





Welcome to the TxDOT Beaumont District Rural Transportation Improvement Program (the Rural TIP), Virtual Public Meeting. This pre-recorded video presentation covers the 2025-2028 Rural TIP. My name is **Matthew Manelli, and** I would like to welcome and also thank you for watching this virtual public meeting that was shared with the public starting on May 1, 2024. I am a public involvement consultant serving as your presenter on behalf of the Beaumont District.

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This video presentation will go over the basics of a Rural TIP along with projects to be included in the upcoming 2025-2028 Rural TIP for TxDOT's Beaumont District. We will explain how the projects in the program are selected and classified in order to make the most of the program. Once we've shared this information with you, you'll have the opportunity to review the Beaumont District projects that are included in the 2025-2028 program - both large and small. We will also review funding, answer your potential questions on where the money to pay for these projects comes from, and how it gets distributed. Lastly, we will outline the options you have to comment on these projects and their priority.



#EndTheStreakTX

End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

Texas has lost at least one person every day on Texas roads since 2007. We need to end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roads!

This goal is big, but it's possible. But it's going to take every single driver to do their part behind the wheel.

Most crashes and fatalities are preventable and caused by things such as speeding, drunk driving and distracted driving.

Please do your part to keep our roads and fellow drivers safe.

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District Boundaries

Beaumont District

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Let’s talk about the areas that are included as part of the Rural TIP process. TxDOT’s Beaumont District includes the eight counties shown in the map. Projects included in the 2025-2028 Rural TIP are located in Tyler and Newton Counties.

Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 

THE RURAL TIP

is list of local projects to be funded within a TxDOT District during the next four years, including those eligible for federal funding.

It can include projects for :



A Rural TIP project is anticipated to be funded within the next four years.

It shows regional agreement (community-region-state) on the need of a project.


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The Rural Transportation Improvement Program is a list of local projects funded in a TxDOT District over the next four years. This means that all projects included in the list are expected to be underway within four years following its approval. These are the changes you can expect to go to contract in the near future.

It is multimodal; which means that it can include projects relating to highways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit services, and freight projects as well as the preliminary studies used to define those projects.

The Rural TIP is meant to show regional agreement on the need and priority of a transportation project, so all parties involved can be sure they are making the best investment for the community. A TIP is also expected to be consistent with the projects and objectives included in the regional Long Range Transportation Plans, to ensure that all agencies are working toward the same goal.

The Rural TIP is also part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Because the program rules are established by Federal law, no project can receive federal funding unless it is included in the STIP.

How the Rural TIP Impacts You 

The Rural TIP process includes opportunities to provide input on the priority of major projects that are listed on it.


Local and small projects around your community dealing with safety and access also get funding through the Rural TIP, for example:

- Road expansions*
- Sidewalks*
- Bike lanes*
- Pavement repair or maintenance*
- New or improved signals*
- Turning lanes*

You know your community best!

Tell us what project should come first and why

By participating today, you have the opportunity to provide input on projects in Tyler and Newton Counties!

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It's important for you to participate in this process because funding secured by this process is intended to address your communities' most immediate needs. By providing comments on the projects included, you are helping us identify regional priorities. By reviewing the entire program in a single meeting you are: 1) providing input on projects that impact the region, 2) helping us be more effective with your money, and 3) ensuring that we are investing where we should.

How Projects are Selected for the Rural TIP



Projects are identified and selected by evaluating existing and future needs based on:

- current conditions and projections,
- statewide and regional plans
- public input regarding transportation priorities

^ This would be you, right now!



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Rural Transportation Organizations, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and local governments are responsible for selecting projects within their boundaries. TxDOT, through the Beaumont District office, is responsible for selecting all projects relating to the State Transportation System and National highways. This includes Interstates and State and US Highways; but most importantly, this can also include the Farm-to-Market roads you use every day. The projects you will review today should respond to local needs! It is our responsibility to give you with the opportunity to provide input on projects included in the Rural TIP.



Selected projects are separated into
2
main categories

1. Regionally Significant Projects


Those with the appropriate scale or reach to be considered as stand-alone projects in a given program year have their own category.

2. Grouped Projects

Those without the scale to stand on their own are grouped into one of 12 sub categories and considered as a single line item in the list.

Once projects have been defined they are evaluated according to their scale and classified according to the funding they require as well as their potential impact.

Large projects are categorized as Regionally Significant Projects and are included as stand-alone items; for example, a new bridge over a river. To simplify this budgeting and planning process, smaller projects are lumped together into 12 separate sub categories, referred to as Grouped Projects. Grouped projects include things like landscaping, safety lights, or new bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This grouping practice facilitates the federal funding of smaller projects; for example, the pavement repair of an FM road.

Rural TIP Tyler County Regionally Significant Project 

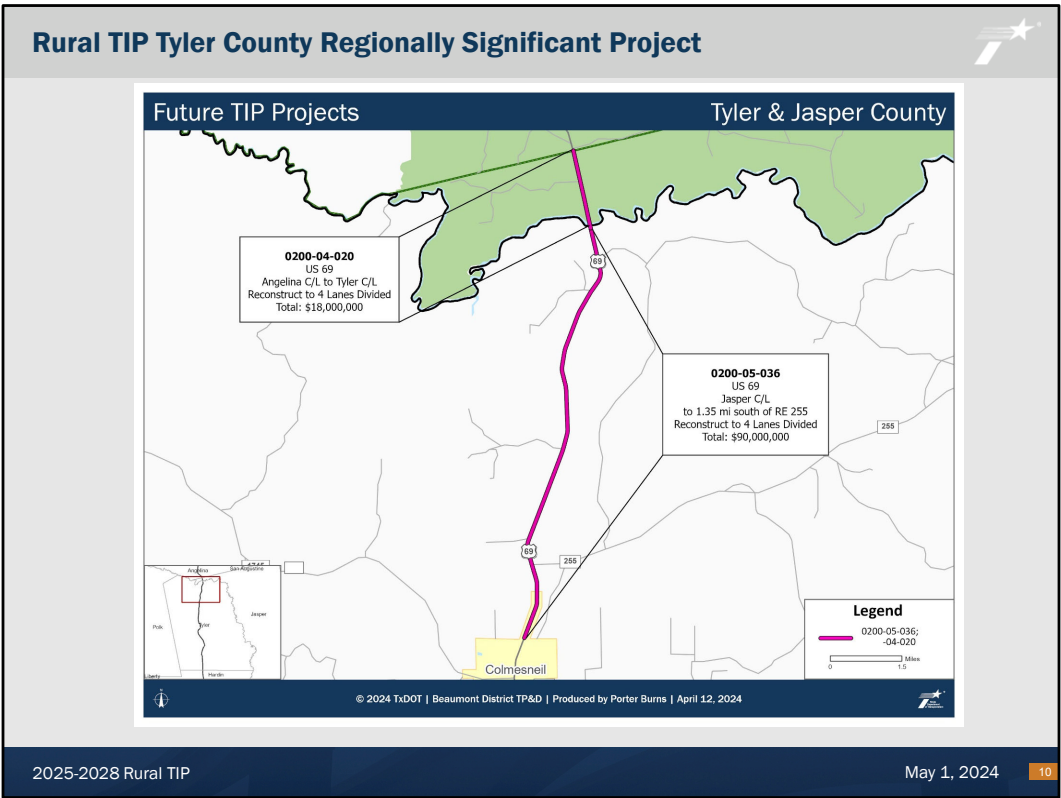
Proposed TIP Listing

- **Beaumont District**
 - Tyler County
 - Right-of-way Purchase: \$300,000.00
 - Construction Cost: \$100,800,001.00
 - Total Cost: \$101,100,001.00

Project	Angelina CL	1.35 Mi S of RE 255		Cost
US 69	CSJ: 0200-05-036	Jasper CL to 1.35 Mi S of RE 255	US 69	\$90,000,000
	; 04-020 Jasper CTY	Angelina CL to Tyler CL	US 69	\$18,000,000

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This slide shows the proposed TIP listing, showing the details of the only Regionally Significant project included in the 2025-2028 Rural TIP for Tyler County. This listing includes details such as a project description, which in this case is the proposed project that would widen US 69 from two to four lanes from Angelina County line to 1.35 Miles S of RE 255 in Tyler County. You'll also see the project cost information, such as right-of-way purchase, construction cost and then the total project cost. The total estimated construction cost for this project is \$108,000,000.00 and its current let date (bidding) is Winter 2024.

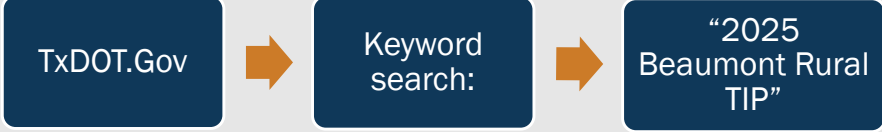


This map shows the general location of the Tyler County US 69 project.

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Beaumont District Grouped Projects

List of Grouped Projects in the Beaumont District's Rural TIP can be found at:



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The remainder of the projects in Tyler and Newton Counties have been placed into the various sub-categories referred to as Grouped Projects. A list of these projects can be found on the webpage for this meeting.

Funding

The Rural TIP is a fiscally constrained list of projects that functions as a budgeting tool for our District.

Funds Can Come From

Federal Government
Through the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations

TxDOT
Through its Unified Transportation Program funding categories

Local governments
Who may be required to provide matching funds for federal monies

“Fiscally constrained TIP” means:
It is realistic in terms of the amount of funding available.

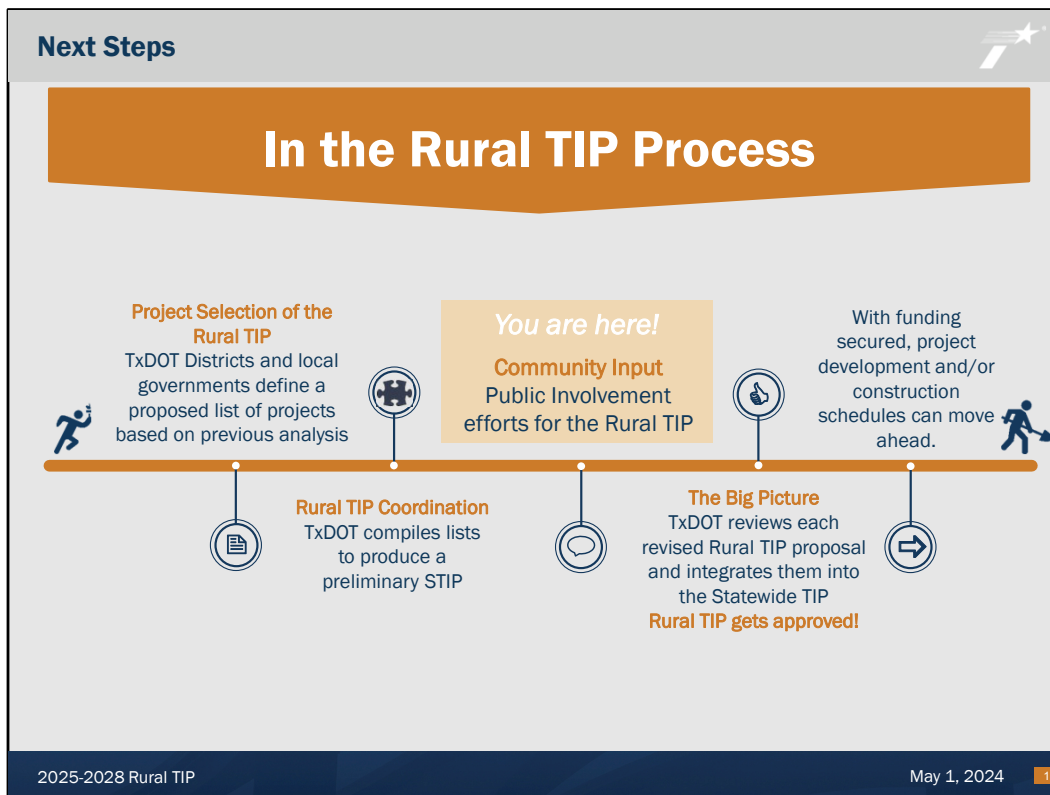
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The Rural TIP functions as a budget list for the District. As such, it is fiscally constrained. Like the budget of a household, the Rural TIP has to be realistic about the amount of money available to cover all the needs. Frequently, we identify more improvements than we have money to implement. This means prioritizing according to those items that are most necessary.

We’ve discussed the list, but where is the money coming from? Funds can come from three main sources:

- 1) The Federal Government, through the establishment of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or Fast Act. The federal government allocates these funds through the processes established by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations.
- 2) TxDOT, like the Federal Government, also allocates a section of our budget for these projects through the Unified Transportation Program’s 12 funding categories.

And 3) the local governments. Once the need has been identified and the amount of federal monies has been defined, the Rural TIP helps local governments assess the funding requirements to match those of the federal and state government and their capacity to meet them.



This slide shows the general progression of the Rural TIP process and where we are right now. Once your comments have been collected and reviewed, any necessary revisions will be made to the Rural TIP before it is submitted for approval and integration into the Statewide document.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is built from the Rural TIPs of all of the 25 Districts in the State as well as the Transportation Improvement Programs from all the MPOs. Once the STIP is approved by the Federal government, the included projects become one step closer to getting on the ground.



How to provide comments:

1. Mail a comment to:

Texas Department of Transportation
Beaumont District, Attn: Rural TIP
8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77708

2. Email a comment to:

Nancy.Peron@txdot.gov, Attention: Rural TIP

Remember to submit your comments by **Monday, May 13, 2024**
to be included in the official summary of this meeting

Now that you are familiar with the Program, we welcome your input. Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by Monday, May 13, 2024. Please make sure to send your comments before that date. There are three ways to provide your comments.

The first way is to mail any comments to: Texas Department of Transportation, Beaumont District, Attn: Rural TIP; 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77708

The second way you can provide your comments is to email your comments to Nancy.Peron@txdot.gov.



How to provide comments:

3. Or submit your comments online:

www.txdot.gov and Search: 2025 Beaumont Rural TIP

2025 – 2028 Rural Transportation Improvement Program Beaumont District

Virtual public meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. until Monday, May 13, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

Public comment deadline Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by **Monday, May 13, 2024.**

Virtual details	The virtual public meeting presentation and materials will be posted on this webpage by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Please note, this is not a live event. The materials can be viewed at your convenience.	Contact us Email:TXDOT_Beaumont@txdot.gov 409-896-5145 2025 District Program Beaumont, TX 77708
	The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive comments on which transportation projects may be coming to your area.	
Description	<p>The Beaumont district includes Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, and Tarrant Counties. Of these, only Newton and Tarrant Counties are within the boundaries of the Rural TIP.</p> <p>The Rural TIP includes all added capacity and regionally significant projects to be funded within a RUSTIP District during the next four years, including those eligible for federal funding. As such, this meeting offers the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed priorities. The Rural TIP is the first step on the road to protecting a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).</p> <p>The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translation because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or</p>	

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The third way you can provide your comments is by submitting them online. Visit www.txdot.gov and Search: 2025 Beaumont Rural TIP. Again as a reminder - comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by Monday, May 13, 2024. Please make sure to send your comments before that date.


Quick Contacts – Engage TxDOT Online

- Contact the TxDOT Beaumont District office with any questions about projects Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 pm. at:

(409) 898-5732

Or

Email us at: bmtprojects@txdot.gov
- Follow TXDOT-Beaumont on Social Media:
 - X (Twitter):**
<https://twitter.com/TxDOTBeaumont>
 - Facebook:**
<https://www.facebook.com/TxDOTBeaumontTX/>
 - Instagram:**
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Please also don't hesitate to contact the Beaumont District office with any questions about the Rural TIP.

You can call (409) 898-5732 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or, email bmtprojects@txdot.gov with any questions or comments at any time about any Beaumont District projects. And don't forget to click on these links and follow us on Twitter for ongoing road closures and construction updates on the Beaumont District X (Twitter) page. You can also keep up with TxDOT news on our Facebook page.

Thank you!



Thank you for watching!

***Please don't forget to submit your comments by
Monday, May 13, 2024***

This concludes the presentation for the Beaumont District's FY 2025-2028 Rural TIP. Thank you for your interest and participation in the transportation planning process.