

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ALL Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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ALL Districts

Transportation Code, §222.053(a), defines an “economically disadvantaged county” as a county that has, in comparison to other counties in the state: (1) below average per capita taxable property value; (2) below average per capita income; and (3) above average unemployment.

Transportation Code, §222.053(c), directs the Texas Transportation Commission (commission), when evaluating a proposal for a highway project in a political subdivision that consists of all or a portion of an economically disadvantaged county, to adjust the minimum local matching funds requirement after evaluating the political subdivision's effort and ability to meet the requirement.

Transportation Code, §222.053(f), requires the commission to certify a county as economically disadvantaged on an annual basis as soon as possible after the Comptroller of Public Accounts (comptroller) provides reports on the economic indicators listed above.

Title 43 TAC §15.55(b)(2) provides that, in determining the adjustment to the local matching funds requirement, and the local government’s efforts and ability to meet the requirement, the commission will consider a local government’s: (A) population level; (B) bonded indebtedness; (C) tax base; (D) tax rate; (E) extent of in-kind resources available; and (F) economic development sales tax.

The comptroller has provided the data needed to determine the counties eligible for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program for 2015. The counties’ efforts and ability to provide a local match have been considered using the criteria set forth in 43 TAC §15.55. Exhibit A lists the eligible counties and the respective recommended local match adjustments. Exhibit B establishes additional local match adjustments for cities within these counties participating in the program.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the list of counties eligible for the 2015 Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program is certified and the local match adjustment for each county is established, as shown in Exhibit A, as well as additional adjustments for cities participating in the program, as shown in Exhibit B.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A

Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2015

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Anderson County	69
Angelina County	57
Atascosa County	60
Bailey County	78
Bastrop County	74
Bee County	73
Bexar County	43
Bosque County	45
Bowie County	45
Brooks County	77
Caldwell County	82
Calhoun County	32
Cameron County	78
Camp County	46
Cass County	59
Cherokee County	68
Concho County	82
Coryell County	52
Dawson County	50
Delta County	74
Dickens County	44
Duval County	76
Edwards County	36
El Paso County	62
Ellis County	48
Falls County	88
Fannin County	68
Floyd County	54
Franklin County	41
Grayson County	57
Grimes County	49
Hale County	62
Hall County	75
Henderson County	52
Hidalgo County	93
Hill County	58
Houston County	58
Hunt County	59
Jasper County	65

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Jefferson County	35
Johnson County	46
Jones County	75
Kaufman County	59
Kinney County	69
Lamar County	51
Lamb County	71
Leon County	34
Liberty County	59
Llano County	15
Lynn County	68
Madison County	63
Marion County	53
Matagorda County	30
Maverick County	85
McLennan County	54
Medina County	52
Milam County	57
Mitchell County	42
Morris County	32
Nacogdoches County	66
Navarro County	33
Newton County	61
Orange County	44
Polk County	55
Presidio County	76
Rains County	61
Real County	51
Red River County	74
Reeves County	48
Sabine County	49
San Augustine County	46
San Jacinto County	66
San Patricio County	50
San Saba County	75
Shelby County	58
Starr County	95
Terry County	40
Titus County	61

Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2015 cont.

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Trinity County	72
Tyler County	66
Uvalde County	66
Val Verde County	64
Van Zandt County	57
Walker County	79
Waller County	68

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Webb County	68
Wharton County	45
Wichita County	47
Willacy County	82
Wood County	52
Zapata County	76
Zavala County	94

EXHIBIT B

Additional Adjustments for Cities Within an Economically Disadvantaged County FY 2015

Every eligible county receives an adjustment to its local match requirement ranging from 15 (minimum) to 95 (maximum) percent. A city within an economically disadvantaged county receives an adjustment equal to the adjustment for the county in which it is located, with the possibility of up to 10 additional percentage points based on its population and the existence of an economic development sales tax.

The two following tables depict the additional percentage points that cities may be granted.

Economic Development Sales Tax:

ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE

YES	5%
NO	0%

Population:

ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE

x < 1,000	5%
1,000 < x < 2,000	4%
2,000 < x < 3,000	3%
3,000 < x < 4,000	2%
4,000 < x < 5,000	1%
x > 5,000	0%