



Celebrating 2026, Accelerating into 2027

TxAPA Annual Conference

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Historic lettings, construction volumes & contractor payments



In 2014, TxDOT had \$17 billion in projects under construction.
Today, it's over \$60 billion.



In FY 2024, TxDOT set a record with **2,198** highway improvement contracts awarded, valued at **\$13.7 billion**.

In FY 2025, TxDOT awarded another **2,023** contracts, valued at **\$12 billion**. For FY 2026 Award was **\$10.2 billion**.



Fueled by the historic letting volumes, payments to our contractors recently surged to an unprecedented **\$1.5 billion** in a single month.

BABA Gold Star Program

- ✓ Build America/Buy America requirements
- ✓ Over 80 Departmental Material Specifications updated
- ✓ Over 200 Manufacturers submitted paperwork
- ✓ More than 600 items included in the program
- ✓ Substantial paperwork reduction for both the Area Office and Contractors.
- ✓ Teamwork between FHWA, AGC, NEMA, TMAC, TCPA, TxDOT, and Other DOTs.



Bidding Capacity Increase

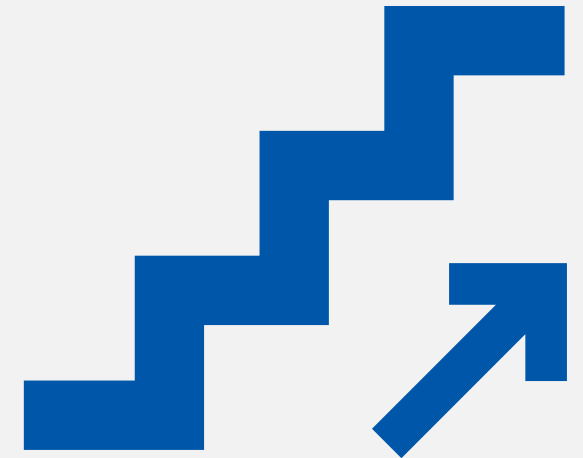
- ✓ Based on industry feedback, bidding capacity methodology was updated in 2025.
- ✓ Bidding capacity multiplier was increased from 20 to 30. Not updated since the 1970s.
 - ❖ Restores bidding power for contractors and promotes competition
 - ❖ Especially impactful on smaller or constrained contractors



Prime Contractor Evaluation Scoring Changes

Construction Division- CST / MNT Division- MNT

- ✓ **March 2025 – Added half points to the scoring scale**
 - ❖ Provides TxDOT flexibility in scoring contractors appropriately
- ✓ Based on quarterly tracking, passing scores **increased:**
 - ❖ Up by 1% for CST projects & up by 3% for MNT projects
- ✓ Scores above a 2 also **increased:**
 - ❖ Up 8% for CST projects & up 18% for MNT projects



Asphalt Pavement EXchange (APEX)

- ✓ A dedicated, coordinated & continuously improving asphalt pavement knowledge sharing educational program.
- ❖ Identified and initiated by the Asphalt Pavement Quality Initiative Task Force to provide formal HMA education
- ❖ APEX Task Force + 8 working groups along with full time APEX staff & consultants guide the effort
- ❖ Asphalt Pavement Specialists are in all 25 TxDOT Districts to assist with implementation

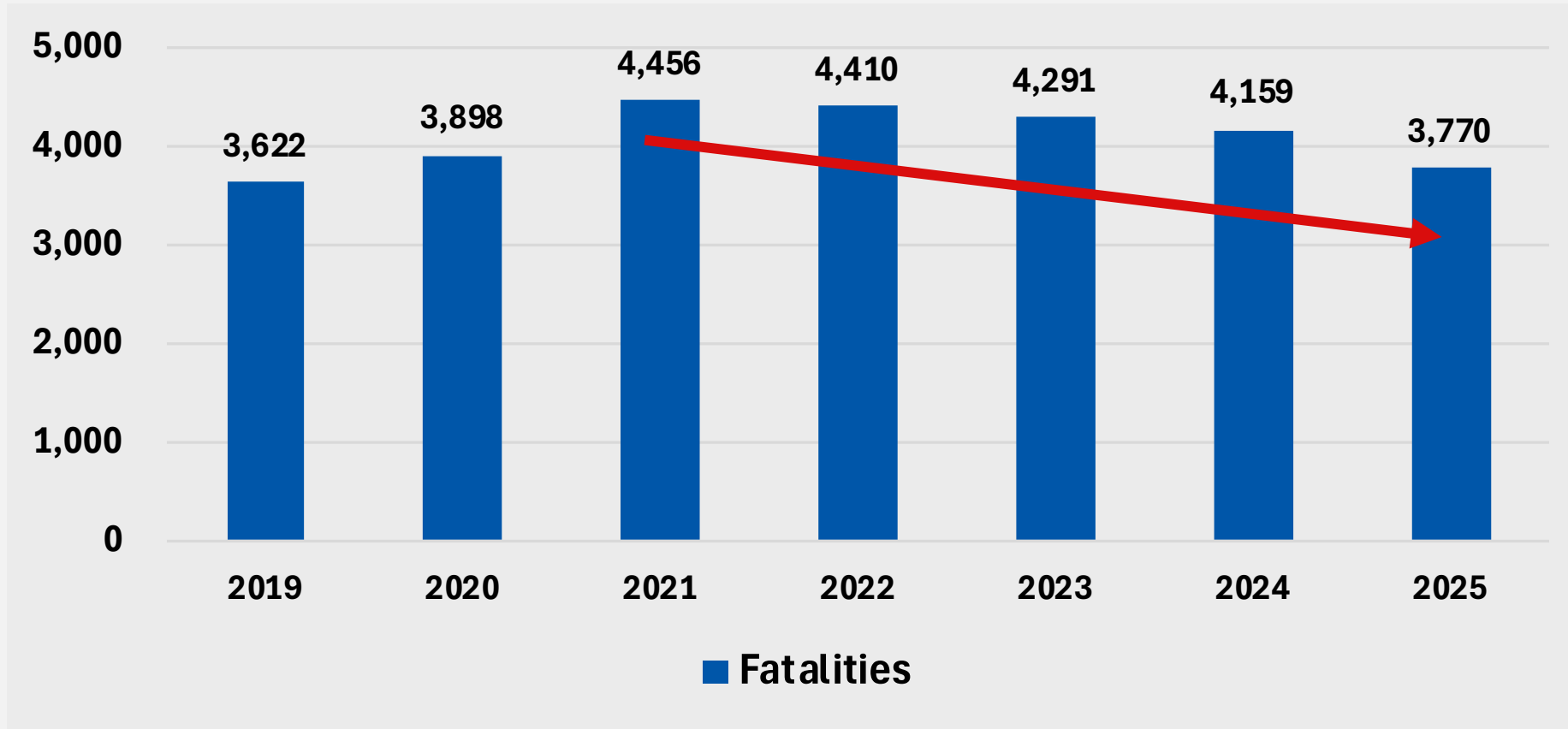


**Asphalt
Pavement
EXchange**
A TxDOT Quality Initiative for Asphalt Pavements

 Reference Guides	 YouTube Videos	 Technical Documents
 District Workshops	 Regional Workshops	 Online Workshops

Visit [Apextx.org](https://www.apextx.org)

Safety -- Texas Fatalities 2018 – 2025



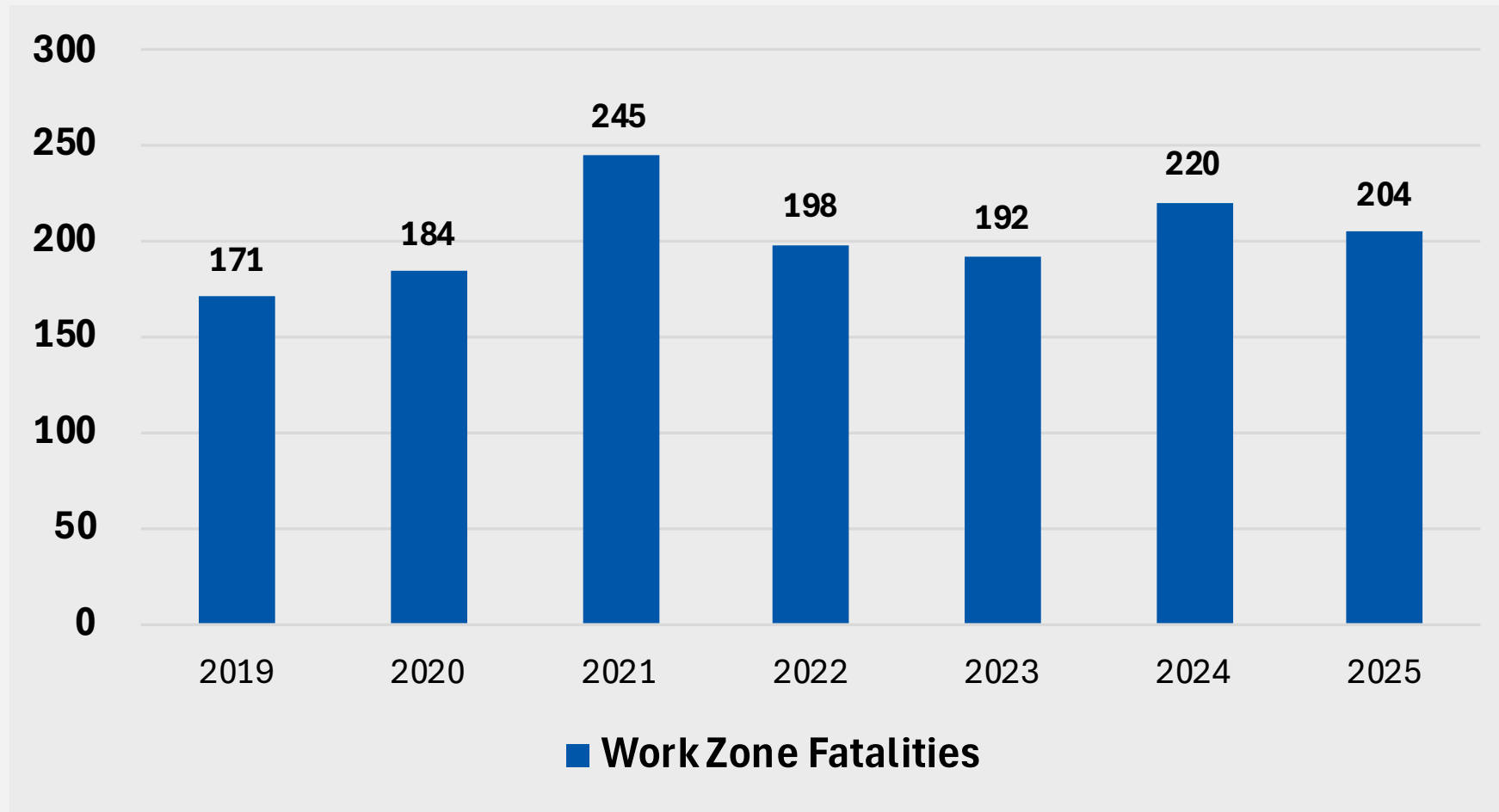
In 2025, traffic-related fatalities were at 3,770* compared with 4,159 lives lost on Texas roadways in 2024. (9.4% decrease)

*Data as of 3/16/26

Safety -- 2024 vs 2025 (YTD)

- Fatalities overall are down 9.4% (3,770 vs 4,159)
 - Emphasis area performance:
 - Unrestrained – Down 10%
 - Single Vehicle Run Off Road – Down 11%
 - Pedestrians – Down 10%
 - Pedalcyclists – Up 14% (91 in 2025 vs 80 in 2024)
 - Speed-related – Down 15%

Safety -- Texas Work Zone Fatalities 2018 – 2025



In 2025, WZ fatalities were down 9.2%*.

*Data as of 3/16/26

The UTP is the Texas Department of Transportation's 10-year plan that guides the development of transportation projects across the state.



Determines Funding and Distribution

Determines how much transportation funding the state expects to have over the next decade and how to distribute it to address needs across the state.



12 Funding Categories

Organized into 12 funding categories that focus on different highway project types or ranges of activities.



Planning for the Next 10 Years

Includes the transportation projects that TxDOT is developing for construction over the next 10 years.



Mandated by State Law

Required by state law to be approved by the Texas Transportation Commission each year by August 31.

August 2026 Letting

Award Authority	Contract Type	Projects Let	Low Bid (\$ Millions)
Commission	Highway Improvement	97	\$1,055.21
	Routine Maintenance	23	\$47.90
	Total*	120	\$1,103.12
District (July Projects)	Local District Let	101	\$41.98
	Local Agency Let	11	\$55.77

*Amounts may not sum due to rounding

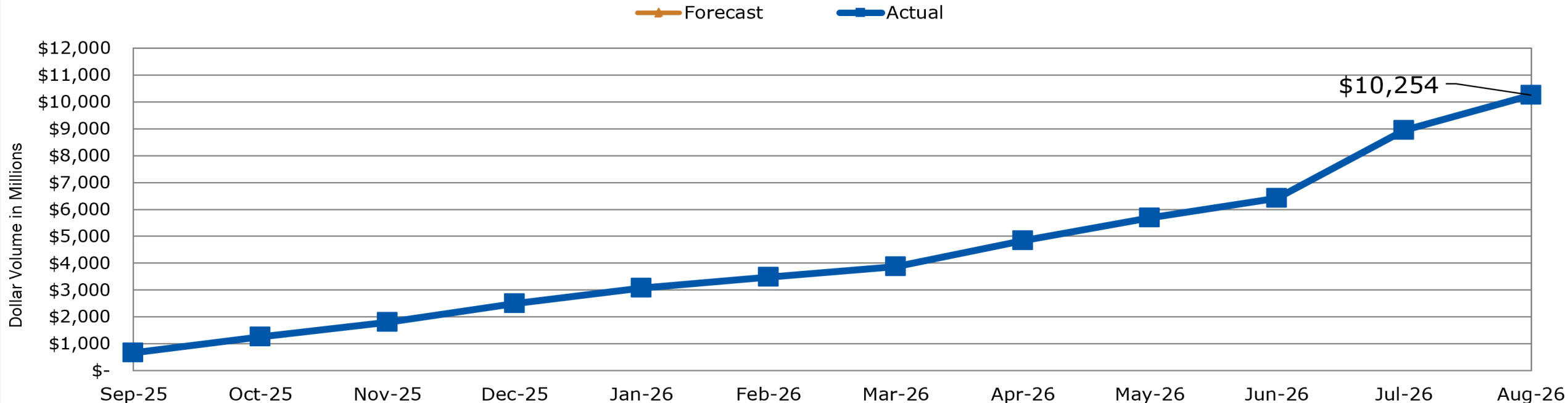
Cumulative Letting Dollar Volume in Millions – Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

Note: Data is estimated and subject to change

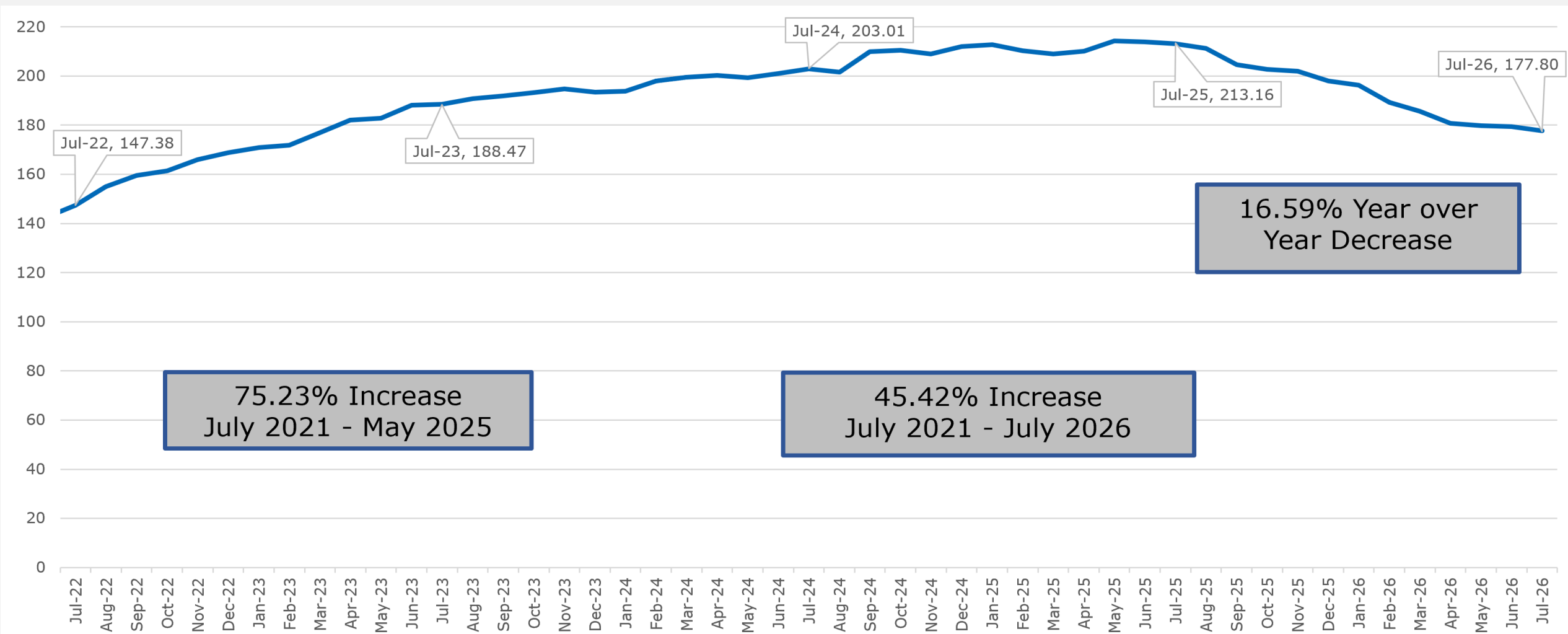
Breakdown by Project Type	Target	Forecast
Highway Improvement	\$8,124	\$7,441
Routine Maintenance (Statewide & District Let)	\$900	\$900
Local Agency Let	\$300	\$475
Alternative Delivery	\$1,876	\$1,439
Total	\$11,200	\$10,254

Highway Improvement Cumulative FY Totals	
Planned Projects	Actual/Projected Projects
717	822

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Highway Cost Index (HCI) 12 Month Moving Average



Draft 2027 UTP Distribution and Estimated New Funding

Category	Description	New Available Funding	Draft Distribution
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$2,252,140,671	\$18,406,812,861
2	Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$144,172,577	\$9,236,626,572
4R	Statewide Connectivity Corridors (Rural)	\$142,041,577	\$9,100,100,886
4U	Statewide Connectivity Corridors (Urban)	\$109,794,815	\$7,034,165,023
5	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$123,604,375	\$1,821,449,302
6	Structures Replacement (Bridges)	\$325,434,165	\$4,538,806,794
7	Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation	\$358,476,805	\$5,735,628,873
8	Safety	\$231,045,261	\$3,603,724,169
9	Transportation Alternatives	\$161,503,964	\$1,685,258,755
10	Supplemental Transportation Projects	\$145,830,456	\$1,388,670,456
11	District Discretionary	\$177,876,190	\$1,850,000,000
11ES	Energy Sector	\$210,206,080	\$2,714,115,000
11SF	District Safety	\$92,314,202	\$1,191,932,030
12	Strategic Priority	\$259,419,581	\$14,026,255,118
12CL	Strategic Priority (Texas Clear Lanes)	\$239,619,653	\$5,639,619,653
Sub-Total Distribution (Less Cat 3)		\$4,973,480,372	\$87,973,165,492

Table 1: Estimated Available Funding and Draft Distribution for UTP Funding Categories
(Excluding Category 3)

Draft 2027 UTP Ten-Year Estimated Total Investment

Type of Funding	Total Funding
UTP Draft Distribution (Less Cat 3)	\$87,973,165,492
Category 3 Funding	\$7,049,272,096
Total Estimated Draft 2027 UTP Funding	\$95,022,437,588
Estimated Development Costs	\$31,500,000,000
Estimated Routine Maintenance Contracts	\$10,970,000,000
Total Ten-Year Estimated Investment	\$137,492,437,588

Table 2: Estimated Available Funding and Draft Distribution for UTP Funding Categories
(Including Category 3)



KNOWN DATA

Statewide Priorities and System Needs

- **Safety**
- **Preservation**
- **Congestion**
- **Connectivity**
- **Economy**

50%

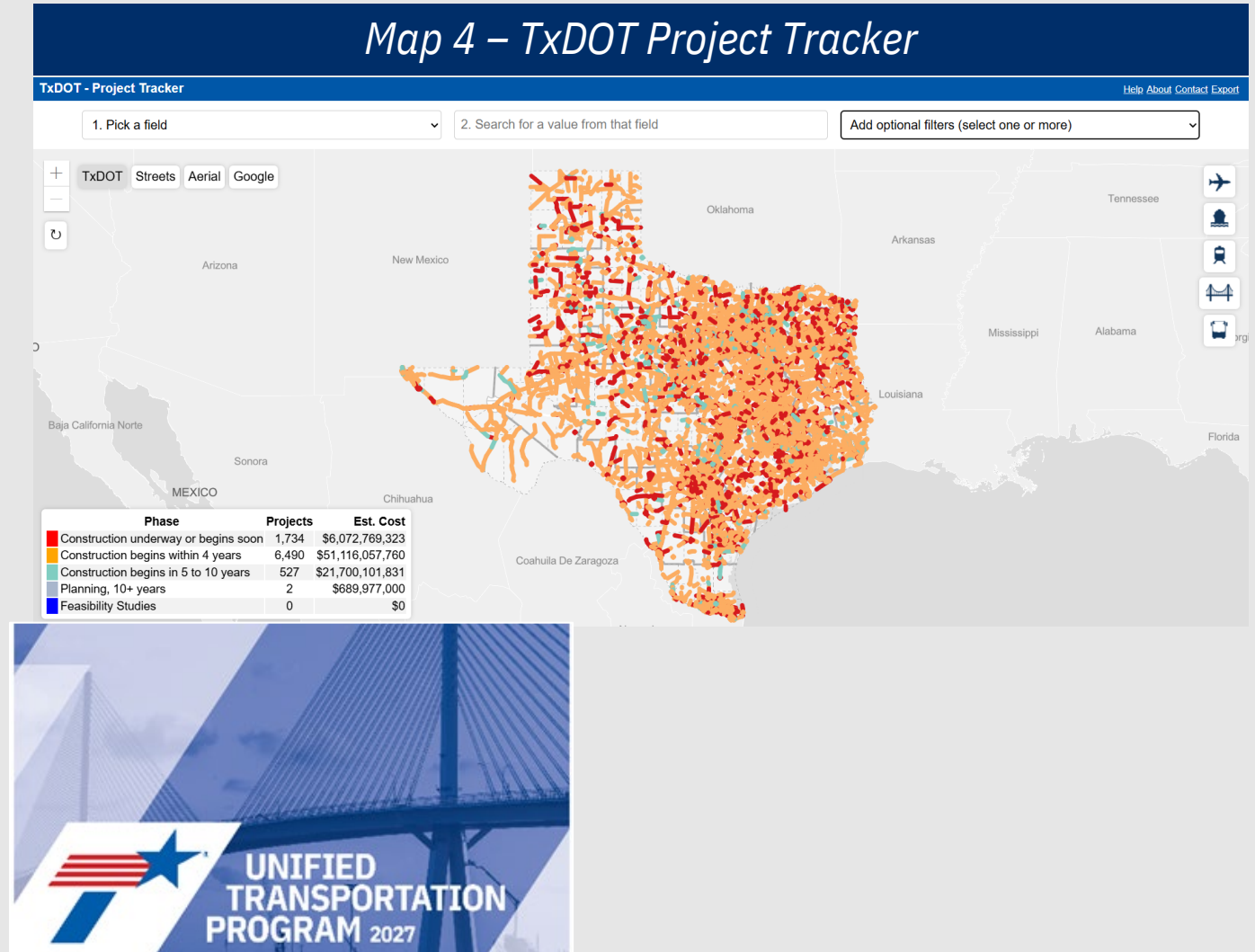
PREDICTIVE DATA

Projected Project Performance

- **Safety**
- **Preservation**
- **Congestion**
- **Connectivity**
- **Economy**
- **Environmental**

50%

- The UTP contains thousands of planned transportation projects in various stages of development
- TxDOT publishes a subset of these projects in the annual UTP document (projects funded in Categories 2, 4, and 12)
- All 7,000 projects in all 12 UTP categories can be found on Project Tracker, TxDOT's online project reporting system and interactive map





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Future Initiatives



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Construction Work Zone Quality

Pavement quality

Striping and signs

Transitions

Traffic Control Review Team



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Balanced Mix Design

Need participation in the program and pilot projects.



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Bolt –On Construction

**Working Group Progress–
Shane Cunningham and David Madden
presentation tomorrow morning.**

Lets work together to find solutions



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Heavy Duty Mix Design

Alternative in projects
AMA, BRY

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