

11. DRAFT 2027 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP) UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is a multimodal, comprehensive programming document aligned with federal and State strategic goals and performance measures and targets that guides transportation project development and delivery across Texas. The UTP authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and local partnering agencies to develop projects for construction based on projected cash flow over a continuous 10-year timeframe. The UTP is updated annually and approved in August by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) in accordance with State law.

The UTP authorizes 12 categories of funding for which projected State, federal, and other funding are distributed, and the formula by which those funds are allocated. It also identifies project selection criteria by funding category. In general, Metropolitan Planning Organizations are involved in project selection for Categories 2, 5, 7, 9, and 10, in coordination with TxDOT.

CURRENT SITUATION

Development of the 2027 UTP is underway following a prescribed development process. At the January TTC meeting, TxDOT's Transportation Planning & Programming (TPP) and Finance Divisions presented the draft 2027 UTP 10-year financial forecast, covering fiscal years 2027-2036. After the January TTC meeting, TPP then distributed the draft 2027 UTP planning targets by funding category.

The financial forecast projects a \$7.1 billion reduction in funding from \$101.6 billion in the 2026 UTP to a projected \$94.5 billion in the 2027 UTP. The lower funding is related primarily to adjustments in expected federal and Proposition 1 revenue. This reduction in funds has the potential to impact project development and delivery.

Currently, TxDOT is conducting public meetings to solicit input on 2027 UTP. Public involvement began July 3, 2026, and runs through August 3, 2026. The TTC is expected to approve the 2027 UTP at the August 26, 2026, meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED

Information only.