BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (CTIF), application process does not consider the road condition report listed in Section 251.018 of the Transportation Code when evaluating CTIF applications. Additionally, the Texas Department of Transportation does not use this report for any other purpose.

S.B. 160 would eliminate the road condition report as a requirement of the CTIF application. However, this bill only removes the road report as a requirement of the CTIF application. County commissioners would still be required to complete the annual report and record it in the minutes of the commissioners court to promote continued transparency.

(Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 160 amends current law relating to county road reports.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 251.005 (Commissioner's Road Report), Transportation Code.

Repealer: Section 251.018 (Road Reports), Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 252.006(e), Transportation Code, as follows:

(e) Provides that an ex officio road commissioner has the duties of a supervisor of public roads as provided by Section 251.004 (Commissioners as Road Supervisors), rather than as provided by Sections 251.004 and 251.005.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 256.104(a), Transportation Code, to delete existing text requiring a county, in applying for a grant under Subchapter C (Transportation Infrastructure Fund), to provide the road condition report described by Section 251.018 made by the county for the previous year. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 256.106(a), Transportation Code, to delete existing text requiring a county that makes a second or subsequent application for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) under Subchapter C to provide TxDOT with a copy of a report filed under Section 251.018. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.