

Texas Rail Plan Questionnaire



The Texas Rail Plan is being developed to identify and prioritize freight and passenger rail improvements in Texas, to comply with state and Federal requirements, and position the state for Federal funding. This questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to provide feedback on the Texas State Rail Plan.

Which City Are You Located Near?

Austin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dallas/Fort Worth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Houston	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tyler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corpus Christi	<input type="checkbox"/>	El Paso	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lubbock	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Antonio	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Feedback on Texas Rail Plan Initiatives

What is your opinion about the relative importance of the various initiatives included in the Texas Rail Plan? We want to know which ones of these initiatives you consider to deserve the highest priority, which initiatives are important to you, and which initiatives are not important in your view. Please check only one box for each initiative.

	Critical – Highest Priority	Very Important	Neutral	Not Important
Upgrading Passenger Rail				
Increasing speed of current Amtrak service on existing routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving frequency, reliability of current Amtrak service on existing routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expanding Amtrak service to new cities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinating rail passenger service with existing transit service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementing high-speed rail service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upgrading Freight Rail System				
Double tracking existing freight routes to increase capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Focus on relieving bottlenecks and congestion points on the freight network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adding capacity to transfer intermodal containers from rail to highway in other urban areas in Texas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adding capacity to mode shift from highway to rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving capacity and functionality of rail crossings on Texas-Mexico border	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rail Safety and Security				
Reducing the number of highway-rail grade crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Installing or improving warning signs at highway-rail grade crossings on private roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing grade separations in high rail traffic corridors to reduce blocked crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constructing new freight-rail lines around major cities to move hazardous material rail traffic out of urban areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Project Prioritization

How would you allocate focus, attention, or priority between freight rail or passenger rail improvements in Texas? Assign a percentage to each, with both numbers adding up to 100.

Freight Rail		%	
Passenger Rail	+	%	
		100%	

Information on Travel Patterns

How frequently did you travel to the following cities over the past year?

	Never	Rarely (1-2 trips per year)	Infrequently (3-11 trips per year)	Monthly	Weekly or More Often		Never	Rarely (1-2 trips per year)	Infrequently (3-11 trips per year)	Monthly	Weekly or More Often
Austin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corpus Christi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Antonio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dallas/Fort Worth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tyler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
El Paso	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Houston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lubbock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Please Provide Any Comments You Have on the Texas State Rail Plan

General Information

How did you hear about this Public Outreach meeting? (please check all that apply)

Newspaper article	<input type="checkbox"/>	Web announcement from TxDOT or others	<input type="checkbox"/>
TV discussion/presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heard about it from a friend or colleague	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for participating in our questionnaire. Please provide us with contact information so that we can keep you informed about the Texas Rail Plan:

What is your home zip code _____

Name _____

E-mail address _____