

## SAMCo Legislative Tracking Sheet – 2025 Regular Session

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Final Session Results at Adjournment Sine Die

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### KEY OUTCOMES – SAMCo SUPPORTED ISSUES

- SB 1 (Huffman) – The final adopted version of the 2026-2027 biennial budget bill (SB 1) provides \$39.9 billion in total funding for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This compares with \$37.2 billion for the 2024-2025 biennium. Proposition 1 revenue (oil and gas severance taxes) is budgeted at \$7.99 billion for the 2026-2027 versus \$6.87 for the previous biennium. Proposition 7 revenue (sale tax and vehicle sales taxes) was set at \$7.43 billion for 2026-2027 versus \$6.43 billion for the previous two-year budget. When combined, Propositions 1 and 7 now comprise about 40 percent of TxDOT's budget having grown substantially since approval by voters just over a decade ago. As a reminder, SAMCo played a pivotal role in organizing the efforts to secure this funding.
- SB 1555 (Nichols) to establish a local government grant program to be administered by TxDOT for roadway and rail-pedestrian grade separations was signed into law by Governor Abbott on May 25, 2025. \$250 million is included in the Supplemental Budget Bill - HB 500 (Bonnen) - for this needed program.
- HB 19 (Meyer) – HB 19, which would have severely limited the ability of local governments to pursue bond programs, did not emerge from committee. SAMCo actively participated in the opposition effort against this and several similar bills that were also defeated.
- HB 2876 (Gerdes) – This bill would have provided funding for additional connectivity between IH 35 and SH 130 through an extension of the SH 130 concession agreement. The bill passed the House 76-45 late in the session but was never referred to a Senate committee.
- HB 3134 (Cook) – This is the bill pertaining to advanced air mobility (AAM) a priority of Port San Antonio and several other entities in our region. HB 3134 passed the House by a vote of 101 to 25 on May 10. The bill was subsequently referred to the Senate Transportation Committee, which never took up the bill.
- Other Bills/Riders – Two other bills of interest to SAMCo that did not emerge from committee included: HB 325 (Lopez) to index the state's gasoline and diesel taxes to the highway construction cost index and HB 3345 (Lopez) to authorize an increase of up to \$20 (from the current \$10) in the additional vehicle registration fee for Bexar County. These losses were not entirely unexpected. Also, an attempt to secure a \$12.5 million rider for a planning study for the South Texas Parkway was not successful.

### Key SAMCo Supported/Opposed Bills Are Highlighted in Green

**TxDOT Biennial Budget (2026-2027) – Support TxDOT Appropriations Request (LAR); Preserve/Expand Existing Revenue Streams; Continue Non-Diversion Policy; Support Additional Funding for Project Development**

**SB 1 (Huffman)** – General Appropriations Bill. As introduced, 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. Proposition 1 revenue (oil & gas severance taxes) is

estimated at \$7.88 billion for the 2026-2027 biennium versus \$6.87 billion for the previous biennium. Proposition 7 revenue (sales tax and vehicle sales tax) is estimated at \$8.00 billion for the 2026-2027 biennium versus \$6.43 billion for the previous biennium. Regarding Proposition 1 revenue, there is a substantial decline in projected Proposition 1 revenue from \$5.07 billion (2026) to \$2.80 billion (2027). As introduced, the bill contains no significant diversions of highway funds to other programs. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 1/22/25. Referred to Senate Finance 1/22/25. Hearing on TxDOT LAR held 2/12/25. Hearing held on entire bill; left pending 3/12/25. Reported favorably as substituted 3/19/25. Passed Senate 3/25/25. Referred to House Appropriations 3/26/25. Hearing held 3/31/25. Reported favorably as substituted 3/31/25. Placed on emergency calendar 4/10/25. Passed House by a vote of 118-25 on 4/11/25. Conferees have been appointed by both the House and Senate to reconcile their respective versions of the budget. The Conference Committee report on SB 1 was released May 28. Both the Senate and House approved the Conference Committee version of SB 1 on May 31. *SAMCo Position:* Supports continuation and expansion of the current transportation funding framework, including full funding of Propositions 1 and 7 and no diversions from the State Highway Fund. Also supports the TxDOT LAR (Legislative Appropriations Request) and additional funding for project development. . **Note: See final budgeted amounts for TxDOT as outlined at the top of page 1.**

**HB 1 (Bonnen)** – General Appropriations Bill. As introduced, HB 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. Proposition 1 revenue (oil & gas severance taxes) is estimated at \$7.88 billion for the 2026-2027 biennium versus \$6.87 billion for the previous biennium. Proposition 7 revenue (sales tax and vehicle sales tax) is estimated at \$8.00 billion for the 2026-2027 biennium versus \$6.43 billion for the previous biennium. Regarding Proposition 1 revenue, there is a substantial decline in projected Proposition 1 revenue from \$5.07 billion (2026) to \$2.80 billion (2027). As introduced, the bill contains no significant diversions of highway funds to other programs. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 1/22/25. Referred to Appropriations 2/25/25. S/C Hearing held 2/24/25. *SAMCo Position:* Supports continuation and expansion of the current transportation funding framework, including full funding of Propositions 1 and 7 and no diversions from the State Highway Fund. Also supports the TxDOT LAR (Legislative Appropriations Request) and additional funding for project development.

#### **Funding for Rail-Roadway and Rail-Pedestrian Grade Separations**

**SB 1555 (Nichols)** – Establishes a grant program to be administered by TxDOT for rail-roadway and rail-pedestrian grade separations from funding to be allocated by the legislature – not the state highway fund. Companion to HB 3727. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 2/21/25. Referred to Transportation 3/06/25. Public hearing held 3/12/25. SAMCo registered in support of the bill. Reported favorably as substituted 3/17/25. Placed on Senate intent calendar 3/19/25. Passed Senate 3/25/25. Referred to House s/c on Transportation Funding 4/9/25. Reported favorably without amendments. 4/25/25. Passed House by vote of 101 to 16 on 5/10/25. Sent to Governor 5/13/25. Signed by Governor Abbott 5/24/25. *SAMCo Position:* Supports. Note: On 3/26/25 as part of VIVA San Antonio Day met with the staff of all members of the House Transportation Committee to encourage their support.

**HB 500 (Bonnen)** – The supplemental budget bill. Provides \$250 million for grants for construction of local rail grade crossings – contingent upon passage of related legislation during the 2025 session. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 3/14/25. Referred to Appropriations 3/14/25. Hearing held 3/31/25. Reported favorably as substituted. Placed on emergency calendar 4/10/25. Passed House 4/11/25. Referred to Senate Finance 4/16/25. Reported favorably as substituted 5/25/25 at \$250 million (was \$350 million as introduced). Placed on Senate Intent Calendar – 5/27/25. Passed Senate on second reading 5/27/25. *SAMCo Position:* Supports.

**HB 3727 (Patterson)** – Establishes a grant program to be administered by TxDOT for rail-roadway and rail-pedestrian grade separations. From funding to be allocated by the legislature – not the state highway fund. Companion to SB 1555. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 3/04/25. Referred to s/c on Transportation Funding 3/26/25. Hearing held 4/3/25. Reported favorably as substituted 4/9/25. Committee report sent to calendars 4/25/25. SAMCo registered in support of the bill and encouraged others to do so. Placed on the General State Calendar 5/8/25. Laid on the table as the House took up the companion bill SB 1555. *SAMCo Position:* Supports.

## **Successfully Defeated Bills – Would Have Negatively Impacted Local Bond Government Programs**

**HJR 213 (Troclair)** – Proposes a constitutional amendment to require a supermajority of at least two-thirds of voters of a political subdivision to approve an issuance of general obligation bonds. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 03/14/25. Referred to Pensions, Investments & Financial Services 4/7/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position*: Opposes.

**HB 19 (Meyer)** – Would have placed various restrictions on local government bond programs, certificates of obligation, etc. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 03/14/25. Referred to Way & Means 3/17/25. Committee hearing held 4/21/25. Left pending. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position*: Opposes. SAMCo actively worked with COSA and others to seek modification of the bill or to defeat the bill. SAMCo also encouraged other mobility organizations across the state to engage on this bill.

**HB 2574 (Harrison)** – Requires a supermajority of at least 60 percent of voters of a political subdivision to approve an issuance of general obligation bonds. Identical to HB 3835. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 02/07/25. Referred to Pensions, Investments & Financial Services 3/17/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position*: Opposes.

**HB 2736 (Cain)** – Requires a two-thirds vote to approve local government bond elections or tax increases. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 02/12/25. Referred to Pensions, Investments & Financial Services 3/18/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position*: Opposes.

**HB 3835 (Curry)** – Requires a supermajority of at least 60 percent of voters of a political subdivision to approve an issuance of general obligation bonds. Identical to HB 2574. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 03/05/25. Referred to Pensions, Investments & Financial Services 3/26/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position*: Opposes.

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

**Note:** At the close of the session on June 2, 2025, none of the below-listed bills passed that potentially may have negatively impacted Proposition 1 or 7 funding.

**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. Reduces the allocation of severance taxes to the economic stabilization fund from 50 to 38 percent; allocates 10 percent to the STRONG fund and 2 percent to two other funds. As drafted, retains the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Establishes a grant program from STRONG funds to political subdivisions, higher education institutions, etc. Companion to HJR 47. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 01/29/25. Referred to Finance 2/24/25. As of 5/19/25 remains in committee. *SAMCo Position*: Evaluating. Watching for any amendments that might negatively impact the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Note: In 2023, a similar measure (HJR 111) passed the House.

**SB 1001 (Blanco)** – Enabling legislation for SJR 48 above. Companion to HB 188. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 01/29/25. Referred to Finance 2/24/25. *SAMCo Position*: Evaluating. Watching for any amendments that might negatively impact the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Note: In 2023, a similar measure (HB 2207) passed the House.

**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 – the current source of funding for the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) and the State Highway Fund (SHF). Reduces the portion of revenue to the ESF by 12 percent and provides that revenue (up to \$250 million) to the Grow Texas Fund. Establishes a grant program for agencies and political subdivisions of the state in oil producing regions of the state for roads, schools, medical facilities, etc. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status*: Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to Appropriations 3/03/25. Scheduled for public hearing on 4/29/25. Reported favorably w/o amendments 5/6/25. Placed on General State Calendar 5/12/25.

Adopted by House by vote of 101-31 on 5/12/25. Senate received from House 5/13/25. SAMCo Position: Evaluating. Watching for any amendments that might negatively impact the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Note: In 2023, a similar measure passed the House.

**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. Reduces the allocation of severance taxes to the economic stabilization fund from 50 to 38 percent; allocates 10 percent to the STRONG fund and 2 percent to two other funds. As drafted, retains the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Establishes a grant program from STRONG funds to political subdivisions, higher education institutions, etc. Companion to SJR 48. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to Appropriations 3/03/25. Scheduled for public hearing on 4/29/25. Reported favorably w/o amendments 5/6/25. Placed on General State Calendar 5/12/25. Adopted by House by vote of 104-23 on 5/12/25. Received from House 5/13/25. Referred to Finance 5/19/25. SAMCo Position: Evaluating. Watching for any amendments that might negatively impact the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Note: In 2023, a similar measure (HJR 111) passed the House.

**HJR 183 (Noble)** – Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a property tax relief fund to reduce school ad valorem taxes. Changes the allocation of revenue from oil and gas severance taxes (Prop 1) to one-quarter for the proposed property tax relief fund, one-quarter to the economic stabilization fund, and one-half to the state highway fund. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 3/11/25. Referred to Appropriations 4/2/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. SAMCo Position: Evaluating. As drafted the proposed constitutional amendment may not have a direct impact on the state highway fund – however see the enabling legislation HB 4326 below.

**HB 188 (Landgraf)** – Enabling legislation for HJR 47 above. Companion to SB 1001. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to Appropriations 2/27/25. Scheduled for public hearing on 4/29/25. Reported favorably as substituted 5/6/25. Placed on General State Calendar 5/15/25. SAMCo Position: Evaluating. Watching for any amendments that might negatively impact the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Note: In 2023, a similar measure (HB 2207) passed the House.

**HB 265 (Craddick)** – Enabling legislation for HJR 35 above. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to Appropriations 02/27/25. Scheduled for public hearing on 4/29/25. Reported favorably w/o amendments 5/6/25. Placed on General State Calendar 5/12/25. Passed House 5/16/25. Senate received from House – 5/19/25. SAMCo Position: Evaluating. Watching for any amendments that might negatively impact the 50 percent allocation to the State Highway Fund. Note: In 2023, a similar measure (HB 1392) passed the House.

**HB 4326 (Noble)** – Enabling legislation for HJR 183 above. SECTION 5(c) would in September 2043 discontinue the share of revenue from oil and gas severance taxes (Proposition 1) for the state highway fund – and adjust the percentages for the property tax relief fund and the economic stabilization fund to one-half each. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 3/11/25. Referred to Appropriations 4/1/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. SAMCo Position: Staff recommends opposing.

#### **Losses – SAMCo Supported Bills That Died in Committee; Did not Pass; etc.**

**HB 326 (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: Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to Ways & Means 2/28/25. Died in committee without a hearing 5/12/25. SAMCo Position: Supports.

**HB 2876 (Gerdes)** – Authorizes TxDOT to extend the existing CDA Agreement for SH 130 (Segments 5 and 6) for up to twenty years in return for funding from the SH 130 concession to be used by the Department for non-toll projects between IH 35 and SH 130. Companion bill to SB 1074. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 2/14/25. Referred to Transportation 2/24/25. Referred to s/c. on Transportation Funding 3/19/25. Hearing held 3/31/25. SAMCo staff registered in support of the bill and encouraged others

to do so. Reported favorably 4/17/25 by vote of 9-0. Committee report sent to Calendars 4/28/25. Placed on General State Calendar 5/8/25. Passed House on third reading by a vote of 76-45 on 5/10/25. Senate received from House 5/12/25. As of 5/2/25 the bill had not been referred to Committee and appears dead at this point. SAMCo Position: Supports. Note: As part of VIVA San Antonio Day on 3/26/25, met with the offices of all members of the House Transportation Committee to encourage their support of HB 2876.

**HB 3134 (Cook)** – Pertaining to advanced air mobility. Companion to SB 1507. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 02/20/25. Referred to Transportation 3/20/25. Hearing held 4/3/25. SAMCo registered in support of the bill and encouraged others to do so. Reported favorably 4/25/25. Placed on General State Calendar 5/8/25. Passed House by vote of 101 to 28 on 5/10/25. Senate received from House 5/12/25. Referred to Transportation 5/13/25. As of 5/22/25 the bill had not received a hearing on the Senate side and appears effectively dead. SAMCo Position: Supports. Note: As part of VIVA San Antonio on 3/26/25 met with all members of the House Transportation Committee to encourage their support.

**HB 3345 (Lopez)** – Authorizes the Bexar County Commissioners Court to hold a referendum election to increase the existing \$10 additional registration fee to an amount not to exceed \$20. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 2/25/25. Referred to s/c on Transportation Funding 3/21/25. Public hearing held 4/28/25. SAMCo registered in support of the bill and encouraged other entities from the Alamo Region to do the same. Bill died in committee 5/12/25. SAMCo Position: Supports. Note: On 3/26/25 visited the offices of all members of the House Transportation Committee to advocate for the bill.

#### **Other Bills of Interest**

**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 (SHF). Companion to HJR 63. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 1/09/25. Referred to Transportation 2/07/25. As of 5/29/25 appears to have died in committee. SAMCo Position: Evaluating.

**SB 178 (Menendez)** – Expands permissible uses of municipal sales and use taxes to include reconstruction (current language is maintenance and repair) of streets and sidewalks (current language is limited to streets). [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to Local Government 02/03/25. As of 5/19/25 appears to have died in committee. SAMCo Position: Evaluating. Note: COSA is neutral on the bill.

**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. Companion to HB 483. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 11/21/24. Referred to Finance 02/03/25. As of 5/29/25 appears to have died in committee. SAMCo Position: Evaluating. Seeking additional information about the proposal.

**SB 1520 (Campbell)/HB 4230 (Metcalf)** – To establish the Texas Bicentennial Hike & Bike Trail. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) Status: Introduced 2/21/25. Referred to Economic Development 03/06/25. Hearing held 4/23/25. SAMCo registered in support of the bill. Senate received from House 4/29/25. Referred to Senate Economic Development Committee. Co-author authorized 5/14/25. Note: HB 4230 (Metcalf) is the companion bill. HB 4230 passed the House on 5/2/25 and was referred to the Senate Economic Development Committee. The Senate passed HB 4230 on 5/26/25 and was sent to the Governor on 5/28/25. SAMCo Position: Supports.

**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: Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to s/c on Transportation Funding 3/03/25. Hearing held 3/31/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. SAMCo Position: Evaluating.

**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 (SHF). Companion to SJR 33. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to s/c on Transportation Funding. Hearing held 3/31/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position:* Evaluating.

**HJR 164 (Lowe)** – Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting a vehicle mileage tax or fee. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 3/04/25. Referred to Ways & Means 3/26/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position:* Evaluating.

**HB 205 (Cortez)** – Provides an exemption for VIA Metropolitan Transit to a provision requiring public access to an alternative fuel facility in order to qualify for a state grant program for such a facility. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to Appropriations 2/27/25. Hearing held 3/27/25. SAMCo registered in support. Reported favorably 4/3/25. Placed on General State Calendar 4/25/25. Passed House 4/29/25. Senate received from House 4/29/25. Referred to Finance 5/22/25. No action taken. *SAMCo Position:* Supports.

**HB 483 (Bucy)** – 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. Companion to SB 424. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 11/12/24. Ref. to s/c on Transportation Funding 2/28/25. Scheduled for public hearing 4/28/25. Reported favorably 5/13/25. As of 5/26/25 the bill remained in committee; passage unlikely. *SAMCo Position:* Evaluating. Seeking additional information about the proposal.

**HB 542 (Bucy)** – Enabling legislation for HJR 48 to authorize the use of gas tax revenue for transit-oriented projects. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 11/12/24. Referred to s/c on Transportation Funding. Hearing held 3/31/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position:* Evaluating.

**HB 1288 (Landgraf)** – Repeals Section 201.9991 (d) that provides the Texas Transportation Commission authority for discretionary funding for up to ten percent of the current biennial budget. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 11/13/24. Referred to s/c on Transportation Funding 3/10/25. Hearing held 3/31/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position:* Evaluating.

**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:* Introduced 01/27/25. Referred to Ways & Means 3/14/25. Died in committee 5/12/25. *SAMCo Position:* Discussed during 2/28/24 SAMCo meeting; established a SAMCo work group to review and requested background information from Rep. Plesa’s staff. Received the background information on 4/3/25 and learned that the Rep. will not pursue the bill this session.

**HB 5453 (Craddick)** – In establishing project priorities, requires the department to ensure that transportation projects are split evenly between projects that maintain the state infrastructure and projects that improve the state infrastructure. Referred to s/c on Transportation Funding 4/7/25. Public hearing held 5/1/25. Reported favorably as substituted. Placed on General State Calendar 5/13/25. [Link to Text and Bill Info](#) *Status:* Introduced 3/14/25. *SAMCo Position:* Evaluating.