

TRANSPORTATION

Like most Texans, Democrats support an increase in transportation funding to alleviate our congestion and safety crisis. More traffic accidents on highways as well as highways in our urban core between cars and cyclists and cars and pedestrians call for us to take a new look at where our transportation dollars go. The growth we have been experiencing has had negative effects on our traffic congestion - raising concerns about air quality, traffic safety and lost productivity from commute wait times. Texas Democrats support:

- investing state dollars in mass transportation projects with public support and the potential for matching federal funds;
- land use policies that create walkable bikeable and transit oriented communities;
- transportation projects to encourage building safe sidewalks and bicycle lanes;
- reviewing creative programs like telecommuting and buses on shoulders of major highways to encourage mobility and incentives for increased usage of mass transportation;
- legislation to demand transparency in how toll roads are financed and how funds are managed; and
- the development of a state rail plan for Texas to be eligible for federal high-speed rail funding, and rail and mass transit systems that do not harm the environment or infringe on property rights.