



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Location:

City of Edinburg, Council Chambers
415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas

**June 9, 2025
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH A QUORUM

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A specific portion of the meeting shall be dedicated to allowing Public Comments which will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please note that this public comment period is not interactive. The Edinburg EDC Board may not respond to public comments.

If a resident desires to make a public comment in person, please complete the Public Comments Form which will be located outside of the City Council Chambers and submit the completed form to the Economic Development staff prior to the commencement of the Edinburg EDC Board meeting. We ask for everyone's cooperation in following this procedure.

All requests must be received beginning at 9am and end immediately before the start of the meeting. Your request should include your name, address, and telephone number. We ask for everyone's cooperation in following this procedure.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Consider and take action on approval of Minutes for the Special Board meeting held on May 5, 2025.
- B. Consider approval of request from Edinburg Chamber of Commerce to sponsor "Texas Cook'em High Steaks 2025."
- C. Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report ending March 31, 2025.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The EEDC will convene in Executive Session, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Exceptions to Requirement that Meetings be Open. The EEDC May Elect To Go Into Executive Session On Any Item Whether Or Not Such Item Is Posted As An Executive Session Item At Any Time During The Meeting When Authorized By The Provisions Of The Open Meetings Act.

- A. Deliberation regarding economic development projects and possible action related to projects (§551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; §551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting).

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. FLIP 2.0 Ratification | 6. Project Sprinkler |
| 2. Strategic Media | 7. Project 100 |
| 3. Project Green ` | 8. Office Space |
| 4. Food Truck Park | 9. Project Alberta |
| 5. AIOS Holdings LLC | 10. West Campus |

- B. Consultation with Attorney (§551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting)

1. Parking Garage
2. Pending Litigation

- C. Personnel Matters (§551.074 Personnel Matters)

1. Discussion on filling of positions for Administrative Specialist and Project Manager. (§551.074 Personnel Matters and §551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting)

7. STAFF REPORTS

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| 1. Commercial Development Report | 3. Marketing Report |
| 2. Industrial Development Report | 4. Executive Director's Report |

8. OPEN SESSION

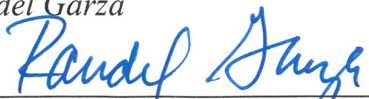
The EEDC will convene in Open Session to take necessary action, if any, in accordance with Chapter 551, Open meetings, Subchapter E, Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting, §551.102, Requirement to Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify this Notice of an EEDC Meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, at the City Offices of the City of Edinburg, located at the 415 West University entrance outside bulletin board visible and accessible to the general public during and after regular working hours.

This notice was posted on June 6, 2025 at 12:00 pm.

By: /s/ Raudel Garza

Signature: 

Name: Raudel Garza, Executive Director
Edinburg Economic Development Corporation



Edinburg Economic Development Corporation

Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

Consider and take action on approval of Minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on May 5, 2025.

1. **Agenda Item:**

Consider and take action on approval of Minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on May 5, 2025.

2. **Description/Scope:**

Board meeting minutes are reviewed by Executive Director, Raudel Garza, and approved by the EEDC Board on a monthly basis.

3. **Estimated Timeline:**

N/A

4. **Budget:**

N/A

5. **Procurement/Selection Process:**

N/A

6. **Staff's Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval.

7. **Justification:**

N/A

/s/ Raudel Garza, EEDC
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: May 5, 2025 Regular Board Minutes



MINUTES OF THE
EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LOCATION:

City of Edinburg, City-Hall Council Chambers
415 W. University Drive. Edinburg, Texas

May 5, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

5:30 PM

PRESENT: **Aaron Rivera, President**
 Raul Resendez, Vice President
 Marc Moran, Secretary
 Richard Gonzales, Treasurer
 David Salazar, Director/ Councilmember
 Veronica Gonzales, Director
 Sandra Alaniz, Director

STAFF: **Raudel Garza, Executive Director**
 Deyanira Rivera, Administrative Assistant
 Samantha Martinez, Business Operations Coordinator
 Jaqueline Guerra, Marketing & Research Manager
 Leticia Pantoja, Project Manager
 Carlos Garza, Project Manager
 Emmanuel Espinoza, EEDC Attorney
 Aaron Daniel Rivera, EEDC Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM

President, Aaron Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Raudel Garza, Edinburg EDC Executive Director, proceeded with roll call and established quorum.

2. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Garza confirmed the public notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, on May 02, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

EEDC Attorney, Aaron D. Rivera, stated a conflict of interest exists if a board member or a member of that person's family has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. If there is a conflict of interest, the board director cannot participate in discussion or vote on the agenda item.

No conflicts of interest were declared by board members.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no public comments.

5. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consider Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting held on April 22, 2025.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SANDRA ALANIZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report ending on March 31st, 2025.

Executive Director, Raudel Garza gave a brief presentation to the board on the quarterly investment report. No action was needed as it was only a presentation.

NO ACTION DUE TO PRESENTATION.

C. Discuss and take action on a Memorandum of Understanding between Edinburg Economic Development, UTRGV, and participating financial institutions.

Project Manager Leticia Pantoja presented *Bank On Int!*, a collaborative internship program between the Edinburg 2040 Initiative, Edinburg EDC, and UTRGV. The

program offers 10-week, paid internships for undergraduate business students, connecting them with local and regional banks for hands-on training and career exploration.

The first cohort includes eight interns earning \$20/hour and five partner banks: Freedom Bank, Rio Bank, Texas National Bank, Lone Star National Bank, and Greater State Bank. Ms. Pantoja shared data on applicants, partner banks, and training locations. Councilmember David Salazar suggested for the future the possibility of keeping future internships within the Edinburg city limits to support local engagement and economic development. Staff recommended the approval of the MOU.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MOU WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY TREASURER RICHARD GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Discuss and Consider approval of a sponsorship for Texas Economic Development Corporation (TxEDC).

Executive Director Raudel Garza went over the different levels of sponsorship for the TEDC and what level would possibly suit the EEDC. Some conversation ensued between the board pertaining to ROI. Staff recommendation was to do the \$3,000 level this year and evaluate membership after the first year.

MOTION TO APPROVE \$3,000 PIONEER SPONSORSHIP WAS MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT RAUL RESENDEZ AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR VERONICA GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Executive Director Updates.

Executive Director Raudel Garza discussed legislative updates from TEDC, Alliance I-69 Texas, and current bills that are being tracked through RGV Partnership. Due to this being an update no action was needed.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY TREASURER RICHARD GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board entered executive session at 5:53 p.m.

The EEDC board convened in executive session, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes annotated, government code, chapter 551, subchapter D, exceptions to requirements that meetings be open, to deliberate under the following section:

- **SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**
- **SECTION 551.072, DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY**
- **SECTION 551.087, DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

The EEDC board may elect to go into executive session on any item whether or not such item is posted as an executive session item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The board will deliberate the following item:

- A. Deliberation and possible action regarding economic development negotiations (§551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; §551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property; §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting.)**

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. FLIP 2.0 | 5. Project 100 |
| 2. Retail Strategies/ ICSC | 6. Nicho Produce |
| 3. Office Space | 7. BPS |
| 4. Food Truck Park | 8. International Business
Development Consultant
update |

B. Personnel Matters (§551.074 Personnel Matters)

1. Discussion and possible action on filling of positions for Administrative Specialist and Project Manager. (§551.074 Personnel Matters and §551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting)
2. Discussion of duties, responsibilities, remuneration, and possible action to amend the financial terms and other terms of the Executive Director's contract. (§551.074 Personnel Matters and §551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting)

7. OPEN SESSION

The EEDC convened in Open Session to take necessary action, in accordance with Chapter 511, Open meetings, Subchapter E, Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting §551.102, Requirement to Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting.

MOTION TO ENTER OPEN SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY SECRETARY MARC MORAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The EDC board reconvened in open session at 8:42 pm.

MOTION TO PROCEED AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PROJECT NUMBER “6A1. FLIP 2.0, 6A3. OFFICE SPACE, 6A4. FOOD TRUCK PARK, 6A6. NICHOL AND 6A7. BPS” WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR VERONICA GONZALES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SALAZAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO PROCEED ON 6B1. HIRING PROJECT MANAGER AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY RICHARD GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON 6B2.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR VERONICA GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes Transcribed by:

Samantha Martinez, Business Operations Coordinator, Edinburg Economic Development Corporation

The board of directors approved the meeting minutes on _____, 2025.

EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Marc Moran, EEDC Board Secretary



Edinburg Economic Development Corporation Meeting

Date: June 9, 2025

Consider approval of request from Edinburg Chamber of Commerce to sponsor “Texas Cook'em High Steaks 2025.”

1. **Agenda Item:**

Consider approval of request from Edinburg Chamber of Commerce to sponsor “Texas Cook'em High Steaks 2025.”

2. **Description/Scope:**

Ronnie Larralde, Executive Director of the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the 19th annual Texas Cook'em High Steaks event. The EEDC has previously sponsored Texas Cook'em and this year they are seeking sponsorship again.

3. **Estimated Timeline:**

July 4, 2025

4. **Budget:**

EEDC Sponsorship balance \$69,425.00.

5. **Procurement/Selection Process:**

N/A

6. **Staff's Recommendation:**

As we did last year, staff recommends approval of sponsoring at the High Steaks Sponsorship level of \$20,000.

7. **Justification:**

Texas Cook'em is a community event and a quality of life experience that will benefit the citizens of Edinburg and the Rio Grande Valley. Additionally, this event helps fund some of our chamber programs of work, which benefits various small business enterprises in Edinburg.

/s/ Raudel Garza, EEDC
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Texas Cook'em Sponsorship 2025



TEXAS COOK'EM

HIGH STEAKS



IN EDINBURG

2025 BUSINESS
SPONSORSHIP

Presented by

Edinburg Chamber
of Commerce

Sanctioned By:



Dear Cook'Em Supporter,

The Edinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and Edinburg Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the 19th Annual Texas Cook'Em: High Steaks in Edinburg. On July 4th, in Edinburg, competitors will battle it out on the grill to cook the best chicken, ribs, brisket, and rib-eye steak for money and a year's worth of bragging rights. Texas Cook'Em is one of Texas's biggest BBQ purse, awarding \$12,500 to the winners. Last year, Texas Cook'Em drew more than 70 cooking teams from across the state, and over 10,000 citizens attended this CBA and SCA State Championship event. Texas Cook'Em features live music, vendors, a children's FUN area, Boxing, Parachute Freedom Jump, FIREWORKS, and of course, delicious award-winning barbeque! Texas Cook'Em will also honor UTRGV veteran students each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship at the barbeque competition. The scholarships are part of the Texas Cook' Em High Steaks advocacy honoring local veterans through a partnership with H-E-B.

The Chamber respectfully requests your consideration in support of our upcoming Texas Cook'Em: High Steaks in Edinburg in order to continue creating wonderful family memories to the citizens of the RGV. Texas Cook'Em is a community event and a quality-of-life experience that will benefit the citizens of Edinburg and the Rio Grande Valley. We hope that you see the benefits in associating your company with this great community event. In return for your generous donation, the Chamber will gratefully acknowledge your business in publicity associated with the 19th Annual Texas Cook'Em throughout the duration of event promotion, and of course, during the day of the event.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you should require additional information or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact me at (956) 383-4974.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronnie Larralde".

Ronnie Larralde
Executive Director
Edinburg Chamber of Commerce

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 **EVENT DATE:** FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025
 **LOCATION:** EBONY HILLS GOLF COURSE



TEXAS COOK'EM

HIGH STEAKS Sponsorship \$20,000

- This is an exclusive category with first right of refusal for next year's festival
- Logo on Welcome Sign
- Opportunity for welcoming remarks before the headlining act
- Complimentary Team Entry
- Complimentary Vendor 20 x 20 Booth Space (if desired)
- Prominent placement of company banners (10) day of the event (provided by sponsor)
- Big Check Presentation plus mention in all press releases
- Logo placed on event poster, flyers, and shirts
- Print media Ad Recognition (local and regional)
- Radio and TV Recognition (local and regional)
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter, Facebook Page, and website (with logo)
- (10) Event t-shirts
- 2 Tables (10) at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement as Title Sponsor

FIREWORK Sponsorship \$10,000 (Limited to one Business)

- This is an exclusive category with first right of refusal for next year's festival
- Business name will be recognized as the official sponsor of the firework show
- Complimentary Team Entry
- Placement of company banner day of the event (5 x 8 provided by sponsor)
- Check Presentation plus mention in all press releases
- Print media Ad Recognition (local and regional)
- Radio Recognition (regional)
- Company Logo placed on event poster or flyers
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter, Face book Page, and website (with logo)
- (10) Event t-shirts
- 1 Table (10) at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement day of event

CARSHOW Sponsorship \$10,000 (Limited to one Business)

- This is an exclusive category with first right of refusal for next year's festival
- Business name will be recognized as the official sponsor of the Car show
- Complimentary Team Entry
- Placement of company banner day of the event (5 x 8 provided by sponsor)
- Check Presentation plus mention in all press releases
- Print media Ad Recognition (local and regional)
- Radio Recognition (regional)
- Company Logo placed on event poster or flyers
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter, Face book Page, and website (with logo)
- (10) Event t-shirts
- 1 Table (10) at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement day of event

KID'S ZONE Sponsorship \$10,000 (Limited to one Business)

- This is an exclusive category with first right of refusal for next year's festival
- Business name will be recognized as the official sponsor of the Kid's Zone show
- Complimentary Team Entry
- Placement of company banner day of the event (5 x 8 provided by sponsor)
- Check Presentation plus mention in all press releases
- Print media Ad Recognition (local and regional)
- Radio Recognition (regional)
- Company Logo placed on event poster or flyers
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter, Facebook Page, and website (with logo)
- (10) Event t-shirts
- 1 Table (10) at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement day of event

TEXAS COOK'EM

FREEDOM JUMP Sponsorship \$10,000 (Limited to one Business)

- This is an exclusive category with first right of refusal for next year's festival
- Business name will be recognized as the official sponsor of the Kid's Zone show
- Complimentary Team Entry
- Placement of company banner day of the event (5 x 8 provided by sponsor)
- Check Presentation plus mention in all press releases
- Print media Ad Recognition (local and regional)
- Radio Recognition (regional)
- Company Logo placed on event poster or flyers
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter, Face book Page, and website (with logo)
- (10) Event t-shirts
- 1 Table (10) at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement day of event

SMOKIN' Sponsorship (\$5,000 Minimum)

- Complimentary Vendor Booth Space or Complimentary Team Entry
- Placement of company banner day of the event (provided by sponsor 3 x 5)
- Check Presentation plus mention in all press releases
- Print Media Ad recognition (local and regional)
- Company Logo placed on event poster or flyers
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter, Face book Page, and website (with logo)
- (8) Event t-shirts
- (8) tickets at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement day of event

SEASONED Sponsorship (\$3,000 Minimum)

- Complimentary Vendor Booth Space
- Placement of company banner day of event (provided by sponsor 2 x 3)
- Company name mentioned in all press releases
- Company name placed on event poster or flyers
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter, Face book Page, and website (with logo)
- tickets at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- (4) Event t-shirts
- (4) tickets at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement day of event

LIGHTER STARTER Sponsorship (\$1,000 Minimum)

- Mention in Press Releases
- Recognition in Chamber E-Newsletter following the event
- (2) Event t-shirts
- (2) tickets at Concert Pit with VIP amenities
- MC Acknowledgement day of event





As a partner at the **2025 Texas Cook'Em: High Steaks in Edinburg**, you have an array of opportunities to choose from guaranteeing full recognition for your company. Your partnership creates a unique platform while enhancing corporate identification in this region.

Company Name: _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Submitted by _____ Email _____

The company above will provide the following:

A. Monetary

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|---|--|
| ☐ \$ 20,000 HIGH STEAKS Sponsor | ☐ \$ 10,000 FREEDOM JUMP Sponsor |
| ☐ \$ 10,000 FIREWORK Sponsor | ☐ \$ 5,000 SMOKIN' Sponsor |
| ☐ \$ 10,000 CARSHOW Sponsor | ☐ \$ 3,000 SEASONED Sponsor |
| ☐ \$ 10,000 KID'S ZONE Sponsor | ☐ \$ 1,000 LIGHTER STARTER Sponsor |

This agreement, signed by an authorized representative of the company, must be received by the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce no later than Friday, May 30, 2025 and will constitute a binding contract for the sponsorship amount indicated. Full payment is due to the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce office by Friday, June 13, 2025. This agreement will become effective upon acceptance by the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce.

Signed and dated this ____ day of _____, 2025. Sponsorship Amount \$ _____

Print Name

Signature of Authorized Company Representative

Thank you for your generous support!

Please return this form to: Events Coordinator



Email: events@edinburg.com

Email Marketing Materials: Marketing Director



Email: nayeli@edinburg.com



Edinburg Chamber of Commerce



Phone: 956-383-4974

Chamber Use Only

Received by:

Date:



Edinburg Economic Development Corporation

Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report ending on March 31, 2025

1. **Agenda Item:**

Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report ending on March 31, 2025.

2. **Description/Scope:**

Executive Director, Raudel Garza, will give a presentation of the Quarterly Investment Report provided by the City of Edinburg's Finance Department.

3. **Estimated Timeline:**

January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

4. **Budget:**

N/A

5. **Procurement/Selection Process:**

N/A

6. **Staff's Recommendation:**

N/A

7. **Justification:**

N/A

/s/ Raudel Garza, EEDC
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: EEDC Quarterly Investment Report ending 3/31/2025



April 24, 2025

President Aaron "Ronny" Rivera
Board of Directors

RE: Edinburg Economic Development Corporation - Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter
Ending March 31, 2025/Statement of Compliance

The above-referenced report is hereby presented, pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), for your review and acceptance.

This quarter's investments totaled \$9,494,022.27 which included interest earned totaling \$101,408.87.

The PFIA also requires that the report contain a Statement of Compliance, signed by the Investment Officers, as presented below:

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

This report complies with the requirements of the Public Investment Act as well as the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation's adopted investment policy. The Edinburg Economic Development Corporation follows all provisions of the Public Investment Act and the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation's investment policy.

Presented by the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation's Investment Officers:

Ascencion Alonzo, Investment Officer

Raudel Garza, Investment Officer

EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
QUARTERLY INVESTMENT SUMMARY REPORT
QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

	TexStar Investment Pool
COST	
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,392,613.40
Additions:	
Interfund Transfers-out	-
Contributions	-
Investment earnings-TexStar	101,408.87
Investment earnings-	-
Deductions:	
Interfund Transfers-out	-
Disbursements	-
Ending Balance	\$ <u>9,494,022.27</u>
MARKET VALUE	
Beginning Balance	\$ <u>9,394,764.31</u>
Ending Balance	\$ <u>9,494,402.03</u>
Weighted Average Maturity- TexStar	37
TexStar-Weighted Average Yield	4.36%

EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
HOLDINGS BY INVESTMENTS
QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Beginning Cost</u>	<u>TexStar Interest</u>	<u>Interfund Transfers</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
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New Series Debt Service Debt Rsrv Fund #1081510230	\$ 856,993.69	\$ 9,252.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 866,246.31	\$ 866,280.96
New Series 2019 Construction Fund #1081520190	5,041,020.48	54,426.24	-	-	5,095,446.72	5,095,650.54
2021A Tax-Exempt Dbt Srvc Rsrv Fund #1081520210	509,685.59	5,502.87	-	-	515,188.46	515,209.07
2021B Taxable Debt Srvc Rsrv Fund #1081520211	183,142.61	1,977.35	-	-	185,119.96	185,127.36
2021A 2021B Project Funds #1081520212	2,801,771.03	30,249.79	-	-	2,832,020.82	2,832,134.10
Total	\$ 9,392,613.40	\$ 101,408.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,494,022.27	\$ 9,494,402.03

TexStar Investments Detail Activity
Quarter Ending March 31, 2025

EEDC NEW SERIES DEBT SRVC RSRV FUND ACCOUNT #1081510230

		Income				Ending Balance
	Opening balance:	TexStar Interest	Contributions	Interfund Transfers	Disbursements	
January	856,993.69	3,194.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	860,188.27
February	860,188.27	2,877.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	863,066.18
March	863,066.18	3,180.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	866,246.31
		<u>9,252.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

EEDC NEW SERIES 2019 CONSTRUCTION FUND ACCOUNT #1081520190

		Income				Ending Balance
	Opening balance:	TexStar Interest	Contributions	Interfund Transfers	Disbursements	
January	5,041,020.48	18,791.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,059,811.78
February	5,059,811.78	16,928.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,076,740.42
March	5,076,740.42	18,706.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,095,446.72
		<u>54,426.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

EEDC 2021A TAXEXEMPT DBT SERVICE RES FND ACCOUNT #1081520210

		Income				Ending Balance
	Opening balance:	TexStar Interest	Contributions	Interfund Transfers	Disbursements	
January	509,685.59	1,899.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	511,585.54
February	511,585.54	1,711.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	513,297.13
March	513,297.13	1,891.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	515,188.46
		<u>5,502.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

EEDC 2021B TAXABLE DBT SERVICE RES FND ACCOUNT #1081520211

		Income				Ending Balance
	Opening balance:	TexStar Interest	Contributions	Interfund Transfers	Disbursements	
January	183,142.61	682.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	183,825.30
February	183,825.30	615.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	184,440.32
March	184,440.32	679.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	185,119.96
		<u>1,977.35</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

EEDC 2021A 2021B PROJECT FUNDS ACCOUNT #1081520212

		Income				Ending Balance
	Opening balance:	TexStar Interest	Contributions	Interfund Transfers	Disbursements	
January	2,801,771.03	10,444.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,812,215.11
February	2,812,215.11	9,408.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,821,623.95
March	2,821,623.95	10,396.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,832,020.82
		<u>30,249.79</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025



PERFORMANCE

As of March 31, 2025

Current Invested Balance	\$ 12,954,908,093.63
Weighted Average Maturity (1)	38 Days
Weighted Average Life (2)	104 Days
Net Asset Value	1.000040
Total Number of Participants	1089
Management Fee on Invested Balance	0.06%*
Interest Distributed	\$ 48,796,140.17
Management Fee Collected	\$ 665,483.35
% of Portfolio Invested Beyond 1 Year	10.46%
Standard & Poor's Current Rating	AAAm

Rates reflect historical information and are not an indication of future performance.

March Averages

Average Invested Balance	\$ 13,059,518,282.35
Average Monthly Yield, on a simple basis	4.3394%
Average Weighted Maturity (1)	37 Days
Average Weighted Life (2)	88 Days

Definition of Weighted Average Maturity (1) & (2)

(1) This weighted average maturity calculation uses the SEC Rule 2a-7 definition for stated maturity for any floating rate instrument held in the portfolio to determine the weighted average maturity for the pool. This Rule specifies that a variable rate instruction to be paid in 397 calendar days or less shall be deemed to have a maturity equal to the period remaining until the next readjustment of the interest rate.
(2) This weighted average maturity calculation uses the final maturity of any floating rate instruments held in the portfolio to calculate the weighted average maturity for the pool.

The maximum management fee authorized for the TexSTAR Cash Reserve Fund is 12 basis points. This fee may be waived in full or in part in the discretion of the TexSTAR co-administrators at any time as provided for in the TexSTAR Information Statement.

NEW PARTICIPANTS

We would like to welcome the following entities who joined the TexSTAR program in March:

- * City of Maypearl
- * City of Sonora
- * City of Venus
- * City of Yantis
- * East Texas Municipal Utility District
- * Falls County

HOLIDAY REMINDER

In observance of Good Friday, **TexSTAR will be closed Friday, April 18, 2025.** All ACH transactions initiated on Thursday, April 17th will settle on Monday, April 21st. Notification of any early transaction deadlines on the business day preceding this holiday will be sent by email to the primary contact on file for all TexSTAR participants. Please plan accordingly for your liquidity needs.

ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

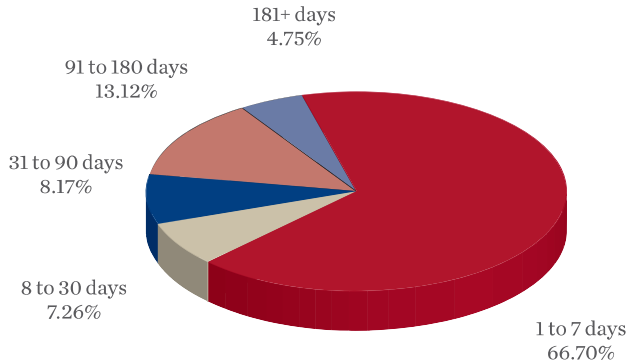
Market review

In March, uncertainty was the prevailing theme in financial markets, which significantly influenced the U.S. economic outlook. While hard data indicated a moderation in growth towards a balanced expansion, supported by a robust labor market and a recovering global manufacturing sector, the recent escalation in U.S. tariff policies introduced new complexities. The upcoming April 2nd 'Liberation Day' announcement of reciprocal tariffs added to the uncertainty, raising questions about the sustainability of growth in the goods sector, which may be temporarily boosted by front-loading. As these rapidly changing policies unfold, sentiment indicators are becoming increasingly important, as they provide insights into the current economic climate that hard data may not yet reflect. Economic data in March presented a divergence between hard and soft data. On the hard data front, the economy appeared stable, with the third revision of the Q4 GDP showing a solid 2.4% annualized growth rate, and labor market figures indicating healthy job growth and full employment. The February Jobs report was decent, with nonfarm payrolls increasing by 151,000, bringing the 3-month moving average to a still healthy 200,000. Wage growth, after a previous acceleration, eased to 0.3% month-over-month (m/m), resulting in a 4.0% year-over-year increase (y/y). The household survey showed a slight uptick in the unemployment rate to 4.1%, despite a dip in labor force participation. The February CPI report came in slightly below expectations a 0.2% m/m increase in headline inflation, bringing the y/y to 2.8%. Core CPI rose by 0.2% m/m and 3.1% y/y, marking the slowest annual rise since 2021. Despite this moderation, details indicated declining consumer demand, with recreation commodities and airline fares dropping 0.7% and 4.0% m/m, respectively.

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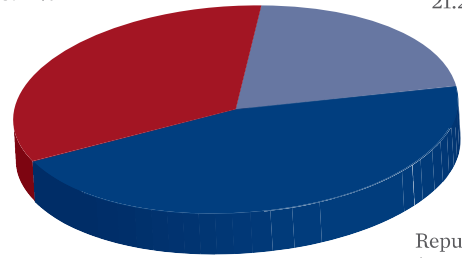
INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

PORTFOLIO BY TYPE OF INVESTMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2025



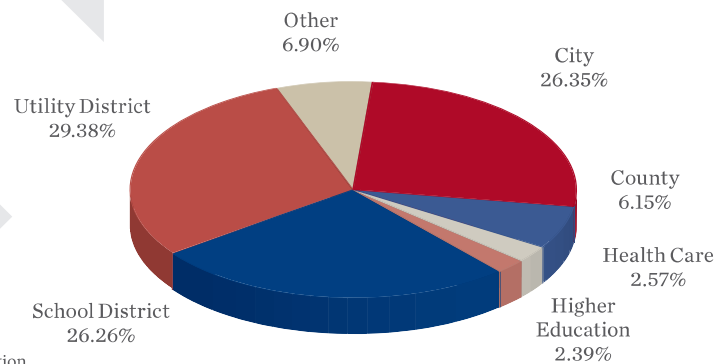
Treasuries
33.42%

Agencies
21.28%



Repurchase
Agreements
45.30%

PORTFOLIO BY MATURITY AS OF MARCH 31, 2025 (1)



DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS BY TYPE AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

(1) Portfolio by Maturity is calculated using WAM (1) definition for stated maturity. See page 1 for definition

HISTORICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

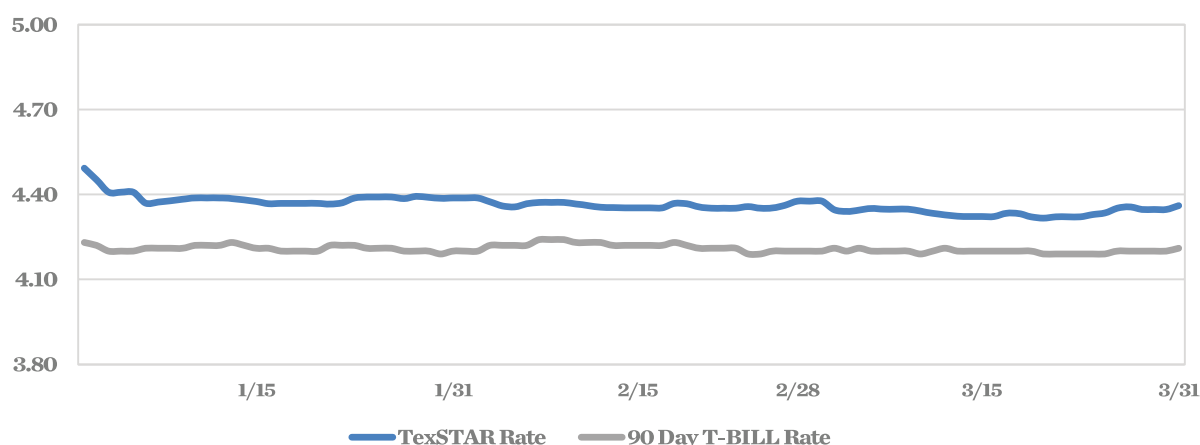
MONTH	AVERAGE RATE	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE	NET ASSET VALUE	WAM (1)	WAL (2)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Mar 25	4.3394%	\$ 12,954,908,093.63	\$12,955,435,994.98	1.000040	37	88	1089
Feb 25	4.3625%	13,098,975,899.81	13,101,204,943.33	1.000090	37	88	1083
Jan 25	4.3896%	12,490,576,395.79	12,493,366,838.19	1.000123	38	94	1079
Dec 24	4.5642%	11,011,396,681.51	11,014,513,690.84	1.000229	36	93	1075
Nov 24	4.7112%	10,166,178,873.71	10,168,700,798.41	1.000189	29	89	1071
Oct 24	4.8722%	10,685,059,311.14	10,687,382,798.75	1.000217	26	70	1063
Sep 24	5.1324%	10,713,994,849.49	10,717,808,636.16	1.000355	26	66	1056
Aug 24	5.2939%	10,960,587,143.65	10,963,170,866.05	1.000150	31	61	1048
Jul 24	5.3131%	11,614,008,231.39	11,614,697,399.72	1.000059	33	64	1043
Jun 24	5.3126%	10,696,510,063.51	10,695,858,054.79	0.999939	36	66	1040
May 24	5.3078%	10,946,135,253.27	10,946,064,280.53	0.999895	37	67	1037
Apr 24	5.3057%	11,388,285,240.44	11,386,977,182.36	0.999885	35	65	1031

PORTFOLIO ASSET SUMMARY AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE
Uninvested Balance	\$ 352.24	\$ 352.24
Accrual of Interest Income	21,421,951.45	21,421,951.45
Interest and Management Fees Payable	(48,863,346.39)	(48,863,346.39)
Payable for Investment Purchased	(330,912,997.15)	(330,912,997.15)
Repurchase Agreement	6,032,809,000.00	6,032,809,000.00
Government Securities	7,280,453,133.48	7,280,981,034.83
TOTAL	\$ 12,954,908,093.63	\$ 12,955,435,994.98

Market value of collateral supporting the Repurchase Agreements is at least 102% of the Book Value. The portfolio is managed by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and the assets are safekept in a separate custodial account at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of TexSTAR. The only source of payment to the Participants are the assets of TexSTAR. There is no secondary source of payment for the pool such as insurance or guarantee. Should you require a copy of the portfolio, please contact TexSTAR Participant Services.

TEXSTAR VERSUS 90-DAY TREASURY BILL



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DAILY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2025

DATE	MNY MKT FUND EQUIV. [SEC Std.]	DAILY ALLOCATION FACTOR	INVESTED BALANCE	MARKET VALUE PER SHARE	WAM DAYS (1)	WAL DAYS (2)
3/1/2025	4.3765%	0.000119903	\$13,098,975,899.81	1.000090	35	83
3/2/2025	4.3765%	0.000119903	\$13,098,975,899.81	1.000090	35	83
3/3/2025	4.3468%	0.000119091	\$12,975,429,939.30	1.000083	36	84
3/4/2025	4.3401%	0.000118906	\$12,988,193,406.90	1.000089	35	83
3/5/2025	4.3451%	0.000119043	\$13,021,413,410.56	1.000084	37	85
3/6/2025	4.3511%	0.000119207	\$12,999,789,113.55	1.000084	37	85
3/7/2025	4.3483%	0.000119131	\$12,958,173,408.46	1.000062	36	84
3/8/2025	4.3483%	0.000119131	\$12,958,173,408.46	1.000062	36	84
3/9/2025	4.3483%	0.000119131	\$12,958,173,408.46	1.000062	36	84
3/10/2025	4.3412%	0.000118937	\$13,051,772,531.28	1.000086	36	83
3/11/2025	4.3339%	0.000118738	\$13,017,307,821.50	1.000065	36	85
3/12/2025	4.3286%	0.000118591	\$12,979,222,537.41	1.000060	36	85
3/13/2025	4.3236%	0.000118454	\$13,038,940,193.82	1.000074	36	84
3/14/2025	4.3224%	0.000118423	\$13,087,536,097.03	1.000051	34	82
3/15/2025	4.3224%	0.000118423	\$13,087,536,097.03	1.000051	34	82
3/16/2025	4.3224%	0.000118423	\$13,087,536,097.03	1.000051	34	82
3/17/2025	4.3341%	0.000118743	\$13,206,587,929.19	1.000057	34	82
3/18/2025	4.3331%	0.000118714	\$13,241,204,185.36	1.000061	33	81
3/19/2025	4.3212%	0.000118390	\$13,284,528,405.68	1.000067	39	84
3/20/2025	4.3166%	0.000118262	\$13,137,360,529.75	1.000071	39	87
3/21/2025	4.3213%	0.000118393	\$13,054,589,793.18	1.000059	38	88
3/22/2025	4.3213%	0.000118393	\$13,054,589,793.18	1.000059	38	88
3/23/2025	4.3213%	0.000118393	\$13,054,589,793.18	1.000059	38	88
3/24/2025	4.3294%	0.000118613	\$13,043,121,957.35	1.000039	39	88
3/25/2025	4.3351%	0.000118769	\$13,102,723,370.60	1.000057	38	100
3/26/2025	4.3514%	0.000119217	\$13,080,597,734.59	1.000045	39	101
3/27/2025	4.3570%	0.000119370	\$13,114,050,822.88	1.000043	38	100
3/28/2025	4.3478%	0.000119117	\$13,036,355,024.60	1.000045	38	101
3/29/2025	4.3478%	0.000119117	\$13,036,355,024.60	1.000045	38	101
3/30/2025	4.3478%	0.000119117	\$13,036,355,024.60	1.000045	38	101
3/31/2025	4.3605%	0.000119465	\$12,954,908,093.63	1.000040	38	104
Average	4.3394%	0.000118887	\$13,059,518,282.35		37	88



ECONOMIC COMMENTARY (cont.)

Meanwhile, headline Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) met expectations, while core PCE slightly exceeded them, rising 0.3% and 0.4% m/m, respectively, with increases from a year ago at 2.5% and 2.8%, respectively.

Nevertheless, the potential inflationary impact of tariffs remained a concern, with recent tariff increases on goods from China, Canada, and Mexico posing upside risks to inflation as they could lead to increased costs for imported goods. Furthermore, future tariff threats and implementations are still underway, with the retaliatory effects from affected countries remaining unpredictable, adding to the uncertainty. Survey-based insights revealed growing unease, with consumer confidence indices reaching their lowest levels in years and small business optimism declining. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) acknowledged the heightened uncertainty by leaving the federal funds rate unchanged at 4.25%-4.50% at its March meeting. Moreover, the Committee removed the language that risks to its inflation and employment goals were “roughly in balance”, suggesting members may be more sensitive to slowing growth than inflationary pressures. Additionally, the Committee announced it will slow balance sheet runoff by reducing the monthly Treasury securities cap from \$25bn to \$5bn, while keeping the \$35bn cap on agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS).

Amidst ongoing tariff concerns, the updated Summary of Economic Projections (SEP) reflected expectations for slower growth and higher inflation in the short term. However, the Federal Reserve (Fed) appeared to view the inflationary effects of tariffs as temporary, as evidenced by largely unchanged long-term inflation forecasts. The ‘dot plot’ projections remained unchanged, with two rate cuts anticipated for 2025, though the details showed that March’s projections suggest a bias towards fewer cuts compared to December’s outlook. Despite the potential inflationary risks, the Fed continued to lean towards rate cuts, emphasizing that the pace of these adjustments will be guided by incoming economic data in the context of elevated uncertainty. Throughout the month, the short end of the Treasury yield curve, particularly maturities of three months and under, remained stable. Specifically, three-month Treasury bill yields held steady at 4.30%. In contrast, yields in the mid-section of the short-term yield curve inched lower as the Fed maintained its bias to cut rates. Six-month Treasury bill yields decreased by 5 basis points (bps) to 4.23%, while one-year Treasury bill yields fell by 6 bps to 4.03%. The two-year Treasury yields saw a more pronounced decline, dropping by 10 bps to 3.89%.

Outlook

As we concluded the first quarter of 2025, the economic landscape was marked by significant uncertainty, largely driven by recent policy shifts under the Trump administration. While backward-looking data remained robust, the outlook is clouded by the complexities introduced by new tariff announcements.

In a significant development on April 2nd, President Trump issued an Executive Order declaring a “national emergency,” which included two major tariff announcements. The first is a 10% universal tariff on U.S. imports, aimed at raising revenue, set to take effect on April 5th. The second involves higher tariff rates on over 25 U.S. trading partners, based on their trade deficits with the U.S., effective April 9th. These “reciprocal” tariffs were much higher than anticipated, with additional tariffs of 34% on China, 20% on the European Union, 24% on Japan, 26% on India, and increased tariffs on Southeast Asian countries. Notably, Canada and Mexico were spared in this round, as separate USMCA discussions continue. These announcements add to existing tariffs, including 25% on non-USMCA compliant goods from Mexico and Canada, 20% on China, 25% on steel and aluminum, and 25% on imported autos and auto parts. On the back of these announcements, recession risks have increased amid slower growth and higher inflation than previously expected. The time required for individual countries to negotiate with the U.S. poses a risk that real income growth and real consumer spending could fall into negative territory. As these developments unfold, the economic outlook remains cautious, with the Fed poised to respond to the evolving conditions. While a recession was not the Fed’s base case, Powell admitted that recession risks have increased from their previously low levels at the start of the year. In addition, there is still more to understand about the upcoming fiscal budget and tax negotiations. Putting it all together, we expect the Fed to maintain an easing bias and communicate their readiness to lower rates when the opportunity arises. Their most recent SEP highlights the downside risk to the economy and the uncertainty ahead, suggesting a policy stance that favors lower rates. If growth weakens and unemployment rises, we suspect the Fed will cut more than we had originally expected (2 cuts).

This information is an excerpt from an economic report dated March 2025 provided to TexSTAR by JP Morgan Asset Management, Inc., the investment manager of the TexSTAR pool.



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Project Manager Report – May 2025

Commercial Development

Commercial Permit Values:

New Commercial Permit Value

May 2025: \$769,740

Commercial Additions/Repairs Permit Value

May 2025: \$1,853,277

Multifamily New/Addition/Remodel Permit Value

May 2025: \$2,307,450

<u>PERMIT VALUATIONS (\$)</u>	May 2025	May 2024	2025 YTD	2024 YTD
New Homes	\$11,339,788	\$15,121,200	\$51,289,052	\$74,880,945
Residential Alterations	\$967,376	\$1,080,035	\$4,269,385	\$4,742,546
Multi-Family	\$2,307,450	\$2,791,840	\$36,135,675	\$22,595,674
Commercial: New	\$769,740	\$5,825,500	\$16,512,250	\$18,516,750
Commercial Alterations	\$2,003,277	\$1,466,071	\$42,865,404	\$11,870,027
TOTAL	\$ 17,387,631	\$ 26,284,646	\$151,071,766	\$132,605,942

**City of Edinburg Building Permit Report Values*

Current Subdivisions:

- Subdivisions Under Construction: 32
Number of Lots: 1,561
- Subdivisions Under Construction Review: 58
Number of Lots: 1,733
- Subdivisions Under Preliminary Review: 60
Number of Lots: 1,234
- Total Subdivisions: 161
- Total Rooftops: 9,547
- Total Lots: 5,343

**City of Edinburg Engineering Department, [Subdivision Metrics](#) (June 5, 2025).*

Façade and Lot Improvement Program (FLIP) 2.0

- 43 applicants have been awarded.
- Staff continues to meet with applicants to review their projects, finalize agreements, and go over the project scope. Afterward, applicants are referred to the Building Safety Department to apply for any necessary permits.
 - 38 meetings conducted
 - 5 meetings pending
- Photo ops from the first round of FLIP are still pending due to scheduling conflicts with some business owners. We will work on getting those scheduled in the coming weeks.

Workforce Development – Updates**Vantage Bank Micro-Internship Program**

The Edinburg EDC is collaborating with Vantage Bank and the UTRGV Enactus student organization to support a new micro-internship program funded entirely by Vantage Bank. This initiative is designed to provide UTRGV students with short-term, hands-on internship opportunities while helping small businesses in Edinburg meet operational or marketing needs.

- We connected the program partners with the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce to assist in identifying local small businesses that could benefit from student support. The program is tentatively scheduled to launch in Fall 2025.

Bank on Int Program Update:

- The internship begins Monday, June 9, and will run through August 22, 2025.
- We are partnering with five banks: Freedom Bank, Rio Bank, Texas National Bank, Lone Star National Bank, and Greater State Bank.
- This first round will support nine interns, each earning \$20 per hour during their placement.

Moving Forward College Signing Ceremony

In partnership with Workforce Solutions, we proudly hosted the 2nd Annual College Signing Ceremony celebrating the academic achievements of students with disabilities across the RGV and supporting their transition to higher education.

- The event took place on Thursday, May 1, 2025, with over 60 students in attendance.

Law Enforcement Job Fair

We partnered with Workforce Solutions to host the 2nd Annual Law Enforcement Job Fair on May 7, 2025, at the Edinburg Activity Center. The event was a great success, featuring over 35 employers and attracting more than 280 job seekers, including 58 veterans.

- Job Seeker Attendance by Location:
 - Edinburg: 85
 - Mission: 31
 - McAllen: 27
 - Weslaco: 20
 - Rio Grande: 0
 - Other: 123

FYI – We are coordinating another job fair for late July/early August related to blue collar employers focused on trades and skilled labor jobs.



MEMORANDUM

To: Raudel Garza, Executive Director, Edinburg EDC
From: Carlos Garza, Project Manager, Edinburg EDC
Date: June 6, 2025
Subject: Industrial Status Report

Projects

The Edinburg EDC Industrial Park active projects.

- RGV CDL (1)
- RGV CDL (2)
- Nicho Produce
- BPS Systems
- Kapal Cabinets, Granite & Quartz
- CIL Logistics
- Bagley Produce

Other Projects

The Edinburg EDC is working other projects including:

- LRGVDC Transit Center 1st Floor:
 - Status: May 5th Begin Construction
- Food Truck Park
 - Agreement

Workforce

- EDC agreement is being reviewed before presented to the board.
- Met with prospect to discuss potential internships for STEM jobs

Deals

- 30 companies are in various stages of growth, expansion, retention, or attraction in Edinburg, TX

Industries Include:

- Food Manufacturing
- Custom Product Manufacturing
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Logistics
- Other technical and trade schools
- Metal Manufacturing
- General Warehousing and Storage
- Building Material and Supplies Dealers
- General Freight Trucking, Local and Long Distance
- All Other Miscellaneous General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing
- Fresh Fruit Wholesale Battery Storage
- Fruit and Vegetable Research Lab
- Software and Technology

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- Data Storage
- Plastics Manufacturer
- PVC Manufacturer
- Airport Hangar Construction
- General Logistics
- Advance Manufacturing

Business Retention & Expansion

- 27 companies are on our visit list to assess their growth needs and ensure retention in Edinburg, TX.
- Connected 1 of our companies to Edinburg Public Utilities – doing daily follow up with business

Industries include:

- Manufacturing
- Produce
- Healthcare
- Accommodation and Food Service

Properties

- Replat of Lot 10 (Lots 1, 2, and 3) – 17.73 Acre Properties Along Republic Drive
- North Industrial Park, Lot 4 – 25 Acres Along Democracy Drive
- 221 N 6th Street
- 610 W Cano Street
- Cano Avenue – East Side of the 610 W Cano Street

Conferences and Presentations

- May 15, 2025 - Consulate of Mexico and Zacatecas Delegates
- May 16, 2025 – Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility Luncheon
- May 19, 2025 - International Council of Shopping Centers – Las Vegas, NV

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2025

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	HAPPY 4th of July	5
6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

TBD TxEDC: Annual Investor Summit

2025

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7 Team Texas: Road Show Chicago,IL	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Board Meeting	19	20 Interface Retail & Industrial Conference, HoustonTX	21 Mexico's Industry Supply Chain, Puebla MX	22	23
24	25	26	27 Expo Edificare Puebla Mexico	28	29 Expo Franquicia Guadalajara MX	30
31		Team Texas: Consultant Summit Waco, TX				

Professional Development

Conferences

Mexico Conferences

2025

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 IEDC Annual Conference: Detroit	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Board Meeting	23	24 YTexas Summit Houston, TX	25 TEDC Sales Tax Workshop	26	27
28	29	30				

Professional Development

Conferences

EDC Events

Mexico Conferences



To: EEDC Board of Directors
From: Raudel Garza
Executive Director
Date: June 6, 2025
Subject: Executive Director Report

89th Texas Legislative Session:

Texas Economic Development Council update:

The 89th legislative session is over and I have included an update from TEDC on some of the highlights of the session.

Alliance for I-69 Texas update:

Attached is some information from the Alliance for I-69 Texas.

Marketing:

Texas Economic Development Corporation update:

We are now part of the Texas EDC group at the Pioneer level. We are working on the calendar of events to see which of the activities best align with our schedules and our targeted industries without duplicating efforts from our regional partners.

Other updates:

TEDC Economic Development Sales Tax Workshops will be starting in August, but the closest one will be held here in Edinburg with us hosting it on September 26, 2025. I urge those of you who have not attended to please go and get up to speed on the latest on this important subject matter.

FY 25-26 Budget: We will be scheduling workshops in the next month or so to begin work on next year's budget and program of work.

Legislative Session Update (6/6)

By the Numbers

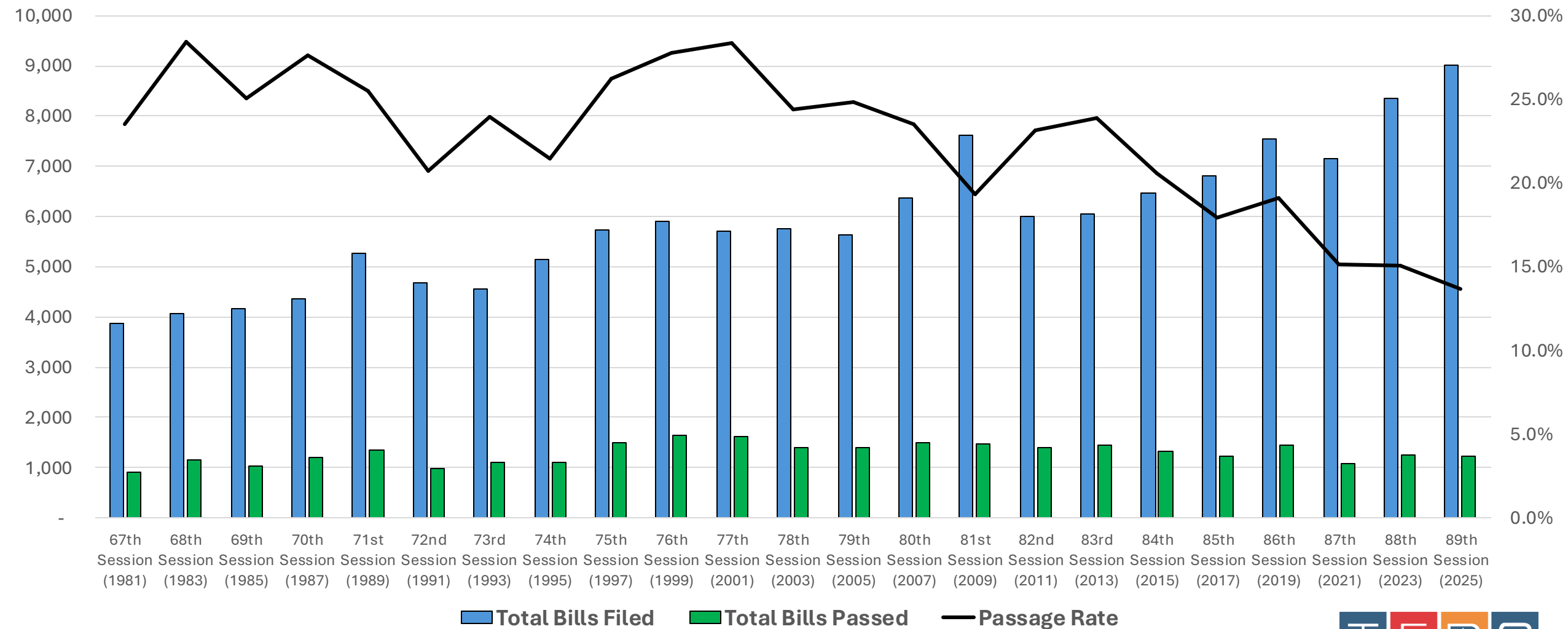
- House Bills
 - **619** bills sent to the Governor
 - (-**125** versus previous session)
- Senate Bills
 - **604** bills sent to the Governor
 - (+**92** versus previous session)
- Governor Actions *(as of 6/5)*
 - **1,223** bills sent to the Governor
 - **307** signed by the Governor
 - **24** bills filed without the Governor's signature
 - **2** bills vetoed by the Governor
 - **890** bills awaiting action by the Governor

LAST DAY OF VETO PERIOD

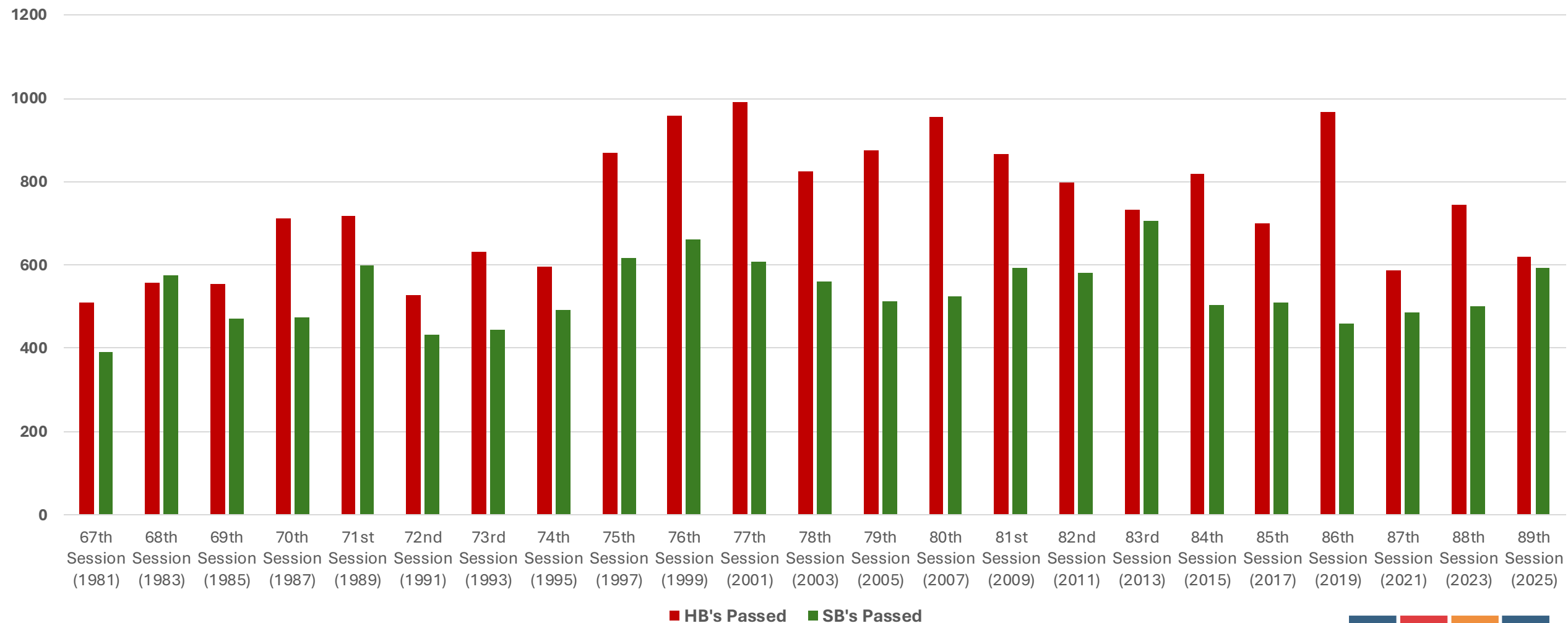
June 22nd = 160th Day of Session



Historical Bill Passage Rate (1981 – Present)



House v. Senate Bills Passed (1981 – Present)



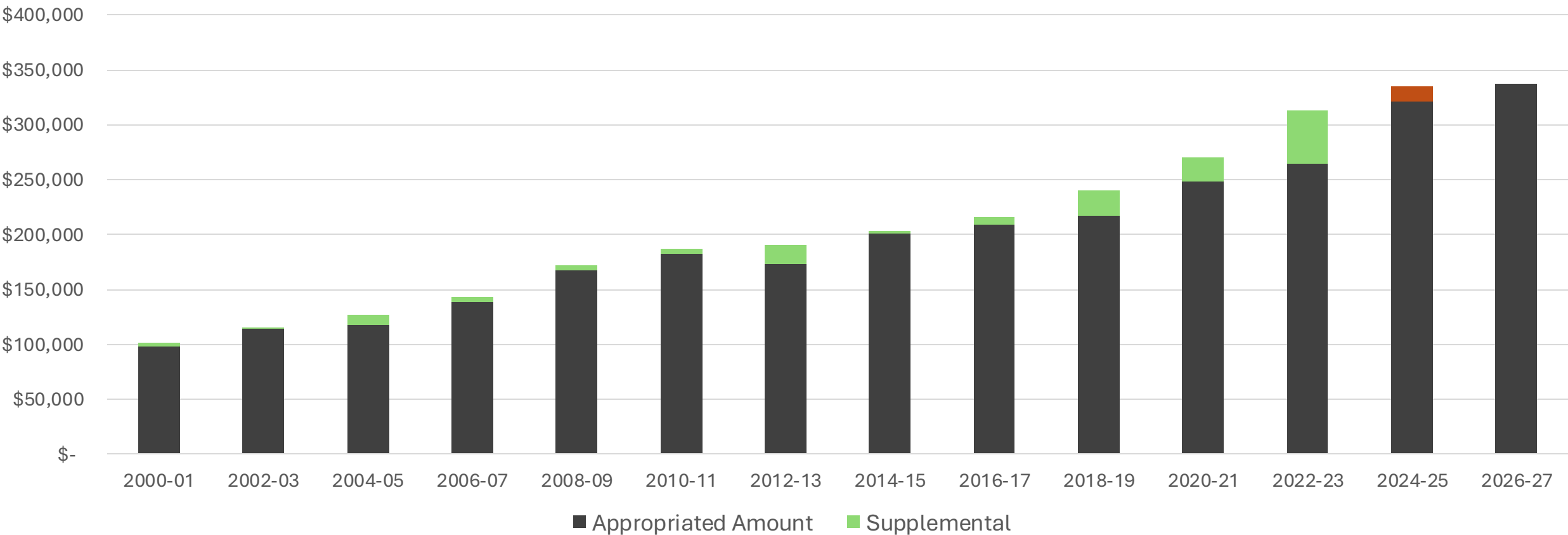
Budget Information



- **Two Major Appropriations Bills**

- HB 500 (2025 FY Supplemental Budget)
 - +\$13.0 billion in FY25
- SB 1 (2026-2027 Biennial Budget)
 - \$338 billion

Historical Appropriations (1999 - Present) - *in millions*



LOCAL NEWS

Texas lawmakers consider additional property tax relief amid projected \$20 billion surplus in 2025 session

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TEXAS

By Jack Fink, **Nathalie Marie Palacios**

Updated on: January 13, 2025 / 2:18 PM CST / CBS Texas



Budget Information – Tax Cuts

\$10 billion in “*new funding for property tax relief*”

- \$2.6 billion - Estimated cost of tax compression **in existing law**
- \$3.5 billion - Cost to maintain property tax relief **provided last session**
- \$3.9 billion - Cost of **new property tax relief measures**
 - \$2.7 billion (SB 4) – Increase **homestead exemption** from \$100k to \$140k
 - \$1.2 billion (SB 23) – Increase **senior homestead exemption** from \$10k to \$60k
 - \$193 million (HB 9) – Increase **business personal property exemption** from \$2.5k to \$125k

***NOTE ON BPP EXEMPTION:**

\$193m in state funds is used to hold school districts harmless for the exemption

Local governments will lose ~\$442 million unless they increase tax rates (no hold harmless from the state)

Budget Information – Major Items

- **Major Items**

- \$5 billion towards Texas Energy Fund
- Water Funding
 - \$2.5 billion for water infrastructure/grants
 - \$1 billion annually dedicated to water projects going forward
- \$1.3 billion for Texas University Fund
- \$350m to support advanced nuclear industry development
- \$300m for space exploration initiatives
- \$250m for Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund
- \$250m for Moving Image Fund
- \$167m for quantum computing and AI chip fabrication at Texas A&M University
- ~\$90 million for the community college formula (backfill from HB 8 last session)

Headline Issues

- **Public Education**

- School Choice/Vouchers (SB2) – Capped at **\$1 billion** in state funds
- School Finance (HB2) - **~\$8.4** billion in new funding
 - \$4.2 billion for **teacher pay** raises
 - \$1.3 billion for **basic district costs**
 - \$2 billion for special education, full - day pre-k, early learning interventions, CTE
 - \$500 million for **school safety**
 - \$500 for increasing **support staff salaries** (non-teacher, non-admin)

- Hemp Ban (SB 3)

Economic Development Policy (general)

SB 2206 (Bettencourt) – Renews the Research and Development tax credit. Enhanced credit for research expenditures with higher education institutions

HB 4751 (Capriglione) – Establishes the Texas Quantum Initiative

Protect EDC Sales Tax

Preserve flexibility for 380/381 agreements.

- *Several bills were filed, but none were passed into law*
- ~~**SB 2747 (Paxton)**~~ – Prohibits sales tax “funneling” agreements
 - *“sales tax funneling” issue will need to be studied in interim*

Economic Development Policy (general)

Enhance Existing Economic Development Tools

- HB 2765 (Guillen) - Clean-up for TX Dept. of Agriculture economic development program. Low-interest loans for rural areas (adds MOUs and other local/water districts)
- ~~HB 105 (Guillen)~~ - JETI program improvements
- ~~HB 112 (Button)~~ - Develops a plan to develop a “Texas Science Park.”
- ~~HB 104 (Bonnen)~~ - Creates the Texas Future Fund - Invests funds in the Economic Stabilization Fund (aka Rainy Day Fund) into innovative Texas companies.
- ~~HB 1268 (Button)~~ - State grant funds for SBIR projects
- ~~HB 5265 (Wilson)~~ - Creates the health care professional education fund
- ~~HB 4735 (Ashby)~~ - Creates "Rural Development Funds" offering tax credits to incentivize development/investment in rural areas.
- ~~HB 4308 (Gates)~~ - Creates a county industrial development district. Bracketed to Fort Bend County, all counties except Harris County

Review Economic Development Policy (workforce)

HB 3260 (K Bell) – Improves the Texas Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Grant Program

SJR 59(Birdwell/Lambert) – \$850m in funding for TSTC

HB 322 (Guillen) – Expands the use of the JET program at TX Workforce Commission

SB 1143 (Blanco) – Aims to improve local workforce board programs impacting “opportunity youth” & requires new reporting of economic development agreements that create over 100 jobs

Economic Development Policy (energy)

SB 6 (King) – Improves the interconnection process for large loads

HB 14 (Harris) – Incentive program for small modular nuclear reactors

HJR 7 / SB 7 (Harris/Perry)– Dedicated Water Funding (\$1b per year)

Support “all the above” electric generation approach

- Several anti-wind, solar, and battery storage bills **did not pass** into law.
 - ~~SB 819 (Kolkhorst)~~–onerous siting requirements for wind/solar projects
 - ~~SB 1754 (Birdwell)~~–prohibits 312, 380, and 381 agreements on renewable energy projects
 - ~~SB 715 (Sparks) / HB 3356(Patterson)~~–creates firming/reliably requirements aimed at renewable energy projects

General Business Environment

- **SB 840 (Hughes)** – Preempts certain local zoning regulations for cities over 150k in population, in counties over 300k in population. See also:
 - **SB 15** – smaller lot sizes for housing
 - **HB 24** – new rules on comprehensive zoning changes
- **SB 25 (Kolkhorst)** – Creates onerous food labeling requirements.
- **SB 29 (Hughes/Vasut)** – Provides more legal certainty for companies (especially public companies) around internal shareholder disputes, corporate governance, and certain lawsuits
- **HB 150** – Creates the Texas Cyber Command at UTSA

What's Next?

- **Legislative Summaries**

- Shorter 1-2 pager – high-level information
- Longer 3-4 pager – In-depth on issue areas (eco devo, workforce, infrastructure...)

- **Rulemaking**

- Usually starts late summer/early fall, depending on the state agency

- **Policy Development for 90th Legislature**

- 585 days until the start of the next session 😊
- JETI changes
- County Industrial District
- Better use/investment of ~\$25+b in Rainy Day Fund
- New items?

Questions/Comments/Suggestions



Thank you!!!



Join us for TEDC's 2025 Mid-Year Conference in Rockwall, TX, June 18-20

Online registration closes June 10th

**Alliance for Interstate 69 Texas
Annual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

December 6, 2024

At the Office of the Greater Houston Partnership

Judge Chad Sims called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Board members were in attendance: Olin Joffrion, Steve Williams, Larissa Philpot, Carolyn Gibson, Melisa Montemayor, Michel Maksoud, Gerry Schwebel, Ben Zeller, David Garza, Teclo Garcia, Kent Britton and Pete Sepulveda. Chad Sims served as proxy for Sydney Murphy, Pete Sepulveda served as proxy for Richard Cortez, Gus Barrera served as proxy for Gerry Schwebel, Felicia Herndon served as proxy for Rush Harris and Jennifer Shepard served as proxy for Paulette Guajardo. Participants from TxDOT included: Rebecca Wells, Katie Martin, Matt Brazil, Glenn Allbritton, Raquelle Lewis, Jeff Vinklerek, Clayton Harris, Paula Sales-Evans, Pete Alvarez, Epigmenio Gonzalez, Roberto Rodriguez, Steve Linhart and Lorena Echeverria de Misi. Others participating in the meeting included: Lauren Boraud (IBC), Nelda Olivo and Lauren Pinkston (Port of Corpus Christi), Anthony Garza, Larry Meyers, Don Rodman and Jennifer Shepard.

Judge Sims gave welcoming remarks and then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2024 Board meeting. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Garza, followed by a second from Judge Zeller. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Judge Sims thanked all the TxDOT district engineers and staff for attending the meeting and stressed the importance of the partnership between the I-69 Alliance and TxDOT to the ongoing advancement of I-69. Judge Sims then called on a representative from each of the TxDOT district offices along I-69 to give a brief update on the status of I-69 and efforts to ensure that there are I-69 projects in the pipeline for addition to future UTPs.

Judge Sims called on Don Rodman to provide the State report. Mr. Rodman reported highlights from the UTP including:

- The 2025 UTP allocates more than \$140 billion in 10-year projected revenue to construction, up about \$40 billion from last year.
- UTP review shows more than 80 projects on the I-69 System – an estimated \$13 billion in construction. This is a significant increase from the 60 projects with a total construction cost of \$8.6 billion in the 2024 UTP.

Mr. Rodman provided highlights from our state advocacy efforts:

- I-69 remained a high priority for Commission and TxDOT leadership as evidenced by the I-69 corridor projects in the UTP.
- Major projects are underway along corridor.
- More than \$2 billion in I-69 contracts let this year.
- 6 major I-69 projects totaling \$635 million were underway
- We celebrated 4 ground-breaking ceremonies and 2 ribbon cuttings (Laredo & Houston)
- Monthly UPDATES were distributed to help build I-69 momentum and awareness.

Mr. Rodman provided a 2025 state outlook:

- State Legislature convenes on January 14th.
- 32 new state representatives and 7 new senators. On the I-69 Corridor, there are 7 new House members and 2 new senators.
- TxDOT is requesting \$40 billion for the 2026-2027 biennium, plus an additional \$1.5 billion in general revenue for exceptional items including more for the port loan program and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Ms. Shepard presented the 2025 State Priorities:

- Support increase in I-69 projects in UTP
- Eliminate local cost contribution for public utility relocation
- Encourage signing of more I-69 segments and expedite approval process
- Ribbon cuttings for start of I-69 projects
- Encourage posting of Future Interstate 69 signs
- Support and encourage I-69 federal grants and congressionally directed spending
- Maintain communications with state and local leaders about I-69

Carolyn Gibson offered a motion to approve the state priorities and Melisa Montemayor offered the second motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Shepard presented the 2025 State Legislative Priorities:

- Protect and preserve all current transportation funding sources, including Prop 1 and Prop 7.
- Support legislation eliminating the local contribution requirement for public utility relocation on congressionally authorized interstate in Economically Disadvantaged Counties.
- Establish and maintain equitable fees on alternative-fueled vehicles.
- Continue the policy of no diversions from the Highway Fund.
- Preserve current project financing and development tools for successful construction of transportation projects. This includes the construction of toll roads and tolled managed lanes when supported by the local community.
- Ensure that Texas law encourages and does not deter localities from utilizing innovative federal funding programs to advance transportation projects.

Two additional items were added to the list of priorities to include:

- Reauthorization of the Texas Mobility Fund.
- Establishment of a Blue Ribbon Committee to study future transportation funding needs of Texas. This would not be established by legislation but by direction of the governor.

David Garza offered a motion to approve the state priorities as amended and Larissa Philpot offered the second motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next, Judge Sims called on Larry Meyers to provide the federal report. Mr. Meyers provided a brief overview of federal accomplishments contributing to the advancement of I-69 including:

- After consultation with the TxDOT districts, collaboration with local officials and in coordination with members of Congress, the Alliance supported the FY 25 appropriations request for three I-69 projects. Following subcommittee and full committee action in the House, the request for \$5 million for the development of I-69 between Lufkin and Nacogdoches is included in the House-approved THUD bill. It is unclear if Congress will pass individual appropriations bills or an omnibus that includes earmarks. There is a possibility that Congress passes a continuing resolution that would not include earmarks.
- Execution of a successful I-69 DC Fly-in with participation from Texas and other I-69 Corridor states.

Mr. Meyers presented the 2025 Federal Priorities:

- Engage Texas delegation to ensure support of I-69 and seek sponsors for community project funding
- Facilitate and encourage community project funding for I-69 projects
- Work to accelerate I-69 segment signing with FHWA and AASHTO
- Serve as resource to inform Texas delegation on issues impacting I-69
- Coordinate with TxDOT as Congress develops new highway funding strategy
- Work to ensure Congress fully funds FHWA and IIJA programs key to I-69
- Encourage other states to participate with Alliance in DC efforts
- Work to maintain I-69 Congressional Caucus
- Support effort to end donor state status
- Assist in keeping Alliance board fully informed
- Encourage local organizations to include I-69 in DC programs and communications
- Coordinate 2024 I-69 DC Fly-In

One additional priority was added to the list to support renewal of TxDOT's NEPA Delegation of Authority.

Carolyn Gibson offered a motion to approve the state priorities as amended and Judge Zeller offered the second motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Judge Sims called on Ms. Shepard to provide the 2024 financial report. Ms. Shepard reported that as of December 2, 2024 the cash balance was \$46,869 and that all invoices/expenses had been paid. She added that \$262,212 in 2024 membership contributions were received. The 2024 budget approved by the Board included membership contributions of \$285,951. The year-end projected balance is \$28,731. At the conclusion of the financial status report, Judge Sims asked for a motion to accept the report. Carolyn Gibson offered the motion followed by a second motion from Larisa Philpot. The Board voted unanimously to accept the financial status report.

Ms. Shepard continued with presentation of the 2025 budget.

2025 Proposed Budget:

- 2025 Consultant fees remain unchanged from last year and in fact the same as in 2013.

- Proposed budget reflects actual memberships based on 2024 budget level or 2024 amount received – whichever is higher. This reflects that we have added a few members this year in some of the regions.
- The proposed 2025 budget includes \$286,661 in membership contributions and \$20,000 in event revenue profit, which combined equals \$306,661 in total revenue. The proposed budget includes \$299 K in expenses.
- The proposed budget includes a new line-item -- \$5,000 for the accounting and tax services to be provided by Buckley and Associates. The Partnership previously provided the accounting support services, but has requested to transition these services to another entity.
- The 2025 proposed budget was reviewed by the Executive Committee and unanimously recommended for approval by the Board.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025 budget.

Judge Sims referenced the 2025 Board of Directors roster and asked for any additions or changes. He then asked for a motion to approve the 2025 Board roster. The 2025 Board roster was unanimously approved.

Judge Sims thanked Larissa Philpot, Melisa Montemayor, and Teclo Garcia for serving on the Nominating Committee. He called on Larissa Philpot to present the slate of officers on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The committee recommended the following:

Chair: Judge Sydney Murphy, Polk County
 Vice Chair: Judge Chad Sims, Harrison County
 Vice Chair: Gerry Schwebel, IBC Bank
 Sec./Treasurer: Kent Britton, Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Judge Sims asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers. Larissa Philpot made the motion followed by a second from Carolyn Gibson. The slate of officers was approved unanimously.

Judge Sims called attention to the 2025 Calendar.

Judge Sims next turned to approval of the 2025 consultants' contracts. He reported that all three contracts were a continuation of the 2024 contracts. The consultants' contracts were approved unanimously. Judge Sims reported further that the Alliance entered into a 12-month contract with Buckley & Associates in November to provide accounting and tax preparation services in lieu of the Greater Houston Partnership. No action was needed and the cost was included in the 2025 budget.

Judge Sims thanked everyone for their participation and their ongoing hard work on I-69. The meeting was adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Region/County	2021 Amt. Paid	2022 Amt. Paid	2023 Amt. Paid	2024 Invoice Sent	2024 Invoice Amount	2024 Date Paid	2024 Amt. Paid	2025 Invoice Sent	2025 Invoice Amount	2025 Date Paid	2025 Amt. Paid
Northeast Texas	\$ 44,925	\$ 47,250	\$ 51,342.50				\$ 51,342.50		\$ 52,607.50		\$ 44,330.00
Bowie County	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/8/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/27/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/23/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Carthage EDC	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/4/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/6/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/8/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Carthage Improvement Corp	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/4/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/5/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/20/2024	\$ 6,325.00
Cass County		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,850.00	12/8/2023	\$ 3,850.00	6/25/2024	\$ 3,850.00	12/19/2024	\$ 3,850.00	12/26/2024	\$ 3,850.00
City of Carthage	\$ 6,325	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,957.50	12/8/2023	\$ 6,957.50	6/27/2024	\$ 6,957.50	12/19/2024	\$ 6,957.50	12/23/2024	\$ 6,325.00
City of Marshall	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/8/2023	\$ 6,325.00	9/27/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/10/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Harrison County	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/8/2023	\$ 6,325.00	5/7/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	4/25/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Marshall EDC	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,530.00	12/8/2023	\$ 2,530.00	12/19/2023	\$ 2,530.00	12/19/2024	\$ 2,530.00		
City of Atlanta		\$ 1,150			\$ 1,265.00			12/19/2024	\$ 1,265.00		
Panola County/Panola Chamber	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,530.00	12/10/2023	\$ 2,530.00	2/1/2024	\$ 2,530.00	12/19/2024	\$ 2,530.00	2/14/2025	\$ 2,530.00
Texarkana Chamber	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,850.00	12/10/2023	\$ 3,850.00	10/1/2024	\$ 3,850.00	12/19/2024	\$ 3,850.00		
East Texas	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,750	\$ 37,950.00				\$ 41,745.00		\$ 41,745.00		\$ 24,035.00
City of Lufkin		\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/8/2023	\$ 6,325.00	9/30/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00		
Angelina County			\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	1/23/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00		
Lufkin/ Angelina Co Chamber of Commerce				9/17/2024	\$ 1,897.50	9/30/2024	\$ 1,897.50	12/19/2024	\$ 1,897.50		
City of Nacogdoches	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	5/16/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/27/2025	\$ 6,325.00
County of Nacogdoches	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/27/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/7/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Nacogdoches EDC	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,897.50	12/10/2023	\$ 1,897.50	5/15/2024	\$ 1,897.50	12/19/2024	\$ 1,897.50	1/31/2025	\$ 1,897.50
Nacogdoches CoC				5/23/2024	\$ 1,897.50	7/29/2024	\$ 1,897.50	12/19/2024	\$ 1,897.50		
SFA	\$ 5,000				\$ 5,500.00						
City of Livingston	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,265.00	12/10/2023	\$ 1,265.00	9/26/2024	\$ 1,265.00	12/19/2024	\$ 1,265.00		
Polk County	\$ 8,625	\$ 8,625	\$ 9,487.50	12/10/2023	\$ 9,487.50	12/22/2023	\$ 9,487.50	12/19/2024	\$ 9,487.50	12/27/2024	\$ 9,487.50
North Central	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,325.00				\$ 6,325.00		\$ 7,325.00		\$ 7,325.00
Port of Houston Authority	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	1/17/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/15/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Greater Houston Partnership									1,000 plus in-kind		\$ 1,000.00
Central	\$ 3,225	\$ 6,100	\$ 6,710.00				\$ 6,710.00		\$ 6,710.00		\$ 1,897.50
El Campo Eco Devo Corp	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,650.00	12/10/2023	\$ 1,650.00	10/3/2024	\$ 1,650.00	12/19/2024	\$ 1,650.00		
City of Wharton	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,265.00	12/10/2023	\$ 1,265.00	12/11/2023	\$ 1,265.00	12/19/2024	\$ 1,265.00	12/30/2024	\$ 1,265.00
Wharton EDC	\$ 575	\$ 575	\$ 632.50	12/10/2023	\$ 632.50	12/11/2023	\$ 632.50	12/19/2024	\$ 632.50	1/6/2025	\$ 632.50
Wharton County		\$ 2,875	\$ 3,162.50	12/10/2023	\$ 3,162.50	12/19/2023	\$ 3,162.50	12/19/2024	\$ 3,162.50		
West Spur	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,500	\$ 37,950.00				\$ 31,625.00		\$ 37,950.00		\$ 25,300.00
City of Laredo	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00			12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00		
City of Victoria	\$ 2,875	\$ 2,875	\$ 3,162.50	12/10/2023	\$ 3,162.50	6/27/2024	\$ 3,162.50	12/19/2024	\$ 3,162.50	1/16/2025	\$ 3,162.50
International Bank of Commerce	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ 12,650.00	12/10/2023	\$ 12,650.00	1/23/2024	\$ 12,650.00	12/19/2024	\$ 12,650.00	4/1/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Victoria County	\$ 2,875	\$ 2,875	\$ 3,162.50	12/10/2023	\$ 3,162.50	7/1/2024	\$ 3,162.50	12/19/2024	\$ 3,162.50	1/13/2025	\$ 3,162.50
Port of Victoria	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	6/20/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/2/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Webb County	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	6/6/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/3/2025	\$ 6,325.00
East Spur	\$ 50,795	\$ 57,500	\$ 44,275.00				\$ 44,275.00		\$ 44,275.00		\$ -
RGV Mobility Task Force: Cameron County, City of McAllen, Harlingen EDC, Mission EDC, Pharr EDC	\$ 50,795	\$ 57,500	\$ 44,275.00	12/10/2023	\$ 44,275.00	3/21/2024, 5/30/2024 & 9/2/24	\$ 44,275.00	12/19/2024	\$ 44,275.00		
Coastal Bend	\$ 42,375	\$ 42,375	\$ 46,612.50				\$ 46,612.50		\$ 46,612.50		\$ 40,287.50
City of Corpus Christi	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/21/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/23/2025	\$ 6,325.00
Nueces County	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	\$ 11,825.00	12/10/2023	\$ 11,825.00	7/19/2024	\$ 11,825.00	12/19/2024	\$ 11,825.00	6/2/2025	\$ 11,825.00
Port of Corpus Christi Authority	\$ 20,125	\$ 20,125	\$ 22,137.50	12/4/2023	\$ 22,137.50	12/14/2023	\$ 22,137.50	12/19/2024	\$ 22,137.50	2/14/2025	\$ 22,137.50
San Patricio County	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	1/8/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00		
TOTAL REGIONAL	\$ 223,820	\$ 236,475	\$ 231,165.00				\$ 228,635.00		\$ 237,225.00		\$ 143,175.00
Associate Members	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,650.00				\$ 12,650.00				\$ 6,325.00
DEC	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	12/12/2023	\$ 6,325.00				
Gannett-Fleming								12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00	1/8/2025	\$ 6,325.00
LIA			\$ 6,325.00	12/10/2023	\$ 6,325.00	3/15/2024	\$ 6,325.00	12/19/2024	\$ 6,325.00		
RMA Members	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 24,475.00				\$ 24,475.00		\$ 24,475.00		\$ 5,500.00
Cameron County RMA	paid w/ RGV	paid w RGV	\$ 9,487.50	w/ RGV invoice	\$ 9,487.50	3/21/2024	\$ 9,487.50	w/ RGV invoice	\$ 9,487.50		
Hidalgo County RMA	paid w/ RGV	paid w RGV	\$ 9,487.50	w/ RGV invoice	\$ 9,487.50	3/21/2024	\$ 9,487.50	w/ RGV invoice	\$ 9,487.50		
NET RMA		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500.00	12/10/2023	\$ 5,500.00	12/22/2023	\$ 5,500.00	12/19/2024	\$ 5,500.00	1/17/2025	\$ 5,500.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 226,820	\$ 244,475	\$ 268,290.00		\$ 278,850.00		\$ 265,760.00				\$ 155,000.00



Transportation Legislation – 2025 Regular Session

Alliance for I-69 Texas

Updated: June 4, 2025

Preserve Existing Funding Framework Including Propositions 1 and 7; Continue Non-Diversion Policy

SB 1 (Huffman) – General Appropriations Bill. SENT TO GOVERNOR. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: SB 1 provides \$40.3 billion in funding for TxDOT for the 2026-2027 biennium compared with \$37.2 billion as budgeted for the 2024-2025 biennium. The final bill contains no significant diversions of highway funds. It does not approve TxDOT request for 299 additional personnel to manage the growing number of projects. In Rider 36 the bill allocates \$40 million to seaport access projects. Riders 55 and 56 direct \$10 million in General Revenue to two off-system rail crossing bridges near I-69 in Houston. Rider 57 directs \$28.4 million in General Revenue to reconstruct FM 653 which connects to US 59/Future I-69 in El Campo. Rider 51 directs TxDOT to website post all engineering services contracts and to provide and post notice before suspending work on any of those contracts, a response to work slowdowns in 2024.

Bills With Potential Negative Impact on Proposition 1 or Proposition 7 Revenues (State Highway Fund)

HJR 35 (Craddick) – Proposes a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of a Grow Texas Fund to receive funding from oil and gas severance taxes - in addition to the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) and the State Highway Fund (SHF). Reduces the portion of revenue to the ESF by 12% and provides that revenue (up to \$250 million) to the Grow Texas Fund. Establishes a grant program for agencies and political subdivisions in oil producing regions for roads, schools, medical facilities, etc. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Passed House (101-32); died in the Senate.

HB 265 (Craddick) – Enabling legislation for HJR 35 above. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Passed House (84-47); died in the Senate.

HJR 47 (Landgraf) – Proposes a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas severance tax revenue and oil and natural gas (Texas STRONG) defense fund and dedicates certain revenues to areas of the state significantly impacted by oil and gas production. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Passed House (104-27) 5/12/25, died in the Senate.

HB 188 (Landgraf) – Enabling legislation for HJR 47 above. Companion to SB 1001. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Died at House deadline.

SJR 48 (Blanco) - Proposes a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas severance tax revenue and oil and natural gas (Texas STRONG) defense fund and dedicates certain revenues to areas of the state significantly impacted by oil and gas production. Companion to HJR 47. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Finance 2/24/25; no action, died in committee.

SB 1001 (Blanco) – Enabling legislation for SJR 48 above. Companion to HB 188. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Finance 2/24/25; died in committee.

HJR 58 (Bucy) – Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing use of the state highway fund for transit-oriented projects. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Heard in S/C on Transportation Funding, 3/31/25, left pending. Died at House deadline.

HJR 63 (Walle) – Proposes a constitutional amendment adding public transportation, bicycle paths, and public sidewalks to the list of permissible uses of the State Highway Fund. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Heard in S/C on Transportation Funding, 3/31/25, left pending. Died at House deadline.

Legislation That Would Increase Dedicated Transportation Revenue (TxDOT, Counties, Cities, Etc.)

HB 326 (R.Lopez) – Indexes the state's gasoline and diesel taxes to the Highway Cost Index (HCI) providing annual increases/decreases based upon the index. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Ways & Means 2/28/25; died at House deadline.

HB 2099 (Plesa) – Establishes a 0.026 kilowatt hour tax on commercial EV charging services and directs the proceeds to the State Highway Fund. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Ways & Means, 3/14/25; died at House deadline.

Other Bills of Interest

SB 1555 (Nichols) – SENT TO GOVERNOR. Establishing a grant program for certain railroad grade crossing projects. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Passed by Senate, 3/25/25; passed by House 5/10/25.

HB 5453 (Craddick) – Directing the Department of Transportation to modify the procedure for implementing the Unified Transportation Program; modifying notice



requirements; and directing TxDOT to design and build 20 specified highway projects including six in Harris County, three each in Denton and Midland Counties and two in Bexar County. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Approved by House Transportation 5/1/25. Died at House deadline.

HB 4529 CS (Ordaz) – SENT TO GOVERNOR. Eliminates some listed uses and revising grant funding percentages for funding under the Texas emissions reduction plan. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Approved by House 5/7/25. Approved by Senate committee 5/19/25.

HB 4888 (Canales) – Authorizing regional mobility authorities to provide financial assistance for transportation projects of governmental entities located in their jurisdiction; providing authority to issue bonds. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Heard in Transportation Funding subcommittee, 4/14/25; left pending. Died at House deadline.

HB 1288 (Landgraf) – Committee substitute would increase the amount of discretionary funding authority given to the Texas Transportation Commission from 10% to 20% of the current biennial departmental budget. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Substitute heard in S/C on Transportation Funding 3/31/25; left pending. Died at House deadline.

HB 3849 (Canales) – Instructs the Transportation Commission by rule to create an additional Unified Transportation Program (UTP) category for projects related to improving border security and establishing international trade corridors over the state highway system in the border region. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Approved (119-22) by House 5/15/25; died in Senate committee.

SB 35 (Nichols) – Reducing the number of design-build contracts TxDOT is authorized to enter into from six to two per biennium. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Passed the Senate, 3/19/25; heard in House Transportation 5/19/25, died at House deadline.

SJR 33 (Miles) – Proposes a constitutional amendment adding public transportation, bicycle paths, and public sidewalks to the list of permissible uses of the State Highway Fund. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Transportation 2/7/25. No action.

SB 424 (Eckhardt) – Directs the Department (TxDOT) to enter into a comprehensive development agreement with a private entity to construct, maintain, and operate a high-speed rail connection between Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio along the IH 35 corridor. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Finance 2/3/25; no action.

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HB 542 (Bucy) – Enabling legislation for a Constitutional Amendment to authorize the use of gas tax revenue for transit-oriented projects. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Heard in S/C on Transportation Funding 3/31/25; left pending. Died at House deadline.

HJR 87 (Zwiener) – Constitutional amendment that would introduce Initiative and Referendum in Texas. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to State Affairs 3/10/25. Died at House deadline.

SJR 14 (Johnson) – Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing Initiative and Referendum in Texas. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to State Affairs 2/3/25. Died at House deadline.

SB 1769 (Cook) – Authorizing TxDOT to enter into a CDA for high-speed passenger rail operated by a private entity and connecting Houston with Austin. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Finance 3/13/25; no action.

HB 5300 (Goodwin) – Direct the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to develop data ranking all public roadway segments for safety and requires TxDOT to annually develop a safety intervention strategy for the highest ranking roadway segments. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Transportation, 4/7/25. Died at House deadline.

SB 2092 (Cook) – Would establish a highway construction mitigation program and requiring the mitigation of negative effects on adjacent neighborhoods, specifically to reduce dust and noise. Also requiring grants to fund damage to structures. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Referred to Transportation, 3/24/25; no action.

HB 5259 (Flores) – Directs Parks and Wildlife Department, in consultation with TxDOT, to create a wildlife corridors action plan that recommends and prioritizes wildlife crossing projects intended to promote driver safety and wildlife connectivity. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Approved by Culture, Recreation and Tourism, 5/8/25; died at House deadline.

Tolls and Tolling

HB 1589 (Gerdes) – Requiring local voter approval for authorization of any new toll project by a tolling entity. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Heard in S/C on Transportation Funding 4/14/25; left pending. Died at House deadline.



HB 2552 (Cain) – Would prohibit tolls on a highway that was subject to a comprehensive development agreement that was terminated by a toll project entity. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Referred to S/C on Transportation Funding 3/17/25. Died at House deadline.

HB 2297 (Cunningham) – Would suspend all toll collections during the period of an evacuation order. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Heard in S/C on Transportation Funding 4/14/25; left pending. Died at House deadline.

SB 848 (Eckhardt) – Prohibits requiring a local government to provide compensation to the TxDOT for certain potential or actual lost toll project revenue. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Referred to Senate Transportation 2/13/25; no action.

HB 2323 (Shaheen) – Requiring cessation of tolls by toll project entities under certain circumstances and directing that the facility be added to the state highway system. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Heard in S/C on Transportation Funding 3/31/25; left pending. Died at House deadline.

Oversized/Overweight Vehicles

HB 2427 (Canales) – SENT TO GOVERNOR. Allows the Transportation Commission to authorize a regional mobility authority to issue permits for movement of oversize and overweight vehicles for certain routes in Hidalgo County. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Passed by House 4/29/25; passed by Senate 5/26/25.

HB 2455 (Canales) – Committee substitute provides that maximum vehicle weight limits do not apply when the vehicle operates exclusively on private roads associated with a port of entry and crosses a public highway between private roads. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Passed by House 4/29/25; died in Senate committee.

HB 1978 (J. Lopez) – Authorizes the Port of Brownsville and the Port of Houston to designate routes for issuance of a permit for movement of oversized and overweight vehicles in Cameron County. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Referred to Transportation 3/14/25. Died at House deadline.

SB 1485 (A. Hinojosa) – Regarding movement of oversized and overweight vehicles in Cameron County. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Referred to Senate Transportation 3/6/25; no action.

I-69 Alliance 2025 Legislative Priorities

- Protect and preserve all current transportation funding sources, including voter-approved Prop 1 and Prop 7.
- Continue the policy of no diversions from the State Highway Fund.
- Support reauthorization of the Texas Mobility Fund.
- Preserve current project financing and development tools for successful construction of transportation projects. This includes the construction of toll roads and tolled managed lanes when supported by the local community.
- Ensure that Texas law encourages and does not deter localities from utilizing innovative federal funding programs to advance transportation projects.
- Support the creation of a Blue Ribbon Committee to analyze the unmet transportation funding needs of the State through 2050.
- Establish and maintain equitable fees on alternative-fueled vehicles.



The Alliance for I-69 Texas

*Working to Better Connect Texas Communities and
Create Economic Opportunities*

Opportunities to advance Future Interstates in the next federal surface transportation authorization bill:

1. **Future Interstate Highway Formula Program** - Establish a guaranteed level of federal commitment to the completion of congressionally authorized Future Interstates.
 - Focus on adding capacity to complement existing interstate highways and address current unmet system demands. Next generation of the interstate system.
 - Formula will be based on miles of congressionally designated Future Interstate in a state that is not yet built to interstate standard.
 - Re-allocate a portion of current competitive grant program funding for surface transportation projects through Future Interstate Formula Program.
 - Funding from the Future Interstate Formula Program will not be counted as part of a state's guaranteed Rate of Return from the Highway Trust Fund. Instead, the funding will be above the line in recognition of the national benefit the Future Interstate yields, well beyond the state benefit.
 - Federal investment should be comparable to federal investment in other transportation modes such as port projects through USACE.
2. Significantly reduce or eliminate federal competitive grants and instead, allocate funding through formula to states.
 - Formula funding is more predictable and facilitates better planning by state and local governments.
 - Competitive grants are highly oversubscribed and serve to geopolitically distribute funding which ultimately dilutes the level of progress made on large-scale infrastructure projects.
 - Of the 5 primary grants under IIJA that could be utilized to advance I-69 (Rural Transportation, BUILD, BIP, INFRA and Mega), there were only 3 projects related to the development of I-69 and none tied directly to construction to build a new segment of I-69.
 - In 2023, Texas received 1.59% of USDOT competitive grant funding and in 2024 Texas received 3.45%. By comparison, Texas received 9.85% of the formula funding every year.

3. Eliminate all public sector local contribution requirement for rural areas on Future Interstate corridor projects.
 - By nature, interstates are designed to serve national benefit. Rural communities should not be required to fund any phase/portion of the project development.
 - Funding for all costs to develop and build Future Interstates should be provided by the federal and state governments.
 - Utility costs are an extremely small percentage of the total project development and construction costs of Future Interstate Highways, however they are a significant cost to local governments in rural communities. The inability of local governments to provide a portion of the public utility relocation cost can cause unnecessary delays to project advancement, while delaying the project can lead to higher total project costs.
 - Establish Future Interstate Reinvestment Zones to provide a funding stream to provide state repayment of the non-federal share.
4. Allow federal freight infrastructure funding to be utilized by state DOTs for all projects in a USDOT approved State Freight Plan.
 - The national Primary Highway Freight Network is artificially constrained and largely includes the existing interstate system. As of the 2022 Congressional re-designation of the PHFS, this network consists of about 41,799 centerlines miles, including 38,014 centerline miles of Interstate and 3,785 centerline miles of non-Interstate roads.
 - The program should address the need for added capacity and not just support of the existing interstate system.



Labor Market Information for Rio Grande Valley & Laredo Areas

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES

Geographic Area	Apr-25			Mar-25	Apr-24		
	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rate	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
USA	170,622,000	6,580,000	3.9%	4.2%	167,484,000	5,894,000	3.5%
Texas	15,922,661	587,689	3.7%	4.0%	15,523,969	551,610	3.6%
Workforce Solutions	440,365	25,280	5.7%	6.1%	429,603	23,480	5.5%
Hidalgo County	405,767	22,520	5.5%	5.9%	395,535	20,850	5.3%
Starr County	25,209	2,283	9.1%	9.8%	24,956	2,158	8.6%
Willacy County	9,389	477	5.1%	5.4%	9,112	472	5.2%
McAllen	73,836	3,114	4.2%	4.5%	72,059	2,917	4.0%
Mission	39,465	1,948	4.9%	5.3%	38,565	1,886	4.9%
Edinburg	51,618	2,325	4.5%	4.9%	50,288	2,096	4.2%
Pharr	37,337	2,096	5.6%	5.9%	36,416	1,962	5.4%
San Juan	17,017	1,058	6.2%	6.2%	16,559	957	5.8%
Weslaco	19,372	1,240	6.4%	6.3%	18,823	1,096	5.8%
Workforce Solutions Cameron	198,296	13,658	6.9%	6.2%	188,347	8,848	4.7%
Harlingen	32,715	1,460	4.5%	4.6%	31,750	1,365	4.3%
Brownsville	91,152	7,599	8.3%	7.0%	85,319	4,092	4.8%
San Benito	10,015	642	6.4%	6.2%	9,611	499	5.2%
Workforce Solutions S. Texas	128,769	5,862	4.6%	4.8%	124,210	4,813	3.9%
Webb County	122,145	5,452	4.5%	4.7%	117,846	4,461	3.8%
Laredo	117,356	5,199	4.4%	4.7%	113,256	4,279	3.8%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES

USA	171,109,000	7,165,000	4.2%	4.2%	167,988,000	6,492,000	3.9%
Texas	15,814,430	642,922	4.1%	4.1%	15,522,022	623,726	4.0%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Labor Market Review, May 2025 issue.



Workforce Solutions April 2025 Labor Market Report

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) released the April Labor Market and Employment reports. The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate remained constant at 4.2%. The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained constant at 4.1%.

Statewide Overview: Texas had a gain of 37,700 non-agricultural jobs in April and a gain of 215,500 jobs in the past year (seasonally adjusted). This represents an annual employment increase rate of 1.5%.

Goods-Producing employment increased by 10,300 jobs in April, and a total of 38,100 jobs were gained in the past twelve months. The Goods-Producing sector has seen an increase of 1.9% over the past twelve months. The Construction sector had the most job growth for this month with 4,900 jobs added.

The Service-Providing sector increased by 27,400 jobs in April and had a total gain of 177,400 jobs in the past year. This sector increased at a 1.5% annual rate. The Professional and Business Services sector had the most job growth with an additional 10,900 jobs increasing at a 1.2% annual rate. The Private Education and Health Services, which had an annual increasing rate of 2.1%, had the second most job gains in April with an estimated 7,400 employees.

Regional Unemployment Recap: The April unemployment rates decreased in Hidalgo (0.4%), Starr (0.7%) and Willacy County (0.3%).

Counties:

- Hidalgo County decreased by 0.4% to 5.5%
- Cameron County increased by 0.7% to 6.9%
- Starr County decreased by 0.7% to 9.1%
- Willacy County decreased by 0.3% to 5.1%
- Webb County decreased by 0.2% to 4.5%

Cities:

- McAllen has the lowest unemployment rate in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) at a rate of 4.2%
- Edinburg and Harlingen have the second lowest unemployment rates in the RGV at a rate of 4.5%
- Laredo unemployment rate decreased 0.3% to 4.4%
- Mission unemployment rate decreased 0.4% to 4.9%
- Brownsville unemployment rate increased 1.3% to 8.3%



Regional Employment Change Estimates Hidalgo, Cameron, and Webb Counties' Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)

Employment Sectors	MSA			Total Region
	McAllen	Brownsville	Laredo	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0	0	0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	200	-300	300
Information	0	0	0	0
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0
Professional & Business Services	100	300	100	500
Education (Private) & Health Services	500	100	200	800
Leisure & Hospitality	100	300	100	500
Other Services	0	0	0	0
Government (Public Ed, Law Enforcement)	700	0	200	900
Total All Non-Agriculture Sectors:	1,800	900	300	3,000

The April 2025 Employment Change Estimates reflect an **increase in jobs added** for the border region from last month's employment estimates. The primary sector with the largest job growth in the border region is The Government (Public Ed, Law Enforcement) sector with an estimated of 900 new jobs.

The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector in the RGV region experienced a gain of 400 jobs in the McAllen MSA and 200 jobs in the Brownsville MSA, while the Laredo MSA saw a loss of 300 jobs. The April total non- agricultural job gain for the border region is an estimated 3,000 jobs.

RGV Economy: During the month of April, the RGV's (McAllen & Brownsville MSA's) showed a gain of 2,700 jobs in the workforce. WFS partnered with businesses to address hiring needs by hosting 13 hiring events with 60 participating employers and 567 job seekers in attendance, which led to a total of 101 job offers being extended during those events. Additionally, WFS served a total of 1,111 employers, representing 1,147 job openings.

Furthermore, the report extracted on April from WorkInTexas highlights Workforce Solutions' significant impact on employment efforts, with 540 individuals successfully assisted in securing employment. Of these, 192 were direct hires and 348 were indirect hires.

Business Engagement: Employer Information Session: On April 15th, Workforce Solutions Lower Rio, in partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission and the Pharr Economic Development Corporation, hosted a Healthcare Employers Presentation aimed at strengthening ties with the local business community. The event provided a platform to showcase Workforce Solutions programs and services designed to support employer needs and workforce development. A representative from the Texas Workforce Commission also shared valuable information on current grants and statewide initiatives available to businesses, emphasizing opportunities for upskilling and talent development. Events like these are vital in promoting collaboration, raising awareness of available resources, and reinforcing our commitment to empowering employers and advancing the regional workforce. We remain dedicated to supporting businesses through innovative solutions that help them grow and adapt to a competitive economy.

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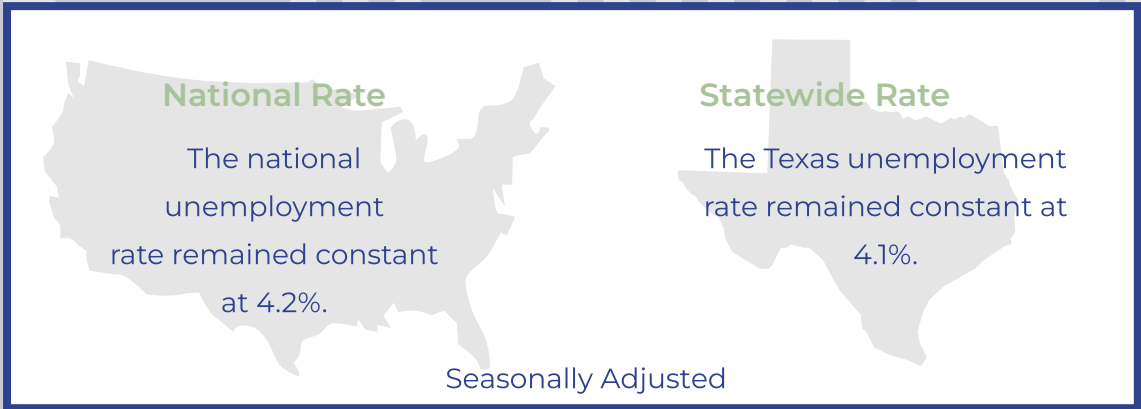
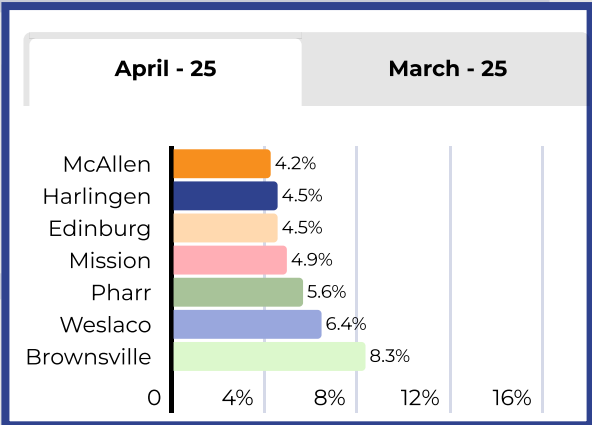
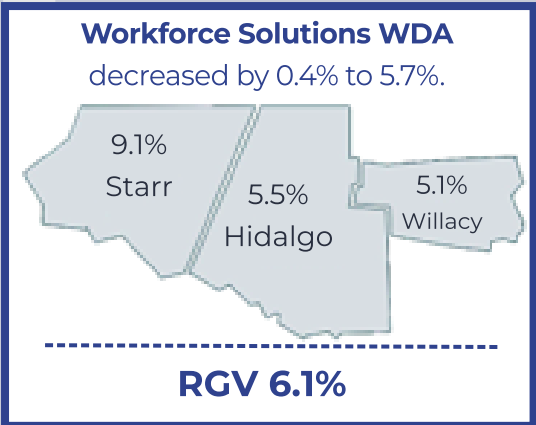
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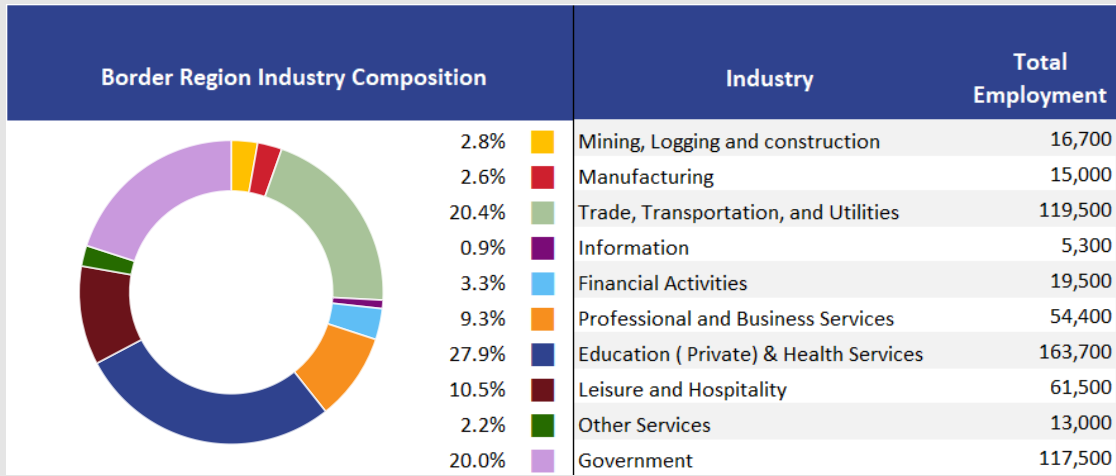


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Employment Change

Border Region Monthly Change

	Mcallen MSA	Brownsville MSA	Laredo MSA	Total Monthly Change
Total All Non-Agriculture	1,800 	900 	300 	3,000 



Highest Job Growth



Lowest Job Growth

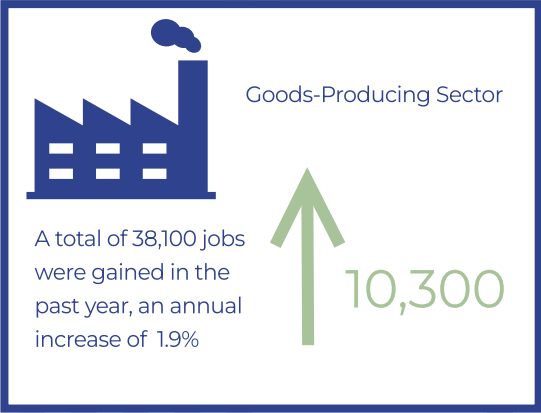
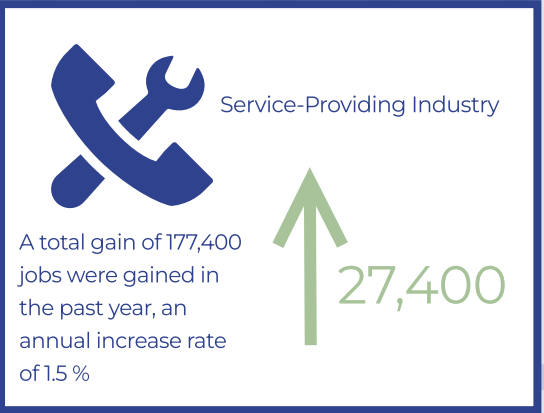
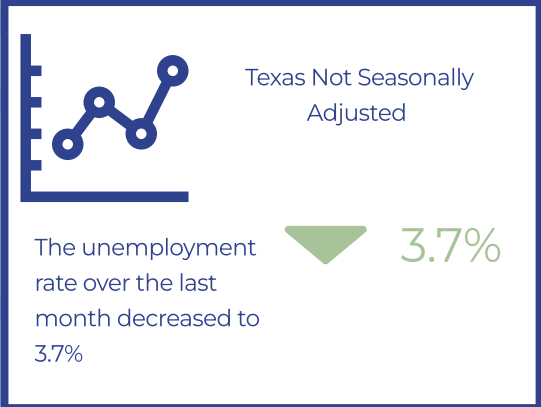
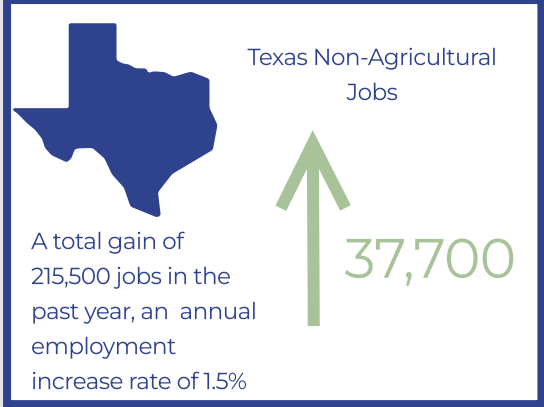


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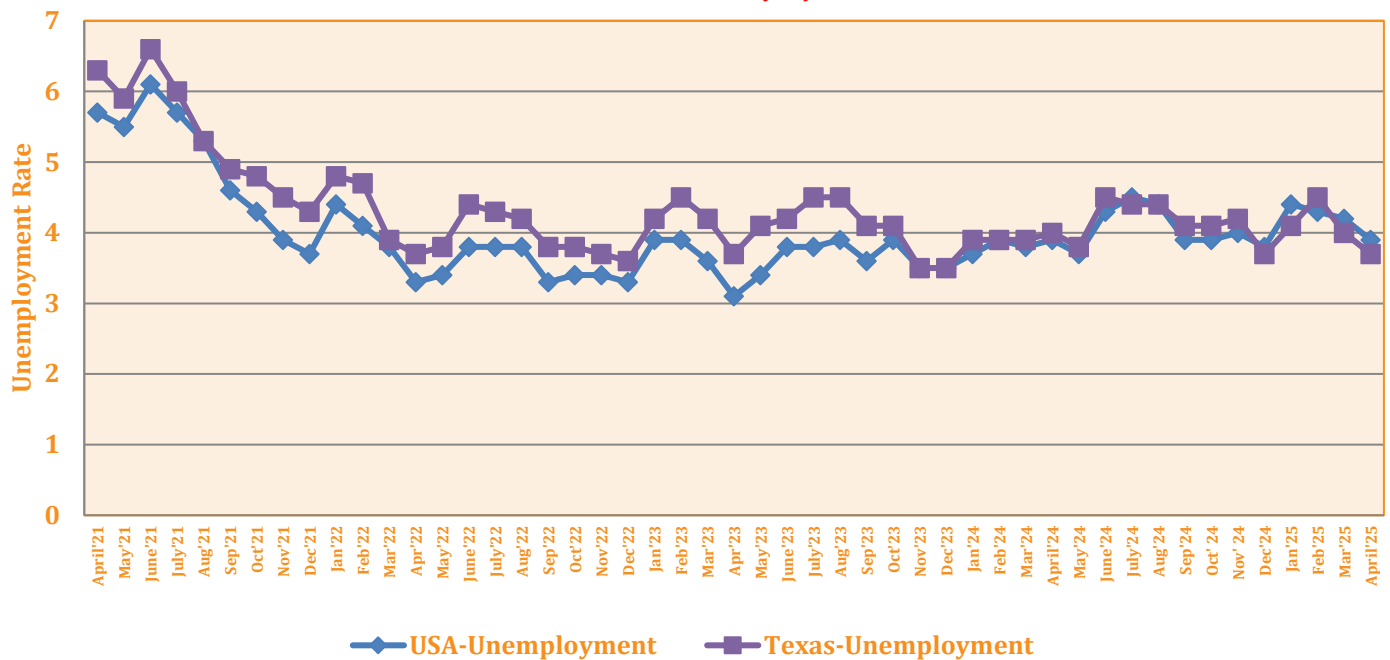


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