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H.B. No. 4513

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to planning for equity of access to and safety and
3 diversity of transportation systems.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 201.601(a), (a-1), and (c),
6 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The department shall develop a statewide transportation
8 plan covering a period of 24 years that contains safe options for
9 all modes of transportation, including:

- 10 (1) walking, by pedestrians of all ages and abilities;
11 (2) bicycling;
12 (3) highways and turnpikes;
13 (4) [~~2~~] aviation;
14 (5) [~~3~~] mass transportation;
15 (6) [~~4~~] railroads and high-speed railroads; and
16 (7) [~~5~~] water traffic.

17 (a-1) The plan must:

18 (1) contain specific and clearly defined
19 transportation system strategies, long-term transportation goals
20 for the state and measurable targets for each goal, and other
21 related performance measures;

22 (2) identify priority corridors, projects, or areas of
23 the state that are of particular concern to the department in
24 meeting the goals established under Subdivision (1); [~~and~~]

1 (3) contain a participation plan specifying methods
2 for obtaining formal input on the goals and priorities identified
3 under this subsection from:

4 (A) other state agencies;

5 (B) political subdivisions;

6 (C) local transportation entities; and

7 (D) the general public;

8 (4) use methodologies to plan for equitable access to
9 transportation systems by all area residents; and

10 (5) consider alternative design and investment
11 options, alternative growth forecasts, and robust alternative
12 travel demand models that will ensure equity among the area's
13 residents.

14 (c) The plan must include a component that is not
15 financially constrained and identifies transportation improvements
16 designed to relieve congestion, end traffic deaths, and increase
17 safe and fast transportation access by all modes of
18 transportation. In developing this component of the plan, the
19 department shall seek opinions and assistance from officials who
20 have local responsibility for modes of transportation listed in
21 Subsection (a).

22 SECTION 2. Section 201.620, Transportation Code, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 201.620. COORDINATION WITH METROPOLITAN PLANNING
25 ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS. (a) The
26 department shall collaborate with metropolitan planning
27 organizations to develop mutually acceptable assumptions for the

1 purposes of long-range federal and state funding forecasts and use
2 those assumptions to guide long-term planning in the statewide
3 transportation plan under Section 201.601.

4 (b) The assumptions under Subsection (a) must be developed:

5 (1) through a public process;

6 (2) using methodologies to plan for equitable access
7 to transportation systems by all area residents; and

8 (3) using a range of reasonable alternative future
9 population and job growth scenarios and travel demand models.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.