



FACT SHEET:

THE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP)?

The UTP is the Texas Department of Transportation’s (TxDOT’s) 10-year plan that guides transportation project development across the state. Organized into 12 funding categories, with each one addressing a specific type of work, the UTP authorizes the distribution of construction dollars expected to be available over the next 10 years. Within the UTP framework, TxDOT works with elected officials, local planning organizations, and the public to select and fund the state’s highest priority transportation projects. In addition to highway projects, the UTP addresses public transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, and freight and international trade. The Texas Transportation Commission approves the UTP annually (prior to August 31st) in accordance with Texas Administrative Code (TAC §16.105), and TxDOT publishes the approved UTP each year.

WHY TxDOT PLANS

Planning and preparing for the future makes good business sense. A project can take many years to plan, design, and construct before Texans experience the benefits. How TxDOT invests its resources today will impact the transportation system of tomorrow, so the department must anticipate the future needs of the system and focus today’s resources wisely. Through its planning activities, TxDOT engages the public and its partners to deliver a system that serves all of Texas.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE UTP



10-YEAR OUTLOOK



GOVERNED BY TEXAS STATUTE AND STATE AGENCY RULES



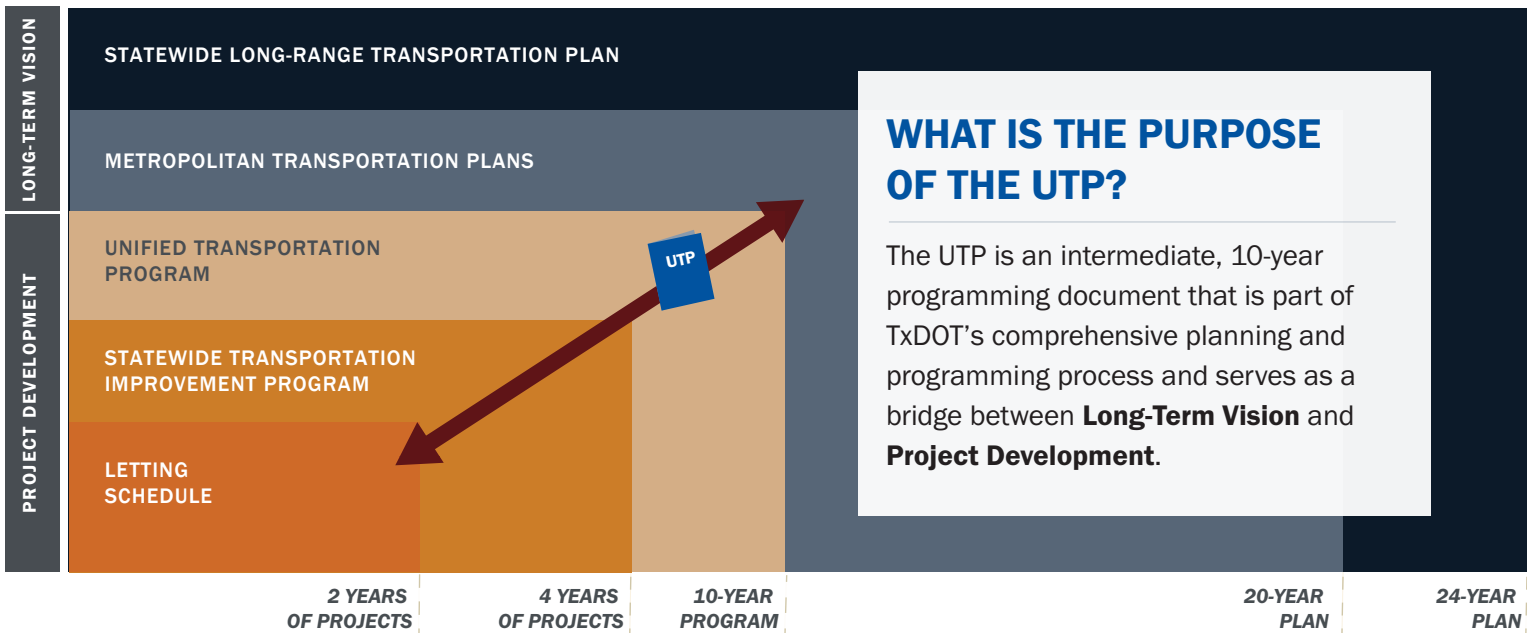
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DETERMINES TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUNDING DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY



AUTHORIZES TxDOT AND PARTNERS TO PREPARE PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE UTP?

The UTP is an intermediate, 10-year programming document that is part of TxDOT's comprehensive planning and programming process and serves as a bridge between **Long-Term Vision** and **Project Development**.



The UTP is important in guiding TxDOT's transportation project development within the long-term planning context, but is not a budget or a guarantee that projects will or can be built. The UTP also serves as a communication tool for stakeholders and the public in understanding the project development commitments TxDOT is making.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT



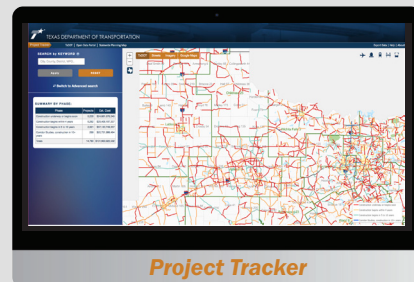
Public involvement and public input are essential to delivering TxDOT's mission and are key components of the development of all TxDOT plans, programs, and projects.

The UTP represents the culmination of multiple public involvement processes, including the development of plans and individual transportation projects around the state, as well as the formal public involvement efforts before the adoption of the UTP itself.

Visit www.txdot.gov and keyword search "UTP" for more information on the UTP decision-making process and to provide public comments on the 2021 UTP.

www.txdot.gov

PUBLIC INFORMATION RESOURCES



Project Tracker

ALL PUBLIC INFORMATION RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.TXDOT.GOV

UTP Documents: UTP-related information and materials

www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/transportation-planning/utp.html

Project Tracker: publicly accessible project-related information

www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/project-tracker.html

Drive Texas: readily accessible information about road conditions, including accidents, closures, and construction

<https://drivetexas.org>

OneDot Data Shop: a library of TxDOT's regular reports

www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/planning/one-data.html

TxDOT will be collecting comments on the 2021 UTP from July 10, 2020 to August 10, 2020 at 4 p.m.