abbott and effective immediately as of June 15, 2021.

HB 2223 - Terry Canales (HD-40) This legislation, also known as the equity in road consumption bill, passed both chambers. It requires a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the impact of certain classifications of motor vehicles on roads and bridges across the state.



NEXT STEPS

Signed by Governor Abbott and effective immediately as of June 4, 2021.