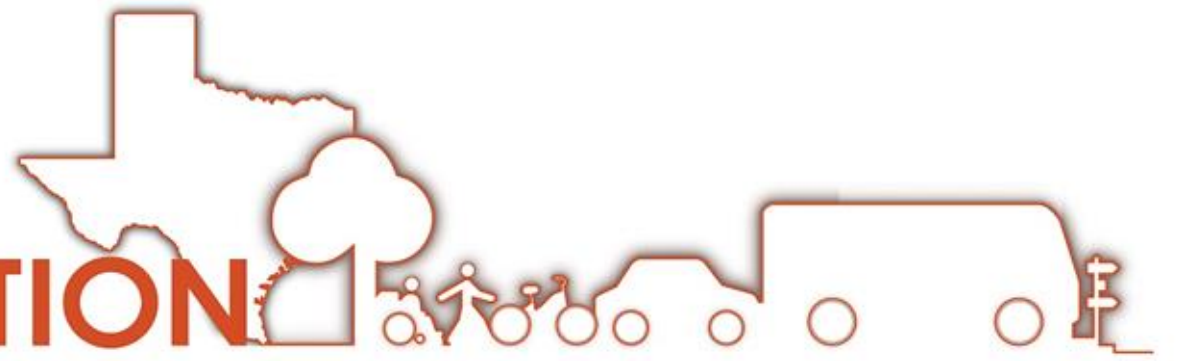


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# Our Texas transportation system today

- Almost 89% of TxDOT's [\\$110B, 10-year budget](#) is constitutionally dedicated to roads through the State Highway Fund.
- [Sixty years of research demonstrates widening roads never reduces congestion. Rush hour congestion rises to the maximum freeway capacity.](#)
- [TxDOT's use of eminent domain to displace residents for highway projects continues to grow under NEPA Assignment](#) and is astronomical compared to the national average.
- [TxDOT issued "Findings Of No Significant Impact" \(FONSIs\) for 95% of their Environmental Assessments \(EAs\) conducted between January 2015 and June 2022, a total of 130 projects, while just six projects received a full Environmental Impact Statement \(EIS\).](#)

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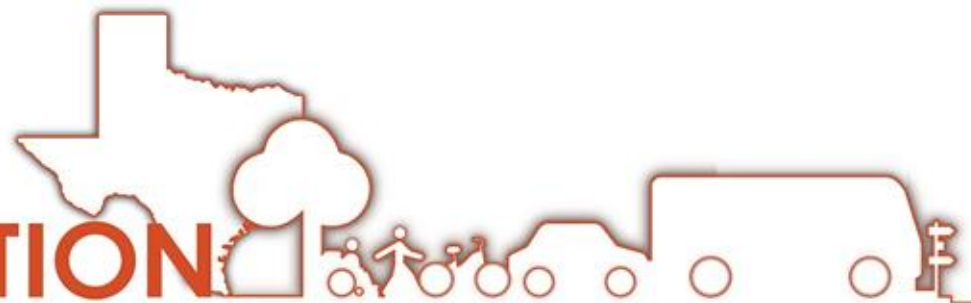
- In 2024 the State sought to block the enforcement of two federal rules: to [monitor and track greenhouse gas emissions](#) and the [Biden's Phase II changes](#) to return NEPA to a science-based planning tool.
- [Between 2012 and 2024, the number of counties in non attainment for individual NAAQS rose from 20 incidences across all counties, to 44 violations.](#)
- [TxDOT found that vehicle emissions in Texas accounted for 0.48 percent of total worldwide carbon dioxide emissions, though we represent 0.38 percent of the world population.](#)





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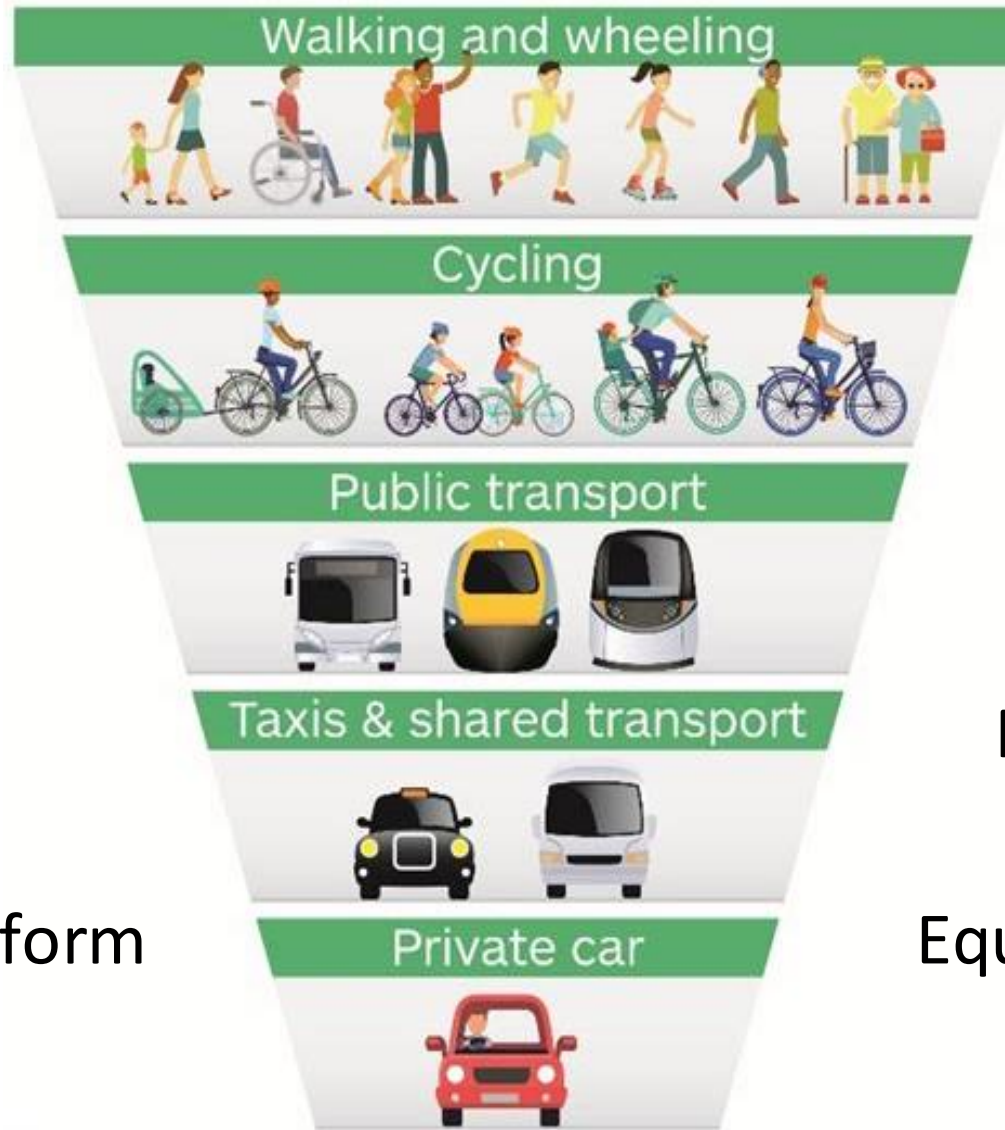
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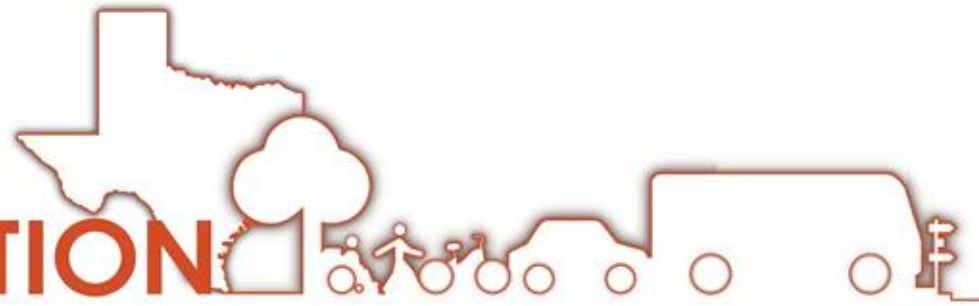
Air quality

Public health

Equitable communities

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## **Research and Advocacy**

Texas Legislature (2023- 2026)

TxDOT's NEPA Assignment (2024/2025)

Roads, Air Quality, and Climate (2023)

## **Local Advocacy Support**

Statewide Advocates meetings (2022- 2026)

How TxDOT Works: Building Highways (2025)

# Texas Legislature, 89th Session

**YAY!**

SB 1555 allocated \$160.4M for at-grade crossings to improve safety in communities.

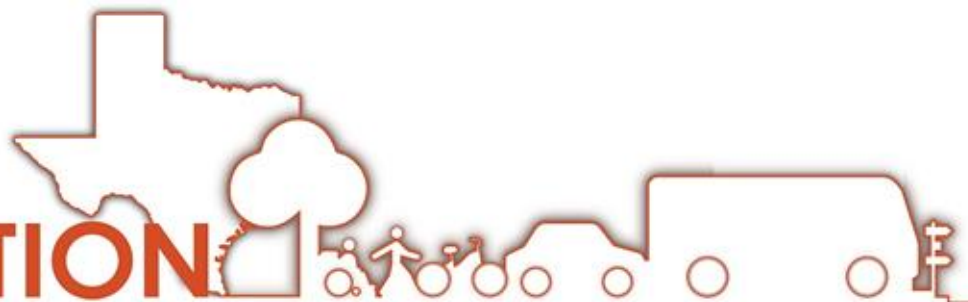
**BOO!**

The Texas Legislature denied continued Heartland Flyer funding. Despite \$5.3M in direct benefits, plus \$23.7M in economic activity.

# Texas Legislature, 89th Session

1. SB 2722 — took money from Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) and prohibited their own investment in parks and trails.
1. SB 2519 — stopped Austin's voter-approved light rail, Project Connect, and prevented other municipalities from using a similar funding strategy.
1. SB 1557 — reallocated Dallas Area Rapid Transit budget to the suburbs, reducing the frequency and reliability of city transit.
1. HB 4348 — prevented cities from allocating lanes to multi-modal transport. Withdrew affordable housing dollars if rules were violated.

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90th Legislative Session

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