

TAOT 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

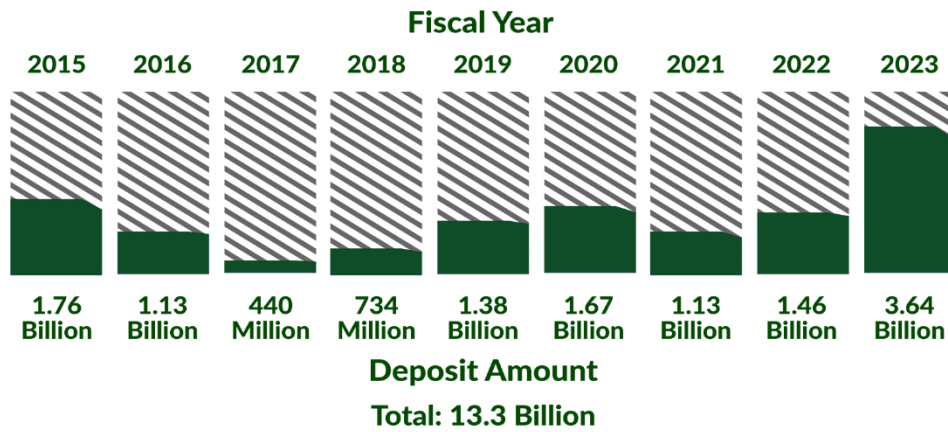


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1. Support legislative efforts to extend or eliminate the sunset date for Proposition 1.

On Nov. 4, 2014, 80% of Texas voters approved Proposition 1, authorizing a constitutional amendment for transportation funding. Under Prop 1, a portion of existing oil and natural gas production taxes, or severance taxes, would be divided evenly between the Economic Stabilization Fund and the State Highway Fund. Pursuant to Section 49-g(c), Article III, Texas Constitution, the funds may only be used for constructing, maintaining, and acquiring rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads.

Since its approval, Prop 1 has generated \$13.3 in new funding for transportation projects.



Proposition 1 is currently set to expire on December 31, 2034.

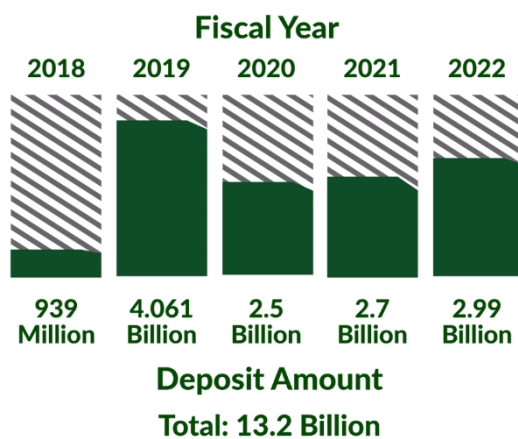
2. Support legislative efforts to extend or eliminate the sunset date for Proposition 7.

On Nov. 3, 2015, 83% of Texas voters approved the ballot measure known as Proposition 7, authorizing a constitutional amendment for transportation funding.

Prop 7 requires the Comptroller to deposit into the State Highway Fund (SHF) in each state fiscal year (FY) \$2.5 billion of the net revenue from the state sales and use tax that exceeds the first \$28 billion of that revenue coming into the state treasury in that fiscal year. This provision is set to expire Aug. 31, 2032 unless the legislature votes to extend it.

Additionally, beginning in September 2019 (FY 2020), if state motor vehicle sales and rental tax revenue exceeds \$5 billion in a fiscal year, 35% of the amount above \$5 billion will be directed to the SHF. This provision is set to expire Aug. 31, 2029, unless the legislature votes to extend it.

Since approved by voters, Prop 7 has generated \$13.2 in funding for transportation projects.



Note: Proposition 1 and Proposition 7 funding are projected to provide about 40% of the total project funding in the TxDOT's 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP).

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3. Support legislative efforts to create a road user fee for alternative fueled vehicles (AFVs) and hybrid vehicles.

According to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles there were 458,064 AFVs registered in Texas in 2022. While representing only 1.8% Texas's total vehicles registered, their numbers have grown by 115.6% since FY 2016 and 78.2% in the last five years, outpacing the 6.6% in growth of overall vehicle registrations during the same period.

In FY 2022 there were approximately 106,000 electric vehicles registered in Texas, and 345,000 hybrid vehicles.

With market trends and offerings of electric vehicles increasing, the legislature should consider creating a user fee for AFVs and dedicate the revenue to the state highway fund for construction and maintenance of the state's transportation network.

4. Support legislative efforts to identify additional revenue for all forms of transportation in this state.

According to the US Census Bureau, Texas' population is over 30 million following years of steady growth. Texas' population increased by 470,708 people since July 2021, the largest gain in the nation. This makes Texas the only state, other than California, with a population of more than 30 million.

As our population continues to grow, estimated to double by the year 2050, so does the demand on our transportation network. The legislature should consider creating new revenue streams for roads, aviation, transit, maritime, and other forms of transportation to address the mobility needs of all Texans, businesses, and the demands of a growing economy.

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