

You have a lot to be proud of this year as a member of TEX-21. Thanks to your efforts, this nearly 30-year-old coalition has made major headway on key initiatives. Our corridors, initiatives, and task forces, including US-287, US-377, Transit, the Third Coast, I-69/I-369, I-30, and Vision Zero/Safety, have all seen significant wins over the past year. Please see the attached report for a comprehensive update on each one.

In addition to our well-attended monthly Zoom meetings, we held several successful in-person, statewide meetings in Stephenville, Lancaster, Texarkana, and Corpus Christi. These gatherings gave members valuable opportunities to network with legislators, congressional staff, and state officials from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, while gaining and sharing information on key transportation issues. Although we've accomplished much this year, we still have a lot of road ahead of us.

A perfect storm of opportunity is forming for TEX-21. Congress is currently working through funding submissions for the next federal transportation reauthorization bill, which comes around every six to seven years. In just nine months, the 120th Congress and the 90th Session of the Texas Legislature will convene. During the Texas legislative interim, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued committee charges and named State Sen. Tan Parker, Chair of the TEX-21 Legislative Caucus, as Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.

The opportunity for TEX-21 cannot be overstated. Our organization is now positioned to offer resources, education, and insight on the most pressing multimodal transportation issues in a meaningful way. To seize this moment, we must come together at the grassroots level and help the state achieve and sustain a focus on multimodal transportation.

Next year, TEX-21 will celebrate 30 years of impact and successful advocacy for multimodal transportation policy. The organization continues to benefit from stable leadership and a clear vision. The Executive Committee met in early April and re-elected the officers to serve another term. As your chairman, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you—while it's hard work, I'm having a lot of fun doing it.

Our next Statewide In-person Meeting is on May 28-29<sup>th</sup> in Dallas, TX, hosted by DART. Caroline Mays from TxDOT will speak at dinner on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>; Dr. Justin Lonon of Dallas College, Dr. Helen You of the Texas Demographic Center, and State Sen. Tan Parker will speak on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll discuss each of our corridors, initiatives, and task forces. Please plan to be there! Register here: [www.tex21.net/events](http://www.tex21.net/events).

The dues structure for FYE 2027 was approved with no increase. As a reminder, dues for FYE 2027 are payable on or before Thursday, October 1, 2026. While not required, many members find it convenient to pre-pay next year's dues using remaining funds from current budgets.

Attached, you will find a form on which you can confirm whether you will continue to serve as the designated representative and member of our board.

Please plan to renew your membership in a timely manner so TEX-21 can continue to be a strong voice for multimodal transportation.

If you have any questions, please contact David Dean by email at [DDean@dean.net](mailto:DDean@dean.net) or cell phone at [214-668-0123](tel:214-668-0123).

Sincerely,

Chris Brown, TEX-21 Chair