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TxDOT's five goals: reduce congestion • enhance safety • expand economic opportunity  
• improve air quality • preserve the value of transportation assets.

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## **Texas Requests About \$1.8 Billion for High Speed Passenger Rail**

AUSTIN – Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials have submitted nine applications to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under tracks one, three and four of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's (ARRA) High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) program. Applications for track two funding are due October 2.

“An integrated, multimodal transportation system is key to efficiently moving people and goods throughout the state,” said Phillip Russell, TxDOT assistant executive director for innovative project development. “This isn't something that can be achieved overnight, but I believe that these applications set us on a course that will Keep Texas Moving.”

In all, \$8 billion in ARRA funds, in addition to a little over \$90 million in FY 2008 and 2009 federal appropriations are available through this program. Last month, TxDOT submitted pre-applications for seventeen projects. Applications will be reviewed by the FRA with announcements expected sometime this fall.

### **The Texas Department of Transportation**

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and increasing the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

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<b>Track 1 Projects: Independent Projects – Final Design, Construction or PE/NEPA</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Reason for Selection</b>	<b>Est. Cost; Amount Requested (M)</b>	<b>Amtrak Route</b>	<b>HSR Corridor</b>
Tower 55 - At grade improvements to increase throughput at Tower 55 and reduce congestion in DFW (Amtrak supported)	High priority project in DFW area; plans are being completed and construction could start 2010	\$93.7; \$30.0	Heartland Flyer	South Central
Crossing Signal Timing - BNSF FTW Subdivision adjust signal timing to allow for higher speeds (Amtrak supported)	Construction can begin 2010	\$3.75; \$3.75	Heartland Flyer	South Central
Infrastructure improvements BNSF FTW Subdivision; Improvements to subgrade	Construction can begin 2010	\$8.50; \$8.50	Heartland Flyer/ Texas Eagle	South Central
Phase II North Texas Directional Running - connects FTW subdivision to Duncan subdivision to allow directional running	Preliminary Engineering and Environmental work needed to be ready for construction	\$0.52; \$0.52	Heartland Flyer	South Central
Texas High Speed Rail (Texas T-Bone)	Project for corridor plan, NEPA and PE for high-speed rail projects in Texas	\$1,700.00; \$1,700.00	Texas Eagle/ Heartland Flyer	South Central
UP freight relocation and Austin-San Antonio Passenger Service - ASAICRD	NEPA and PE for Austin-San Antonio passenger rail and rail relocation of freight line to east of Austin	\$35.7; \$17.85	Texas Eagle	South Central

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<b>Track 3 Projects – Planning (requires 50% match)</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Reason for Selection</b>	<b>Est. Cost; Amount Requested (M)</b>	<b>Amtrak Route</b>	<b>HSR Corridor</b>
East Texas Amtrak Corridor Study (Intercity Passenger Service)	Study on existing Texas Eagle route between Dallas and Marshall for improved and increased service	\$0.40; \$0.20	Texas Eagle	South Central
Texas High Speed Rail (Texas T-Bone)	For preliminary studies for the designing and construction of high-speed passenger service in Texas	\$19.0; \$9.50	Texas Eagle/Heartland Flyer	South Central
<b>Track 4 Projects – Intercity Passenger Rail Projects (requires 50% match)</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Reason for Selection</b>	<b>Est. Cost; Amount Requested (M)</b>	<b>Amtrak Route</b>	<b>HSR Corridor</b>
Additional track from the Dallas/Tarrant County line to the West Irving Station; Valley View (Phase of double track) (Amtrak supported)	PS&E is in preliminary stages but projects could be completed by mid-2011	\$14.4; \$7.2	Texas Eagle (proposed)	South Central

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