

**The Texas Transit Association (TTA)** will work with the legislature this session to continue our efforts to increase state funding and to educate our legislators of the benefits of transit and how our systems help meet the mission of TxDOT in providing safe, reliable and integrated transportation system that enables the movement of people and goods.

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## TTA'S LEGISLATIVE FOCUS

1. Establish new funding for state-funded urban transit districts with populations in excess of 200,000 with baseline (funded from Department revenues) increase funding for transit in response to PTAC recommendation to address large urban area growth;
2. Support exceptional item request (unfunded GR request) of \$3.5 million/year in response to PTAC recommendation to address growth and inflation for Rural Transit;
3. Support continuation of STP flex funding practice from previous biennium (in baseline) for rural and FTA small urban fleet replacement needs. \$7.5 million/year, \$5 million for rural, \$2.5 million for small urban. Funds were used to successfully leverage TIGER rural fleet replacement funding; application pending using these funds to leverage urban funding from 5339(b) discretionary program.
4. Support the Texas Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation (NEMT) program and its coordination with the 65 small urban and rural public transportation provider networks in the State. Rural and Small Urban transit providers have the capacity and technical expertise to manage HHSC's NEMT transit needs.



### TRANSIT SAVES TIME & LIVES

In Austin,  
**Capital Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority**  
launched the agency's  
first BRT, MetroRapid  
Route 801 in January 2014.



The BRT saves  
Austin commuters  
95,000 passenger  
hours per year



equating  
1.5 million in  
annual value of  
passenger time.



### TRANSIT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY

Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority jointly provide the **Trinity Railway Express** commuter rail service.



### THE TRE

is the 15th most ridden commuter rail system in the nation carrying 2.1 million passengers in 2013.

## TRANSIT CONNECTS PEOPLE & JOBS

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1. Public transit plays an important role in connecting people to work, medical, and recreational needs, accomplishing more than 30 million trips taken on state funded transit services in FY2015.
2. Providing expanded level of service: 35% of residents do not have service at least 12-hours weekdays. That's five million people who live in transit districts that do not meet the 12-hour weekday threshold (23% seniors or have a disability, 25% low income, and 11% veterans).
3. Providing Texas with Access by filling Service Gaps: 34,000 residents live in the urban gap around Tyler (17% senior or have a disability and 22% low income).
4. Providing an opportunity to keep pace with population growth and cost inflation. 26% projected population growth in state-funded transit districts and 3% projected growth in state funding for transit.

Information Sources: Texas A&M Transportation Institute's 2016 Mobility Report



### TRANSIT MOVES PEOPLE

The **Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County's** METROLift program has provided mobility services to people with disabilities throughout the Houston metropolitan area since 1991.



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The Texas Transit Association supports the shared mission of TxDOT to collaborate and provide leadership in the public transportation industry to deliver transportation services that connect communities and enhances the quality of life for all Texans.