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House approves transportation overhaul

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A sweeping overhaul of the Texas Department of Transportation has been approved by the House.

The measure, including a new elected commissioner and a phase out of red-light cameras, next goes to the Senate for consideration.

The Texas Department of Transportation overhaul, which also calls for the election of 14 regional commissioners, was approved Monday by a 138-6 vote. The sweeping overhaul vote came in response to a scathing state report that called for more accountability and responsiveness to lawmakers and the public.

The bill by Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, removes some duties from the agency, including driver's license oversight.