

84th Texas Legislature

May 18 Weekly Report

We have eliminated from our report many of the bills we've been tracking, as session deadlines have rendered their passage highly unlikely, although some could survive if amended into other bills that are still on track to possible passage. (Upcoming deadlines outlined below.)

Committee Hearings Week of May 18, 2015

Monday, May 18

Senate Transportation will convene in public hearing at 8:30am in E1.012 to hear 18 bills including:

HB 735 (Israel) that amends the transportation code to direct the DMV to collect information on alternatively fueled vehicles registered in Texas and to submit a report to the legislature annually that contains specified information on alternatively fueled vehicles.

House Transportation will convene in public hearing at 10:00am in E2.014 to hear six bills including:

SB 57 (Nelson) that amends the transportation code (Chapter 366 – NTTA) to protect account information of TollTag and pay-by-mail users from public disclosure but not preclude any law enforcement or judicial requests for information.

SB 321 (Hinojosa) that amends the transportation code regarding the disposition of the \$5.00 of the certificate of title fee that goes to the Texas Mobility Fund; currently the state highway fund contributes a like amount to the TERP; with this bill; only \$5.00 of the amount coming from the nonattainment counties will go to the TERP, reducing that (current annual) amount from \$240 million to \$160 million.

SB 444 (Hall) that amends the transportation code to prohibit private toll road corporations from exercising the power of eminent domain.

SB 1184 (Huffines) that requires the state auditor to audit all (Chapter 370) regional mobility authorities and to report his findings to the Lt. Governor, Speaker, and chairs of the House and the Senate transportation committees by November 1, 2016, including but not limited to the total amount of money each received from the state for each biennium, the amount of money each spent on each transportation project or system of the authority, and bonds issued by each.

House Land & Resource Management will convene in public hearing at 2:00pm or upon adjournment/recess in E2.016 to hear:

SB 474 (Kolkhorst) that amends the property code to require a condemning authority to pay the costs and fees a property owner incurs in connection with contesting eminent domain proceedings when a final award is twenty percent or more than the offer to purchase.

Tuesday, May 19

Senate Finance will convene in public hearing at 9:00am in E1.036 to consider eight bills including:

HB 32 (Dennis Bonnen) that amends the tax code to reduce the rate of the franchise tax by 25 percent, from 0.5 percent to 0.375 percent for taxable entities in the retail or wholesale trade and from 1.0 to 0.75 percent for other taxable entities; expands eligibility

for the EZ computation by doubling the cap to \$20 million in total revenue, and lowers the EZ rate from 0.575% to 0.331%.

Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development will convene in public hearing at 9:00am in E1.012 to consider 13 bills including:

HB 14 (Morrison) that amends the health and safety code to make numerous changes to the TERP including the addition of eligible counties, extending the life of the program by four years and adding numerous program streamlining provisions.

Wednesday, May 20

Senate Transportation will convene in public hearing at 8:00am in E1.016 to hear six bills including:

HB 565 (Burkett) that amends the transportation code to prohibit a private toll road corporation from using eminent domain and to prohibit a private entity from constructing a privately owned turnpike or toll project that connects to a road, bridge or highway in the state highway system.

HB 1394 (Burns) that amends the transportation code (Chapter 366 – NTTA) to add to the authority a county with a board seat when the county has a turnpike whose toll collections equal at least four percent of the authority's revenue and a population of at least four percent of the aggregate population of the authority, and to establish an advisory committee including the county in which the authority contracts to construct a turnpike in the county.

Approaching Legislative Deadlines

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 (128th day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with local house bills

Friday, May 22, 2015 (130th day)

Last day for house to consider *local* house bills on second and third reading

First day senate can consider bills and resolutions the first day they are posted on the Senate Intent Calendar

Saturday, May 23, 2015 (131st day)

Last day for house committees to report senate bills and joint resolutions

Sunday, May 24, 2015 (132nd day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Daily Calendar with senate bills and joint resolutions

Monday, May 25, 2015 (133rd day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with senate bills

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 (134th day)

Last day for house to consider senate bills and joint resolutions, other than local and consent, on second reading on House Daily or Supplemental Calendar

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 (135th day)

Last day for house to consider local and consent senate bills on second and third reading and all senate bills or joint resolutions on third reading on House Supplemental Calendar.

Last day for senate to consider all bills and joint resolutions on second or third reading

Thursday, May 28, 2015 (136th day)

Midnight deadline for house to distribute senate amendments

Friday, May 29, 2015 (137th day)

Last day for house to act on senate amendments.

Midnight deadline for senate to print and distribute senate copies of conference committee reports on tax, general appropriations, and reapportionment bills.

Last day for senate committees to report all bills and joint resolutions

Saturday, May 30, 2015 (138th day)

Midnight deadline for house to distribute house copies of all conference committee reports

Midnight deadline for senate to print and distribute senate copies of all conference committee reports on bills other than those on tax, general appropriations, and reapportionment and all house amendments to senate bills and joint resolutions that did not go to a conference committee

Sunday, May 31, 2015 (139th day)

Last day for house to adopt conference committee reports or discharge house conferees and concur in Senate Amendments

Last day for senate to adopt conference committee reports or concur in house amendments

Monday, June 1, 2015 (140th day)

Last day of 84th Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate
Regular Session Ends

Transportation Funding / Revenue Bills

HJR 13 (Pickett) proposes a constitutional amendment to be voted on November 8, 2016 dedicating until September 1, 2026 a specified amount of state sales tax revenue to the state highway fund to fund maintenance, construction and right-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads and to pay transportation debt service, the specified amount being \$3 billion of the total net revenue in each state fiscal year (beginning September 1, 2017) plus two percent of the net revenue minus \$3 billion (beginning September 1, 2016). Laid on the table April 30 by the author . . . chose to move, CSSJR 5, the identical senate joint resolution. [The House passed CSSJR 5 with three floor amendments April 30.]

HB 122 (Pickett) prohibits new debt issuance from the Texas Mobility Fund and directs that TMF revenues be used to retire debt. Heard March 5 in Transportation, committee substitute adopted and voted out favorably March 19, passed the House April 9 with two amendments, one of which prohibits use of the TMF for toll roads. Heard April 29 in Senate Transportation, reported favorably April 11, placed on May 18 intent calendar.

SB 139 (Perry) [enabling legislation for SJR 12] amends the transportation code to remove the Department of Public Safety as a permitted use of State Highway Fund monies; takes effect September 1, 2017 if the voters approve the related constitutional amendment. Heard April 21 in Finance, reported favorably April 22, passed the Senate April 28. Referred to House Transportation May 4, reported favorably from May 14 formal meeting, committee report sent to Calendars May 15.

SJR 12 (Perry) proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate “policing” of public roadways as a permissible use of revenue derived from the state vehicle registration fee

and the state and federal motor fuels taxes on and after September 1, 2017. Heard April 21 in Finance, reported favorably April 22, passed the Senate April 28. Referred to House Transportation May 4, reported favorably from May 14 formal meeting, committee report sent to Calendars May 15.

SB 321 (Hinojosa) amends the transportation code regarding the disposition of the \$5.00 of the certificate of title fee that goes to the Texas Mobility Fund; currently the state highway fund contributes a like amount to the TERP; with this bill; only \$5.00 of the amount coming from the nonattainment counties will go to the TERP, reducing that (current annual) amount from \$240 million to \$160 million. Heard April 15 in Transportation, committee substitute adopted, voted favorably. Passed the Senate April 22. Referred to House Transportation April 30, set for May 18 hearing.

SB 5 / SJR 5 (Nichols, Nelson) proposes a constitutional amendment for November 3, 2015 that dedicates annual motor vehicle sales tax revenue above \$2.5 billion to the state highway fund beginning September 1, 2017; limits the use of the funds to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads or to repay principal and interest on Prop 12 debt. The February 25 committee substitute allocates the first \$2.5B to GRF001, the second \$2.5B to SHF006 and splits 50-50 all additional VST revenue between GRF001 and SHF006; it changes the constitutional amendment election to November 2016. Passed [28-to-2] the senate with one floor amendment March 4; the amendment sub-allocates the GRF 50%-20% to the ASF. Referred to House Transportation April 15, SJR 5 substitute adopted in April 21 formal meeting and voted favorably (The substitute is identical to CSHJR 13.). CSSJR 5 passed the House April 30. Senate refused to concur May 4. Senate Conferees: Appointed (05/04/2015) Nichols (Chair) | Eltife | Hall | Nelson | Whitmire. House Conferees: Appointed (05/05/2015) Pickett (Chair) | Davis, Yvonne | Harless | Otto | Simmons.

SB 1172 (Nichols) amends the transportation code to prohibit the issuance of Texas Mobility Fund bonds after January 1, 2015. Heard March 25 in Transportation, committee substitute adopted April 1, and reported favorably as substituted April 7.

SB 1220 (Bettencourt) amends the tax code to limit the life of a reinvestment zone to 10 years and to change certain parameters for tax increment financing. Heard May 5 in Natural Resources & Economic Development Subcommittee, substitute adopted and reported to the full committee [The substitute brackets the bill to Harris County.].

SJR 62 (Nichols) proposes a constitutional amendment dedicating certain net revenues for the acquisition of rights-of-way and the construction and maintenance of public roadways other than toll roads, those revenues being (1) fees for permits to operate oversize/overweight vehicles, (2) tolls collected or received in excess of the amount pledged for debt obligations from a toll project or system that is part of the state highway system, (3) payments received under a comprehensive development agreement or a toll project or system, (4) the sale or transfer of any interest in a highway right-of-way or real property acquired for a state highway purpose that is no longer needed for a state highway purpose, and (5) the sale of surplus motor vehicles by state agencies. Heard

April 15 in Transportation, substitute considered, amendment adopted, rolled into a new substitute, new substitute adopted and voted favorably, placed on April 22 intent calendar, not again placed on April 23 intent calendar.

TxDOT Reform Bills

HB 13 (Pickett) amends the transportation code to disallow TxDOT debt issuance for two years [August 2015 – August 2017]; to develop and implement a performance-based planning and programming process dedicated to providing the executive and legislative branches of government with indicators that quantify and qualify progress toward attaining all department goals and objectives established by the legislature and the commission; to develop and implement performance metrics and performance measures as part of (a) the review of strategic planning in the statewide transportation plan, metropolitan transportation plans, rural transportation plans, and unified transportation program, (b) the evaluation of decision-making on projects selected for funding in the unified transportation program and statewide transportation improvement program, and (c) the evaluation of project delivery for projects in the department's letting schedule. The department and commission shall use the performance metrics to assess how well the transportation system is operating; provide the department, legislature, stakeholders, and public with information to support decisions; assess the effectiveness and efficiency of transportation projects and service delivery; and demonstrate transparency and specific performance metrics and measures for sustainable objectives, including congestion reduction, safety enhancements, expansion of economic opportunity, preservation of the value of existing transportation assets, cost efficiency of the department's operations, project procurement, delivery, and final cost, and enhancements in public participation in the infrastructure planning process. Heard March 26 in Transportation, substitute adopted in April 21 formal meeting and voted favorably, 3 floor amendments adopted April 30, passed the House May 1, heard May 13 in Senate Transportation, committee substitute considered, substitute pulled down in May 14 formal meeting, a new committee substitute considered, two amendments adopted and rolled into a new committee substitute, which was adopted and reported favorably.

HB 20 (Simmons) amends the transportation code, adding a subchapter establishing a state infrastructure advisory committee and stakeholder advisory committees and adding sections on (a) prioritization of projects by local transportation entities and department districts, (b) prioritization of projects by the department and approved by the commission, (c) developing and implementing a performance-based planning and programming process to provide the executive and legislative branches with indicators that quantify and qualify progress toward attaining all department goals and objectives established by the legislature and the commission. HB 2685 (Simmons) is a duplicate. Heard March 24 in Transportation-S/C on Long-term Infrastructure Planning, recalled from subcommittee, substitute adopted in April 21 formal meeting of Transportation and voted favorably, 3 floor amendments adopted April 30, 1 floor amendment adopted May 1, passed the House May 1, heard May 13 in Senate Transportation, committee substitute considered, substitute pulled down in May 14 formal meeting, a new committee substitute considered, two amendments adopted and rolled into a new committee substitute, which was adopted and reported favorably.

Toll Limitation / Cessation Bills

HB 565 (Burkett) amends the transportation code to prohibit a private toll road corporation from using eminent domain and to prohibit a private entity from constructing a privately owned turnpike or toll project that connects to a road, bridge or highway in the state highway system. Heard March 19 in Transportation, left pending, substitute considered in formal meeting April 10 and reported favorably, committee substitute passed the House May 4, referred to Senate Transportation May 7, set for hearing May 20.

HB 790 (Burkett) amends Chapter 366 (NTTA statute) of the transportation code to establish a petition process and certain requirements for conducting a noise study and constructing a sound wall adjacent to certain turnpike projects. Heard April 29 in Transportation-S/C on Long-term Infrastructure Planning, considered in May 7 formal meeting, substitute adopted and reported favorably, recommended for local and consent calendar, passed the House May 15.

SB 444 (Hall) amends the transportation code to prohibit private toll road corporations from exercising the power of eminent domain. Heard March 11 in Transportation, reported favorably March 18, passed the senate on April 13, referred to House Transportation May 5, set for hearing May 18.

HB 2612 (Pickett) requires TxDOT by September 1, 2016 to submit a report to the House Transportation Committee setting forth a plan to eliminate all toll roads except for tolls on roads constructed, operated, or maintained only with proceeds from the issuance of bonds by a toll project entity other than the department. Heard March 26 in Transportation, reported favorably April 2, passed to engrossment with one floor amendment May 1, passed the House May 4, referred to Senate Transportation May 6, heard May 13, reported favorably, recommended for local and uncontested calendar.

Red Light Camera Bills

SB 714 (Hall) amends and repeals codes sections to prohibit a local authority for operating an automated traffic control system--kills red light cameras. Heard April 13 in Transportation, voted out favorably, passed the Senate April 22 with three floor amendments, referred to House Transportation May 5.

LIRAP & TERP Bills

SB 603 (Hinojosa) amends the health and safety code to extend various sections of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan by two years from 2019 to 2021. Heard March 10 in Natural Resources & Economic Development, reported favorably April 1, recommended for local & uncontested calendar, passed the Senate April 9. Referred to House Environmental Regulation April 30.

HB 14 (Morrison) amends the health and safety code to make numerous changes to the TERP including the addition of eligible counties, extending the life of the program by four years and adding numerous program streamlining provisions. Heard April 7 & 14 in

Environmental Regulation, voted favorably April 14, read second time May 6, one floor amendment adopted on second reading May 7, passed the House May 8, set for hearing May 19 in Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development.

Appropriations / Tax Limitation / Reduction Bills

SB 1 & SJR 1 (Nelson, et al.) amends the tax code applicable to school property taxes to change the homestead exemption to 25 percent of the statewide median home value. Heard in Finance March 2, 4 & 17, reported out favorably March 17, passed the senate March 25 with one amendment, referred to House Ways & Means May 5, heard May 12, left pending.

HB 31 (Dennis Bonnen) amends the tax code to reduce the state sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent. Heard April 14 in Ways & Means, substitute considered, substitute voted favorably in April 16 formal meeting, placed on April 28 major state calendar, passed the House April 28 with four floor amendments, referred to Senate Finance May 6.

HB 32 (Dennis Bonnen) amends the tax code to reduce the rate of the franchise tax by 25 percent, from 0.5 percent to 0.375 percent for taxable entities in the retail or wholesale trade and from 1.0 to 0.75 percent for other taxable entities; expands eligibility for the EZ computation by doubling the cap to \$20 million in total revenue, and lowers the EZ rate from 0.575% to 0.331%. Heard April 14 in Ways & Means, substitute considered, substitute voted favorably in April 16 formal meeting, placed on April 28 major state calendar, passed the House April 28 with five floor amendments, referred to Senate Finance May 6, set for May 19 hearing.

SB 7 (Nelson, et al.) amends the tax code to reduce the franchise tax rate by 15 percent.. It passed the Senate March 25, was heard May 12 in Ways & Means and left pending.

SB 8 (Schwertner, et al.) amends the tax code to increase the franchise tax exemption from \$1 billion to \$4 billion. It passed the Senate March 25 and was referred to House Ways & Means May 5.

SB 9 (Hancock) amends the government code, subject to passage of a constitutional amendment [SJR 2], to limit the rate of growth of appropriations to the sum of the rate of growth in the state's population and the rate of inflation or deflation in the state, to require certification by the comptroller, and to include dedicated revenues in the calculation but exclude revenue appropriated to pay for rebate of state taxes. Heard March 17, 25 & 31 in Finance, reported favorably as substituted April 7, passed the Senate April 9 with two amendments, referred to House Appropriations May 5.

SJR 2 (Hancock) proposes a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations. Heard March 17, 25 & 31 in Finance, reported favorably as substituted April 7, placed on April 8 intent calendar, not again placed on the intent calendar April 14.

Other Bills of Interest

HB 40 (Darby | Keffer | King, Phil | Thompson, Senfronia | Oliveira) declares that oil and gas operations are the exclusive jurisdiction of the state; amends the natural resources code to preempt municipal regulation of oil and gas operation. Heard March 23 & 30 in Energy Resources, committee substitute adopted March 30, reported favorably, passed the House April 17, referred to Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development April 23, heard and reported favorably April 30, passed the Senate May 4, sent to the Governor May 6.

HB 735 (Israel) amends the transportation code to direct the DMV to collect information on alternatively fueled vehicles registered in Texas and to submit a report to the legislature annually that contains specified information on alternatively fueled vehicles. Committee substitute heard March 26 in Transportation, committee substitute adopted and reported favorably April 2, committee report sent to local & consent calendar April 10, passed the House May 5 with one floor amendment, set for hearing May 18 in Senate Transportation.

SB 1237 (Van Taylor) amends the transportation code to require that a metropolitan planning organization broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of each open meeting held by the policy board make available through the organization's Internet website archived video and audio for each meeting for which live video and audio was provided. Heard April 7 in Business & Commerce, reported favorably April 8, passed the Senate April 14. Referred to House Government Transparency & Operation May 1, considered in May 7 formal meeting and reported favorably, committee report sent to Local & Consent Calendar May 8.

HB 1394 (Burns) amends the transportation code (Chapter 366 – NTTA) to add to the authority a county with a board seat when the county has a turnpike whose toll collections equal at least four percent of the authority's revenue and a population of at least four percent of the aggregate population of the authority, and to establish an advisory committee including the county in which the authority contracts to construct a turnpike in the county. Heard April 16 in Transportation, reported favorably from April 22 formal meeting, passed the House May 5, referred to Senate Transportation May 6, set for hearing May 20.

HB 2549 (Yvonne Davis) amends transportation code chapter 366 per NTTA request to (a) establish a regional toll enforcement approach to include tolling services agreements, (b) adjust ZipCash payment periods to allow for true monthly billing (25-day billing cycles), (c) Justice of the Peace amendment requested by the JPs regarding toll collection, (d) create paperless, electronic-only billing notification option for ZipCash customers, and (e) align the annual report due date with availability of audited financials. Heard in Transportation April 9, voted favorably at April 13 formal meeting, passed the House May 11, referred to Senate Transportation May 13.

HJR 111 (Darby) proposes a constitutional amendment [Nov 3, 2015 vote] to prohibit after September 1, 2023 any consideration or use of fund balances of dedicated revenues

for purposes of budget certification and prohibits appropriation of statutorily dedicated revenues for purposes other than those for which they were dedicated unless the Legislature first changes the statute that dedicated the revenue. Heard April 15 in Appropriations - S/C on Budget Transparency & Reform, recalled from sub-committee and substitute considered in April 20 formal meeting, substitute voted favorably, adopted in the House April 27 with one floor amendment, referred to Senate Finance May 6.

HB 3167 (Simmons) amends section 391.006(c) of the local government code to require that the governing body of a planning commission of a region that is consistent with the geographic boundaries of a state planning region shall offer an ex officio, nonvoting membership on the governing body to each member of the legislature who represents a district located wholly or partly in the region of the commission. Heard April 16 in County Affairs, substitute considered, substitute considered and adopted in April 27 formal meeting, reported favorably as substituted, passed the House May 12, referred to Senate Intergovernmental Relations May 14.

HB 3485 (Chris Turner) amends chapter 452 (DART & The T) of the transportation code to establish a procedure for a municipality to enter into an interlocal agreement to become part of the territory of the regional transportation authority at such time as it has the local sales tax capacity to do so; allows for an election on the question of becoming a part of the authority before having available sales tax capacity. Heard April 8 in Transportation-S/C on Long-term Infrastructure Planning, recalled by Transportation in April 13 formal meeting, voted favorably, recommended for local & consent calendar, committee report sent to local & consent calendar April 20, passed the House May 30, referred to Senate Transportation May 5.

SB 57 (Nelson) amends the transportation code (Chapter 366 – NTTA) to protect account information of TollTag and pay-by-mail users from public disclosure but not preclude any law enforcement or judicial requests for information. Heard March 18 & 25, committee substitute adopted and reported favorably March 30, placed on the local & uncontested calendar, passed the Senate April 9, referred to House Transportation April 23, set for hearing May 18.

SB 93 (Ellis) repeals the driver responsibility program. Heard April 29 in Transportation, left pending, substitute considered in May 14 formal meeting, substitute adopted and reported favorably. The substitute does not repeal the driver responsibility program; it repeals the section that allows for driver license revocation.

HB 1324 (Israel) is identical to SB 422; it is a companion bill. Heard April 8 in Transportation-S/C on Long-term Infrastructure Planning, recalled by Transportation in April 13 formal meeting and voted favorably, passed the House May 7, referred to Senate Transportation May 14.

SB 474 (Kolkhorst) amends the property code to require a condemning authority to pay the costs and fees a property owner incurs in connection with contesting eminent domain proceedings when a final award is twenty percent or more than the offer to purchase. Heard in State Affairs March 9 & 30, reported favorably as substituted March 31, passed

the Senate April 9, referred to House Resource Management April 30, set for May 18 hearing.

SB 678 (Nelson) amends chapter 460 of the transportation code; limits DCTA liability to \$125 million for claims arising from an incident involving the provision of public passenger rail services under an agreement; makes other minor changes to the DCTA statute. Heard March 18 and April 8 in Transportation, reported favorably as substituted April 9, recommended for local & uncontested calendar, passed the Senate April 30, referred to House Transportation May 4, considered in May 8 formal meeting and reported favorably, passed the House May 13, sent to the Governor May 14.

SB 1045 (Hall) amends the transportation code to allow TxDOT to enter into a design-build contract to construct the I-635 East (US 75 to I-30) project provided that it does not operate any portion of the project as a toll project. Heard May 13 in Transportation, committee substitute considered, left pending. The committee substitute sets forth a new funding model using tax increment financing involving the state sales tax, applies the new model to the I-635 project as a pilot project, establishes a one-mile zone on either side of the corridor from which the sales tax increment would be used to fund the project construction.

HB 2620 (Burkett) adds a section to the transportation code declaring that financial studies and reports associated with an existing or proposed toll project are subject to disclosure, inspection, and copying regardless of whether a final contract for the project has been entered into; repeals the section that declared such reports confidential prior to contract. Heard April 16 in Transportation, considered in May 7 formal meeting and reported favorably, placed on May 13 General State Calendar.

SB 1184 (Huffines) requires the state auditor to audit all (Chapter 370) regional mobility authorities and to report his findings to the Lt. Governor, Speaker, and chairs of the House and the Senate transportation committees by November 1, 2016, including but not limited to the total amount of money each received from the state for each biennium, the amount of money each spent on each transportation project or system of the authority, and bonds issued by each. Heard April 1 in Transportation, substitute considered, substitute adopted April 22 and voted favorably, passed in the Senate May 4, referred to House Transportation May 5, set for May 18 hearing.

SB 1294 (Nichols) amends the transportation code to limit the maintenance provision of a design-build contract to five years, allowing for extensions of terms of five years or less; limits the number of design-build contracts TxDOT may enter into to three per year and specifies that design-build contracts are limited to projects with an estimated construction cost of \$250 million or more. Heard April 8 & 15 in Transportation, reported favorably as substituted April 20, placed on April 28 calendar, not again placed on April 30 intent calendar.

SB 1511 (Hancock) amends the transportation code (Chapter 452 governing DART & The T)--makes population adjustments to reflect Metroplex growth. Heard April 29 in

Transportation, reported favorably as substituted April 30, recommended for local and uncontested calendar, passed the Senate May 8, considered in May 14 House Transportation formal meeting and reported favorably, committee report sent to Calendars May 15.

HB 3777 (Collier) is identical to SB 1511. Heard April 23 in Transportation, substitute considered and adopted in April 28 formal meeting, reported favorably April 28, passed to engrossment with two floor amendments May 12, passed the House May 13 as amended, referred to Senate Administration May 15.

SB 1601 (Kolkhorst) amends the transportation code to repeal the section on high-speed rail safety standards and to prohibit a company that operates a high-speed rail system from exercising the power of eminent domain for the system. Heard, substitute adopted, April 8 in Transportation, reported favorably (5-to-4 vote), reported favorably as substituted April 13, placed on May 8 intent calendar, not again placed on May 11 intent calendar.

SB 1812 (Kolkhorst) amends the government code to create a database of entities in Texas that have the power of eminent domain, requires those with such power to report certain information to the comptroller and the comptroller to assemble, post on the Internet and maintain the database. Heard April 16 & 21 in Business & Commerce, reported favorably as substituted April 23, passed the Senate May 4 with one floor amendment, heard May 11 in House Land & Resource Management, committee substitute considered and left pending.

SB 1862 (Burton) amending the local government code by making unlawful for the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature. A member or group of members of the governing body of a political subdivision or a lobbyist commits an offense if the member, group of members, or lobbyist knowingly conspires to circumvent this section. An offense under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor. Heard May 4 in State Affairs, left pending.

Texas Senate – Tarrant County Delegation

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District 92 Representative: Jonathan Stickland, R-Bedford 512-463-0522 E1.402
District 93 Representative: Matt Krause, R-Fort Worth 512-463-0562 E2.212
District 94 Representative: Tony Tinderholt, R-Arlington 512-463-0624 E1.216
District 95 Representative: Nicole Collier, D-Fort Worth 512-463-0716 E2.508

District 96 Representative: Bill Zedler, R-Arlington 512-463-0374 CAP GS.2
District 97 Representative: Craig Goldman, R-Fort Worth 512-463-0608 E2.720
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