



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AUSTIN DISTRICT

**FY 2015 – FY 2018 RURAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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Thank you for participating in the public input phase of the Austin District FY 2015-FY 2018 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The following is to provide some general information about the program. If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDOT Area Engineer or call Bonnie Lister at (512) 832-7280.

WHAT IS THE FY 2015-FY 2018 RURAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM?

The FY 2015 - FY 2018 Rural TIP is a schedule that outlines the various federally funded projects in rural areas that the TxDOT Austin District anticipates to advertise for construction bids during the period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2018. The program also contains projects which the Capital Area Rural Transportation Systems (CARTS), a regional rural transit provider, anticipates to submit grant applications for Federal Transit Administration funding during the same four year period.

HOW IS THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED?

Projects contained in the program have been developed in cooperation with local governments and under applicable state and federal laws. Most of the projects contained in the program anticipate using federal funds.

Local governments over the past several years have requested many of the projects. Some projects have been through the preliminary development stage, which include environmental assessments and public hearings. The projects are or will be in the final development stage during the applicable year of the program, thus allowing the project to be advertised for construction bids. In most cases, construction on the project would begin within several months of the bid award.

WHAT ABOUT PROJECTS IN THE AUSTIN METROPOLITAN AREA?

The TxDOT Austin District covers 11 counties (see attached map) in Central Texas and includes the Austin Metropolitan Area. Federally funded projects in the Austin Metropolitan Area are covered in the FY 2015 - FY 2018 Austin-area Transportation Improvement Program coordinated by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), the regional transportation planning organization for the Austin area. The CAMPO area includes all of Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. For additional information contact Art Zamorano, CAMPO Transportation Planner, at (512) 974-2275.

HOW DO I MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECTS LISTED IN THE PROGRAM?

HOW DO I REQUEST THE ADDITION OF A PROJECT THAT IS NOT LISTED IN THE PROGRAM?

There are two ways to make comments. One is to attend one of the two public meetings shown below:

First meeting:

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

TxDOT Llano County Maintenance Office

2504 SH 16, Llano (approx. 0.4 miles south of SH 71)

This public meeting will begin with an **open house from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** During this time, maps and a list of proposed improvements will be available for review, and TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions. At 5:30 p.m., a presentation will be given, followed by a public comment period.

Second meeting:

Thursday, May 22, 2014

St. John Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Family Life Center

1012 Private Rd 8012 (off of FM 1624, approx. 0.8 miles west of SH 21)

This public meeting will be an **open house from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, conducted in conjunction with the Lee County Transportation and Economic Development Plan public meeting. During this time, maps and a list of proposed improvements will be available for review. TxDOT staff will be available during this time to answer questions and accept public comments.

These public meetings provide an opportunity for the public to make verbal and written comments concerning the program, including the addition of new projects that are not listed in the proposed program.

The second way to provide input is to send written comments on the FY 2015 - FY 2018 Rural Transportation Improvement Program to:

Texas Department of Transportation
Attention: Bonnie Lister
P. O. Box 15426
Austin Texas, 78761-5426

or email at: bonnie.lister@txdot.gov

You can comment on the projects listed in the program as well as making suggestions of new projects that are not listed. To be recorded in the program summary documents, written comments must be received at a TxDOT office no later than June 5, 2014.

WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS?

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Bonnie Lister at (512) 832-7280 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Visit www.txdot.gov and enter "**Austin District Rural TIP**" in the search box, or contact:

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