

The 12 Funding Categories are defined as follows:

CATEGORY 1

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION

Preventive maintenance and rehabilitation on the existing state highway system, including minor roadway modifications to improve operations and safety; and the installation, rehabilitation, replacement, and maintenance of pavement, bridges, traffic control devices, traffic management systems, and ancillary traffic devices.

CATEGORY 2

METROPOLITAN AND URBAN AREA CORRIDOR PROJECTS

Mobility and added capacity projects along a corridor that improve transportation facilities in order to decrease travel time and the level or duration of traffic congestion, and safety, maintenance, or rehabilitation projects that increase the safe and efficient movement of people and freight in metropolitan and urbanized areas.

CATEGORY 3

NON-TRADITIONALLY FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Transportation-related projects that qualify for funding from sources not traditionally part of the state highway fund including state bond financing under programs such as Proposition 12 (General Obligation Bonds), Texas Mobility Fund, passthrough toll financing, unique federal funding, regional toll revenue, and local participation funding.

CATEGORY 4

STATEWIDE CONNECTIVITY CORRIDOR PROJECTS

Mobility and added capacity projects on major state highway system corridors which provide statewide connectivity between urban areas and corridors, to create a highway connectivity network composed of the Texas Highway Trunk System, National Highway System, and connections from those two systems to major ports of entry on international borders and Texas water ports.

CATEGORY 5

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Congestion mitigation and air quality improvement area projects to address attainment of a national ambient air quality standard in nonattainment areas of the state.

CATEGORY 6

STRUCTURES REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION

Replacement and rehabilitation of deficient existing bridges located on public highways, roads, and streets in the state; construction of grade separations at existing highway and railroad grade crossings; and rehabilitation of deficient railroad underpasses on the state highway system.

CATEGORY 7

METROPOLITAN MOBILITY AND REHABILITATION

Transportation needs within the boundaries of designated metropolitan planning areas of metropolitan planning organizations located in a transportation management area.

CATEGORY 8

SAFETY

Safety-related projects both on and off the state highway system including the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program, Railway-Highway Crossing Program, Safety Bond Program, and High Risk Rural Roads Program.

CATEGORY 9

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Transportation-related activities as described in the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, such as on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and infrastructure projects for improving access to public transportation.

CATEGORY 10

SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Transportation-related projects that do not qualify for funding in other categories, including landscape and aesthetic improvement, erosion control and environmental mitigation, construction and rehabilitation of roadways within or adjacent to state parks, fish hatcheries, and similar facilities, replacement of railroad crossing surfaces, maintenance of railroad signals, construction or replacement of curb ramps for accessibility to pedestrians with disabilities, and miscellaneous federal programs.

CATEGORY 11

DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY

Projects eligible for federal or state funding selected at the district engineer's discretion.

CATEGORY 12

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Projects with specific importance to the state including those that generally promote economic opportunity, increase efficiency on military deployment routes or retain military assets in response to the federal military base realignment and closure reports, and maintain the ability to respond to both manmade and natural emergencies.

Overview of Project Selection by Category

The following table presents how funding is distributed, whether by allocation or project specific, to the responsible parties for project selection for each of the 12 Funding Categories.

Funding Category	Project Selection
1 - Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Projects selected by districts. The Texas Transportation Commission allocates funds through a formula allocation program.
2 - Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT. The Texas Transportation Commission allocates funds through a formula allocation program.
3 - Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Projects	Projects determined by legislation, Texas Transportation Commission approved Minute Order, and local government commitments.
4 - Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects	Corridors are selected by the Commission based on engineering analyses of three corridor types; mobility, connectivity, and strategic. Funds are allocated by Commission to TxDOT districts. Districts select projects along approved corridors in consultation with MPO's, the Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP), and TxDOT Administration using a performance- based evaluation.
5 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement	Projects selected by MPOs in consultation with TxDOT. The Texas Transportation Commission allocates funds distributed by population and weighted by air quality severity to non attainment areas. Non-attainment areas are designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
6 - Structures Replacement and Rehabilitation	Projects selected by the Bridge Division (BRG) based on a listing of eligible bridges prioritized first by deficiency categorization (structurally deficient followed by functionally obsolete) and then by sufficiency ratings. Railroad grade separation projects are selected based on a cost-benefit index rating. Projects in the BMIP are selected statewide based on identified bridge maintenance/improvement needs to aid in ensuring the management and safety of the state's bridge assets. The Texas Transportation Commission allocates funds through the Statewide Allocation Program.
7 - Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation	Projects selected by MPOs operating in transportation management areas, in consultation with TxDOT. The Texas Transportation Commission allocates funds through a federal program, distributed to MPOs with an urbanized area population of 200,000 or greater (transportation management areas [TMAs]).