

1-1 By: Price, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 1079
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2019;
 1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 9, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 9, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16			X	
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1079 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation of the
 1-22 Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the
 1-23 feasibility of certain improvements to Interstate Highway 27.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

1-26 (1) "Advisory committee" means the Ports-to-Plains
 1-27 Advisory Committee established under this section.

1-28 (2) "Department" means the Texas Department of
 1-29 Transportation.

1-30 (3) "Improvement" has the meaning assigned by Section
 1-31 221.001, Transportation Code.

1-32 (4) "Port of entry" has the meaning assigned by
 1-33 Section 621.001, Transportation Code.

1-34 (5) "Ports-to-Plains Corridor" means the highways
 1-35 designated as the Ports-to-Plains Corridor under Section 225.069,
 1-36 Transportation Code.

1-37 (b) The department shall conduct a comprehensive study of
 1-38 the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. The study must evaluate the
 1-39 feasibility of, and the costs and logistical matters associated
 1-40 with, improvements that create a continuous flow, four-lane divided
 1-41 highway that meets interstate highway standards to the extent
 1-42 possible, including improvements that:

1-43 (1) extend Interstate Highway 27:

1-44 (A) from its southern terminus to Interstate
 1-45 Highway 20;

1-46 (B) from Interstate Highway 20 to Interstate
 1-47 Highway 10; and

1-48 (C) from Interstate Highway 10 to the port of
 1-49 entry located in Laredo;

1-50 (2) extend Interstate Highway 27:

1-51 (A) from its northern terminus to Dumas;

1-52 (B) from Dumas to Stratford; and

1-53 (C) from Stratford to the Oklahoma state border;

1-54 and

1-55 (3) extend Interstate Highway 27:

1-56 (A) from its northern terminus to Dumas;

1-57 (B) from Dumas to Dalhart; and

1-58 (C) from Dalhart to the New Mexico state border.

1-59 (c) In conducting the study under Subsection (b) of this
 1-60 section, the department shall:

2-1 (1) use the reports submitted to the department by the
2-2 advisory committee under Subsection (j) of this section; and
2-3 (2) hold quarterly public meetings on a rotational
2-4 basis in Amarillo, Laredo, Lubbock, and San Angelo to gather public
2-5 feedback on improvements or expansions to the Ports-to-Plains
2-6 Corridor.
2-7 (d) The department shall establish a Ports-to-Plains
2-8 Advisory Committee to assist the department in conducting the study
2-9 under Subsection (b) of this section.
2-10 (e) The advisory committee is composed of:
2-11 (1) the county judge, or an elected county official or
2-12 the administrator of the county's road department, as designated by
2-13 the county judge, of each county along the Ports-to-Plains
2-14 Corridor, including the counties along the possible extensions of
2-15 Interstate Highway 27 described by Subsection (b) of this section;
2-16 and
2-17 (2) the mayor, or the city manager or assistant city
2-18 manager, as designated by the mayor, of Amarillo, Big Spring,
2-19 Carrizo Springs, Dalhart, Del Rio, Dumas, Eagle Pass, Eldorado,
2-20 Lamesa, Laredo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Sonora,
2-21 Sterling City, Stratford, and Tahoka.
2-22 (f) The advisory committee shall meet at least twice each
2-23 year on a rotational basis in Lubbock and San Angelo.
2-24 (g) The department, in conjunction with the advisory
2-25 committee, shall establish segment committees for each geographic
2-26 segment along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as determined by the
2-27 department. The segment committees are composed of:
2-28 (1) volunteers who may represent:
2-29 (A) municipalities, counties, metropolitan
2-30 planning organizations, ports, chambers of commerce, and economic
2-31 development organizations along that segment of the
2-32 Ports-to-Plains Corridor;
2-33 (B) the oil and gas industry; and
2-34 (C) the trucking industry;
2-35 (2) department representatives; and
2-36 (3) any other interested parties.
2-37 (h) A segment committee established under Subsection (g) of
2-38 this section for a segment along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor shall
2-39 submit a report to the advisory committee providing input for the
2-40 study conducted by the department under Subsection (b) of this
2-41 section. The report must include:
2-42 (1) an examination of the ability of the energy
2-43 industry to transport products to market;
2-44 (2) an evaluation of the economic development impacts
2-45 of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including whether the improvement
2-46 or expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor would create
2-47 employment opportunities in this state;
2-48 (3) a determination of whether improvements or
2-49 expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor would relieve traffic
2-50 congestion in the segment;
2-51 (4) an examination of freight movement along the
2-52 Ports-to-Plains Corridor;
2-53 (5) a determination and prioritization of
2-54 improvements and expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor that are
2-55 warranted in order to promote safety and mobility, while maximizing
2-56 the use of existing highways to the greatest extent possible and
2-57 striving to protect private property as much as possible;
2-58 (6) a determination of the areas that are preferable
2-59 and suitable for interstate designation;
2-60 (7) an examination of project costs related to the
2-61 improvement or expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor; and
2-62 (8) an assessment of federal, state, local, and
2-63 private funding sources for a project improving or expanding the
2-64 Ports-to-Plains Corridor.
2-65 (i) Not later than June 30, 2020, each segment committee
2-66 established under Subsection (g) of this section shall submit to
2-67 the advisory committee the report described by Subsection (h) of
2-68 this section, including priority recommendations for improvement
2-69 and expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

3-1 (j) Not later than October 31, 2020, the advisory committee
3-2 shall review and compile the reports submitted by each segment
3-3 committee under Subsection (i) of this section and submit to the
3-4 department:

- 3-5 (1) the reports submitted by each segment committee;
- 3-6 and
- 3-7 (2) a summary and any recommendations based on those
- 3-8 reports.

3-9 (k) The advisory committee and each segment committee shall
3-10 conduct extensive public involvement campaigns for feedback on
3-11 preliminary recommendations made by the committees before
3-12 submitting the reports under Subsections (i) and (j) of this
3-13 section.

3-14 (l) Not later than January 1, 2021, the department shall
3-15 submit a report on the results of the study conducted under
3-16 Subsection (b) of this section to the governor, the lieutenant
3-17 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
3-18 presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature
3-19 with jurisdiction over transportation matters.

3-20 (m) This Act expires August 31, 2021.

3-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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