Texas A&M Transportation Institute Summary of Budget Recommendations - House

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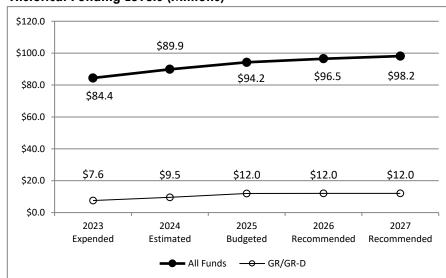
	2024-25	2026-27	Biennial	Biennial
Method of Financing	Base	Recommended	Change (\$)	Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$21,474,638	\$24,078,536	\$2,603,898	12.1%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$21,474,638	\$24,078,536	\$2,603,898	12.1%
Federal Funds	\$41,012,611	\$42,772,811	\$1,760,200	4.3%
Other	\$121,608,628	\$127,804,695	\$6,196,067	5.1%
All Funds	\$184,095,877	\$194,656,042	\$10,560,165	5.7%

	FY 2025	FY 2027	Biennial	Percent
	Budgeted	Recommended	Change	Change
FTEs	461.0	438.0	(23.0)	(5.0%)

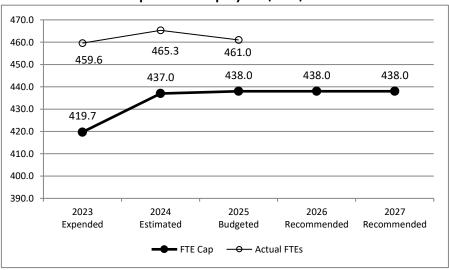
Agency Budget and Policy Issues and/or Highlights

Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) identifies and solves transportation problems through research and testing. TTI also develops and implements new technologies for current and future transportation needs and works closely with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



The bill pattern for this agency (2026-27 Recommended) represents an estimated 91.5% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2026-27 biennium.

Texas A&M Transportation Institute Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - House

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2026-27 Biennium compared to the 2024-25 Base Spending Level (in millions)			GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A		
SI	SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):								
A) Increase of \$174,060 in General Revenue for infrastructure support strategy due to updated infrastructure support formula.			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.2	B.1.2		
OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):									
В)	Increase in funding to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations.	\$2.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2.4	A.1.1, A.1.2, B.1.1		
C)	Increase of \$1,760,200 in Federal Funds due to growth in federally sponsored contract research.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1.8	\$0.0	\$1.8	A.1.1, A.1.2, C.1.1		
D)	Increase of \$461,709 in Appropriated Receipts due to growth in contract research from private, local, foreign, and other sponsors.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.5	\$0.5	A.1.1, C.1.1		
E)	Increase of \$3,234,387 in Interagency Contracts due to growth in sponsored contract research from the Texas Department of Transportation.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3.2	\$3.2	A.1.1, C.1.1		
F) Increase of \$2,499,971 in Indirect Cost Recovery due to growth in sponsored contracts.		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2.5	\$2.5	A.1.1, A.1.2, B.1.1, B.1.2, C.1.1		
T	OTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions)	\$2.6	\$0.0	\$1.8	\$6.2	\$10.6	As Listed		
	SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases	\$2.6	\$0.0	\$1.8	\$6.2	\$10.6	As Listed		
	SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	As Listed		

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Texas A&M Transportation Institute Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House

1. **Infrastructure Support.** Funding to Texas A&M System agencies for Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County is calculated using the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Support formula rate. Currently, the infrastructure support funds included in the recommendations for inside Brazos County are calculated using the 2026-27 Texas A&M University formula rate, multiplied by the agencies' fiscal 2023 predicted square footage.

Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Summary of Federal Funds (2026-27) - House

Total \$42.8M

Improvement

of Postsecondary

Education

All Others

\$8.6

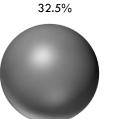
20.1%

Selected Federal Fiscal and Policy Issues

Section 3a

Federal funds estimates for 2026-27 show a 4.3 percent increase over 2024-25 funds. This is attributable in part to an increase of \$1.0 million for the University Transportation Centers Program. No programs show decreases in federal funds for the 2026-27 biennium.





Funds to plan, construct, and preserve the National Highway System

University Transportation
Centers
\$5.8
13.5%

Funds to establish and operate university transportation

centers





Funds to provide a coordinated National Highway Safety Program



Highway Research

and Development

Funds for research
to maintain and
improve
transportation
infrastructure



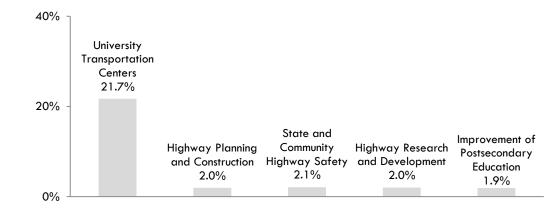
Funds to improve postsecondary instruction and quality, and to expand postsecondary opportunities

Programs with Significant Federal Funding Changes from 2024-25 $\,$

Program Change-by Amount (In Millions)



Program Change-by Percentage



Texas A&M Transportation Institute Rider Highlights - House

Modification of Existing Riders

The following riders include recommendations to make conforming changes such as updating fiscal years and ensuring statutory citations are consistent: Rider 2, Transportation Safety Center; and Rider 3, Center for International Intelligent Transportation.

Deleted Riders

5. Contingency for Senate Bill 1500. Texas A&M Transportation Institute was removed from the final version of Senate Bill 1500 and therefore did not conduct a study on waterborne commerce economics of navigation districts in the state. The funds appropriated in this rider were lapsed in the agency's base reconciliation.

Texas A&M Transportation Institute Items Not Included in Recommendations - House

		2026-27 Biennial Total					
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2028-29
Agency Exceptional Items N	lot Included (in agency priority order)						
support recruitment ar	apabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges. Funding would not retention efforts for agency staff, including research engineers and portunities for student engagement from Texas universities; and purchase ation and equipment.	\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000	29.0	No	Yes	\$16,000,000
TOTAL Items Not Include	d in Recommendations	\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000	29.0			\$16,000,000

Texas A&M Transportation Institute Appendices - House

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^{*} Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

Texas A&M Transportation Institute Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - House -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change Comments
SPONSORED RESEARCH A.1.1	\$144,031,232	\$150,849,802	\$6,818,570	 4.7% Recommendations include: \$1,837,842 increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations; \$667,397 increase in Federal Funds due to growth in federally sponsored contract research; \$439,100 increase in Appropriated Receipts due to growth in sponsored contract research from private, local, foreign and other sponsors; \$3,052,191 increase in Interagency Contracts due to growth in sponsored contract research from the Texas Department of Transportation; and \$822,039 increase in Indirect Cost Recovery resulting from growth in sponsored contract research.
NATIONAL CENTERS A.1.2	\$9,659,004	\$11,063,346	\$1,404,342	 14.5% Recommendations include: \$350,000 increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations and due to a reallocation of General Revenue between strategies to meet operational needs; \$1,027,429 increase in Federal Funds due to growth in federally sponsored contract research; and \$26,913 increase in Indirect Cost Recovery resulting from growth in sponsored contract research.
Total, Goal A, TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH	\$153,690,236	\$161,913,148	\$8,222,912	5.4%
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION B.1.1	\$19,257,408	\$19,928 <i>,457</i>	\$671,049	 3.5% Recommendations include: \$2,842,126 reduction in General Revenue due to the reallocation of funds between strategies, offset by an increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations,; and \$3,513,175 increase in Indirect Cost Recovery resulting from growth in sponsored contract research.

Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - House -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT B.1.2	2024-25 Base \$3,431,819	2026-27 Recommended \$4,770,000	Biennial Change \$1,338,181	% Change Comments 39.0% Recommendations include: • \$174,060 increase in General Revenue due to the updated infrastructure support formula • \$3,084,121 increase in General Revenue due to a reallocation across strategies; and
Total, Goal B, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$22,689,227	\$24,698,457	\$2,009,230	 \$1,920,000 reduction in Indirect Cost Recovery due to reallocation across strategies. 8.9%
STAFF GROUP INSURANCE C.1.1	\$7,716,414	\$8,044,437	\$328,023	 4.3% Recommendations include: \$65,375 increase in Federal Funds due to growth in federally sponsored contract research; \$22,609 increase in Appropriated Receipts due to growth in sponsored contract research from private, local, foreign and other sponsors; \$182,196 increase in Interagency Contracts due to growth in sponsored contract research from the Texas Department of Transportation; and \$57,844 increase in Indirect Cost Recovery resulting from growth in sponsored contract research.
Total, Goal C, STAFF BENEFITS	\$7,716,414	\$8,044,437	\$328,023	4.3%
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$184,095,877	\$194,656,042	\$10,560,165	5.7%

Texas A&M Transportation Institute Summary of Federal Funds - House (Dollar amounts in Millions)

Program	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Rec 2026	Rec 2027	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Rec	2026-27 Rec % Total	Recommended Over/(Under) Base	% Change from Base
Highway Planning and Construction	\$6.9	\$6.8	\$6.9	\$7.0	\$13.6	\$13.9	32.5%	\$0.3	2.0%
University Transportation Centers Program	\$1.9	\$2.8	\$2.9	\$2.9	\$4.8		13.5%	\$1.0	21.7%
State and Community Highway Safety	\$2.7	\$2.6	\$2.7	\$2.7	\$5.3		12.6%	\$0.1	2.1%
Highway Research and Development Program	\$2.5	\$2.5	\$2.5	\$2.6	\$5.0	\$5.4	11.8%	\$0.1	2.0%
Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	\$2.0		\$2.0	\$2.0	\$4.0		9.4%	\$0.1	1.9%
National Priority Safety Programs	\$1.0		\$1.0	\$1.0	\$2.0		4.8%	\$0.0	2.1%
Environmental Research Laboratories	\$0.7	\$0. <i>7</i>	\$0.7	\$0.8	\$1.5		3.5%	\$0.0	2.0%
Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$1.1	\$1.1	2.7%	\$0.0	2.1%
Department of Transportation - Misc. Funds for TTI	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.7	\$0. <i>7</i>	1.7%	\$0.0	2.0%
Federal Transit - Capital Investment Grants	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.4	\$0. <i>7</i>	\$0. <i>7</i>	1.6%	\$0.0	2.1%
National Highway Transportation Safety Admin. Discretionary Safety Grant	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.6		1.4%	\$0.0	2.0%
County-wide Environment Assessment	\$0.2	•	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.3		0.7%	\$0.0	2.0%
Incentive Grant Program to Increase Motorcyclist Safety	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.3	0.7%	\$0.0	1.9%
Capital Assistance Programs for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.3		0.6%	\$0.0	2.0%
Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.3	\$0.3	0.6%	\$0.0	2.1%
Highway Training and Education	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.3		0.6%	\$0.0	2.0%
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.2		0.4%	\$0.0	2.1%
All Other Grants ¹	\$0.2	·	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.3	0.8%	\$0.0	2.1%
TOTAL:	\$20.3	\$20.8	\$21.2	\$21.6	\$41.0	\$42.8	100.0%	\$1.8	4.3%

¹All Other Grants include grants related to transportation infrastructure, research, and development.

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Texas A&M Transportation Institute FTE Highlights - House

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2023	Estimated 2024	Budgeted 2025	Recommended 2026	Recommended 2027
Сар	419.7	437.0	438.0	438.0	438.0
Actual/Budgeted	459.6	465.3	461.0	NA	NA

Notes:

a) Actual FTEs for FY 2024 reflect the amount reported by the State Auditor's Office.