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H.B. No. 3495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the distribution of funding for certain transportation  
3 projects.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 222.034, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), federal ~~[Federal]~~  
9 aid for transportation purposes that is administered by the  
10 commission shall be distributed to the various parts of the state  
11 for a funding cycle through the selection of highway projects in the  
12 state in a manner that is consistent with federal formulas that  
13 determine the amount of federal aid for transportation purposes  
14 received by the state. A distribution under this subsection does  
15 not include deductions made for the state infrastructure bank or  
16 other federal funds reallocated by the federal government.

17 (c) The commission shall give funding priority to highway  
18 projects that enhance federally designated emergency evacuation  
19 routes.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.