

Amend CSHB 3588 as follows:

(1) In Article I, on page 19, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

(c) The commission may not disburse money out of the state highway fund for the initial construction of a facility of the Trans-Texas Corridor unless the commission finds that the disbursement will reduce traffic congestion to an extent that is comparable to the reduction in traffic congestion that would likely be achieved by spending the same amount of money on the project that is the most reasonable alternative.

(2) In Article 12, add the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that article appropriately:

SECTION 12.\_\_\_\_. Section 201.601, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The plan must include a component that is not financially constrained and identifies projects designed to relieve congestion. In developing that component of the plan, the department shall seek opinions and assistance from officials who have local responsibility for modes of transportation listed in Subsection (a).