

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.

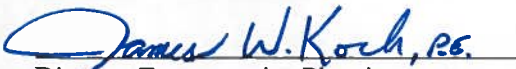
Transportation Code, §222.053(f), requires the commission to certify a county as economically disadvantaged on an annual basis as soon as possible after the Comptroller of Public Accounts (comptroller) provides reports on the economic indicators listed above.

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 2016. 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.

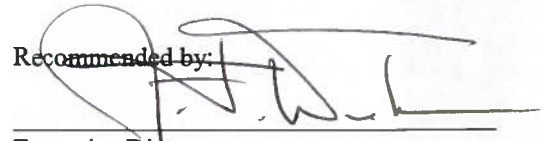
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the list of counties eligible for the 2016 Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program is certified and the local match adjustment for each county is established, as shown in Exhibit A, as well as additional adjustments for cities participating in the program, as shown in Exhibit B.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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Date Passed

EXHIBIT A

Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2016

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Angelina County	63
Atascosa County	55
Bailey County	84
Bee County	72
Bell County	62
Bosque County	44
Bowie County	61
Brooks County	82
Brown County	70
Burleson County	46
Caldwell County	87
Calhoun County	48
Cameron County	86
Camp County	60
Cass County	64
Cherokee County	74
Coleman County	64
Coryell County	61
Dawson County	57
Delta County	84
Duval County	72
Ellis County	58
El Paso County	73
Falls County	91
Fannin County	72
Floyd County	50
Franklin County	49
Freestone County	30
Grayson County	64
Hale County	72
Hall County	55
Hardin County	58
Henderson County	59
Hidalgo County	95
Hill County	66
Houston County	62
Hudspeth County	65
Hunt County	69
Hutchinson County	37

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Jasper County	72
Jefferson County	44
Jim Hogg County	84
Jones County	83
Kaufman County	67
Kleberg County	77
Lamar County	75
Lamb County	73
Leon County	35
Liberty County	69
Limestone County	59
Llano County	17
McLennan County	65
Madison County	62
Marion County	50
Matagorda County	53
Maverick County	90
Milam County	62
Morris County	48
Nacogdoches County	71
Navarro County	66
Newton County	64
Orange County	56
Palo Pinto County	39
Polk County	61
Presidio County	77
Red River County	72
Rusk County	62
Sabine County	57
San Augustine County	61
San Jacinto County	64
San Patricio County	55
Shelby County	65
Smith County	46
Starr County	95
Swisher County	74
Titus County	69
Trinity County	76
Tyler County	78

Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2015 cont.

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Upshur County	57
Uvalde County	69
Val Verde County	72
Van Zandt County	63
Walker County	91

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Waller County	72
Willacy County	80
Wood County	61
Zapata County	75
Zavala County	90

EXHIBIT B

Additional Adjustments for Cities Within an Economically Disadvantaged County FY 2016

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%