

THE TEXAS FREEDOM COLONIES PROJECT ATLAS AND STUDY

STATE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS GUIDE



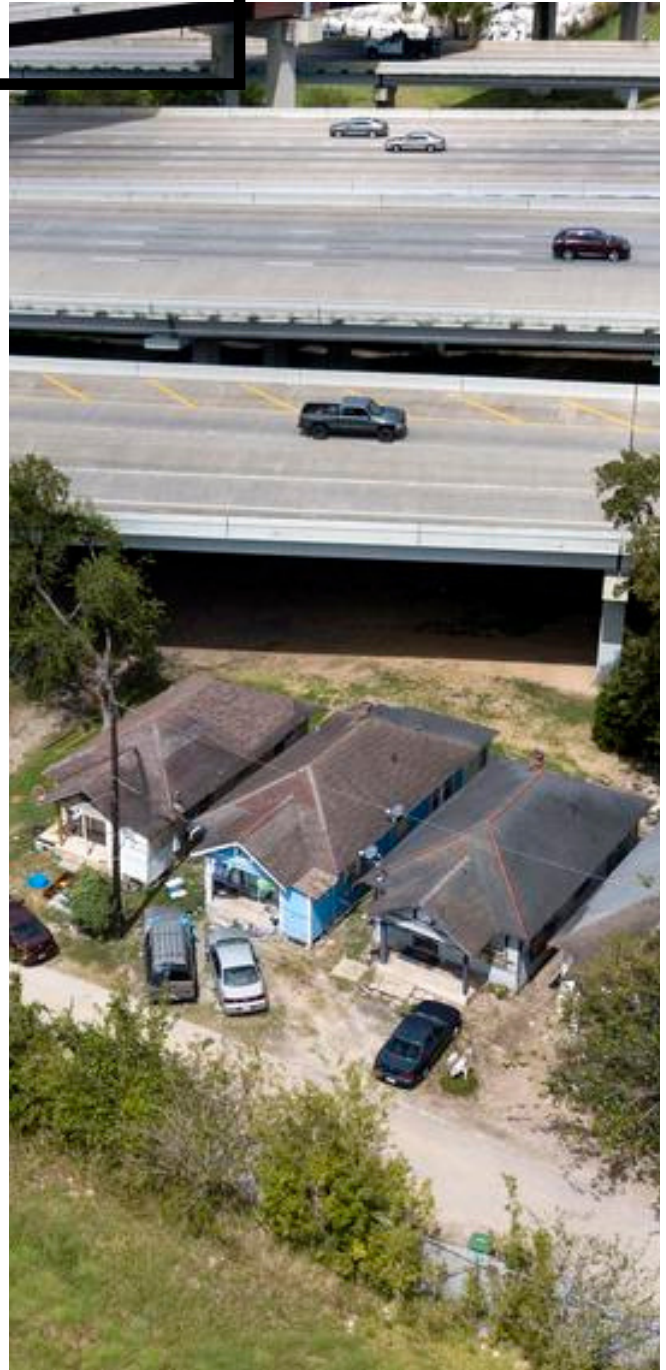
HOW TO USE THE ATLAS TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS IMPACTING FREEDOM COLONIES

INTRODUCING A NEW LAYER!

Interstate 45 serves as a backdrop to the historic Forth Ward Freedman's Town in Houston, Texas, a freedom colony.

Our newest layer helps the Atlas identify transportation projects that may pose a threat to freedom colonies and provide input during the project planning phase. Within this booklet, you will find:

- Tips for interpreting Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) layers
- Instructions for accessing the TxDOT layers
- Community tools and regulations that project descendants, community members and stakeholders can access to voice their concerns





We are providing this layer to enable descendants who may not be full-time residents or landowners to remain aware of what is happening in their communities. Knowing about projects years in advance means that descendants aren't on the defense and then have an opportunity to ask questions and proactively co-plan with public agencies.



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CHANGING THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FOR FREEDOM COLONIES



By adding this layer to the map, users are able to view possible relationships between freedom colonies and highway projects. This provides opportunities for descendants to make their voices heard regarding possible threats, infrastructure projects, or development. Often, residents and stake holders of Texas Freedom Colonies, do not know where to locate information regarding highway and traffic projects.

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About Public Hearings, Meetings and Notices

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Public [hearings, meetings and notices](#) allow you to participate in the transportation planning process. They help you better understand the road, rail and aviation projects that affect you and provide an opportunity for you to help us improve our transportation system through citizen participation. Public involvement activities include the following:

Public Meeting

- Held throughout the planning process
- Intended to present information, exchange ideas and gather input from the public

The first step for freedom colony descendants and residents is to become familiar with how TxDOT community and invites input. Participate in public meetings, hearings, and open houses to become familiar with future projects in your area.

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**AS A STAKEHOLDER, YOU HAVE THE
FEDERALLY PROTECTED RIGHT TO BE
CONSULTED ABOUT PROJECTS.**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects of historic properties of projects they carry out, assist, fund, permit, license, or approve throughout the country. If a federal or federally-assisted project has the potential to affect historic properties, a Section 106 review will take place.

Protecting Historic Properties

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Protecting Historic Properties:

A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO
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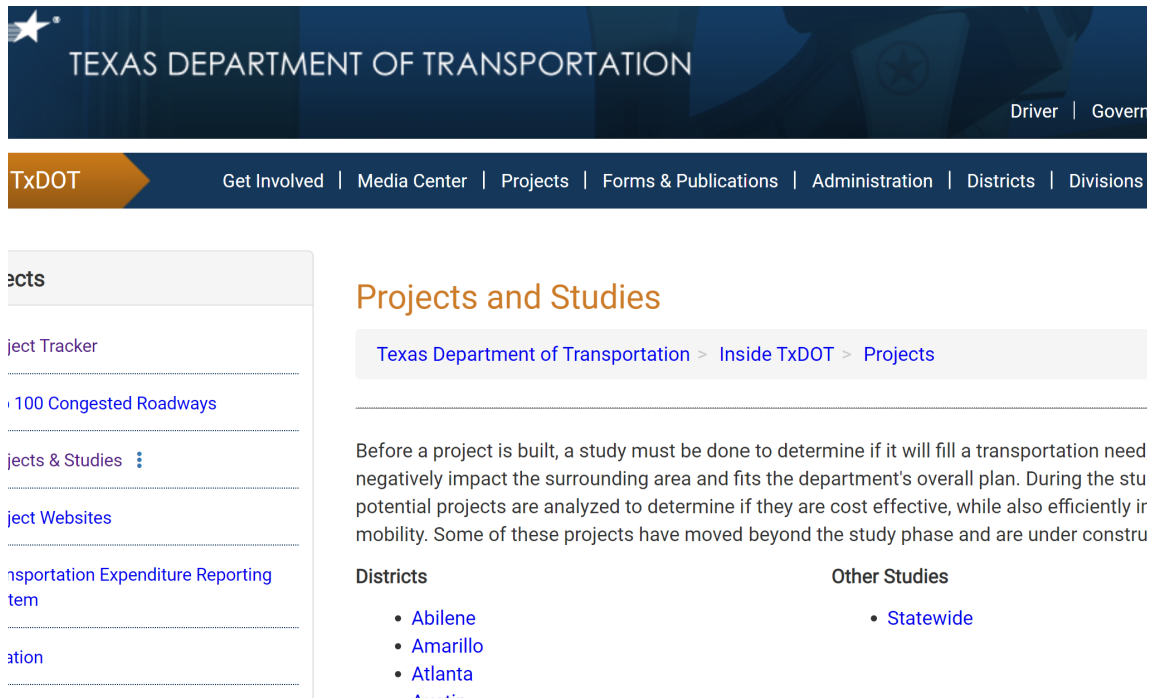
LEARN ABOUT THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION



Section 4(f) of the U.S Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966 prohibits the FTA and other USDOT agencies from using land from publically owned parks, recreation areas (including recreational trails trails), wildlife water fowl refuges, or public and private historic properties, unless there is no feasible and prudent alternative to that use and the action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property resulting from such use.

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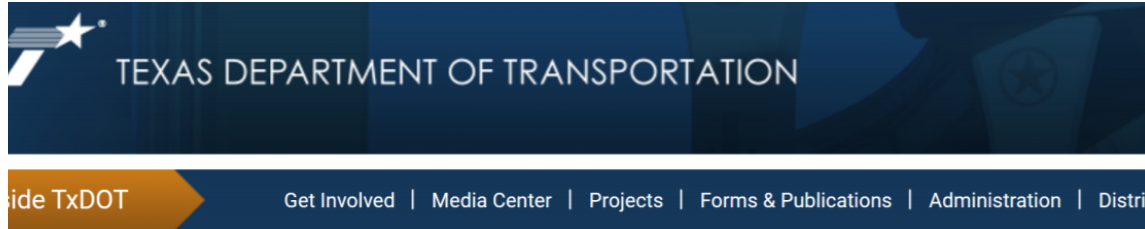
CLOSELY FOLLOW TXDOT PROJECTS AND STUDIES



While transportation projects are being planned, the proposed project is analyzed to determine the cost benefits for each district across the state. Approved projects move beyond the study phase. Lookup details on projects by district, and follow the project page to submit input.

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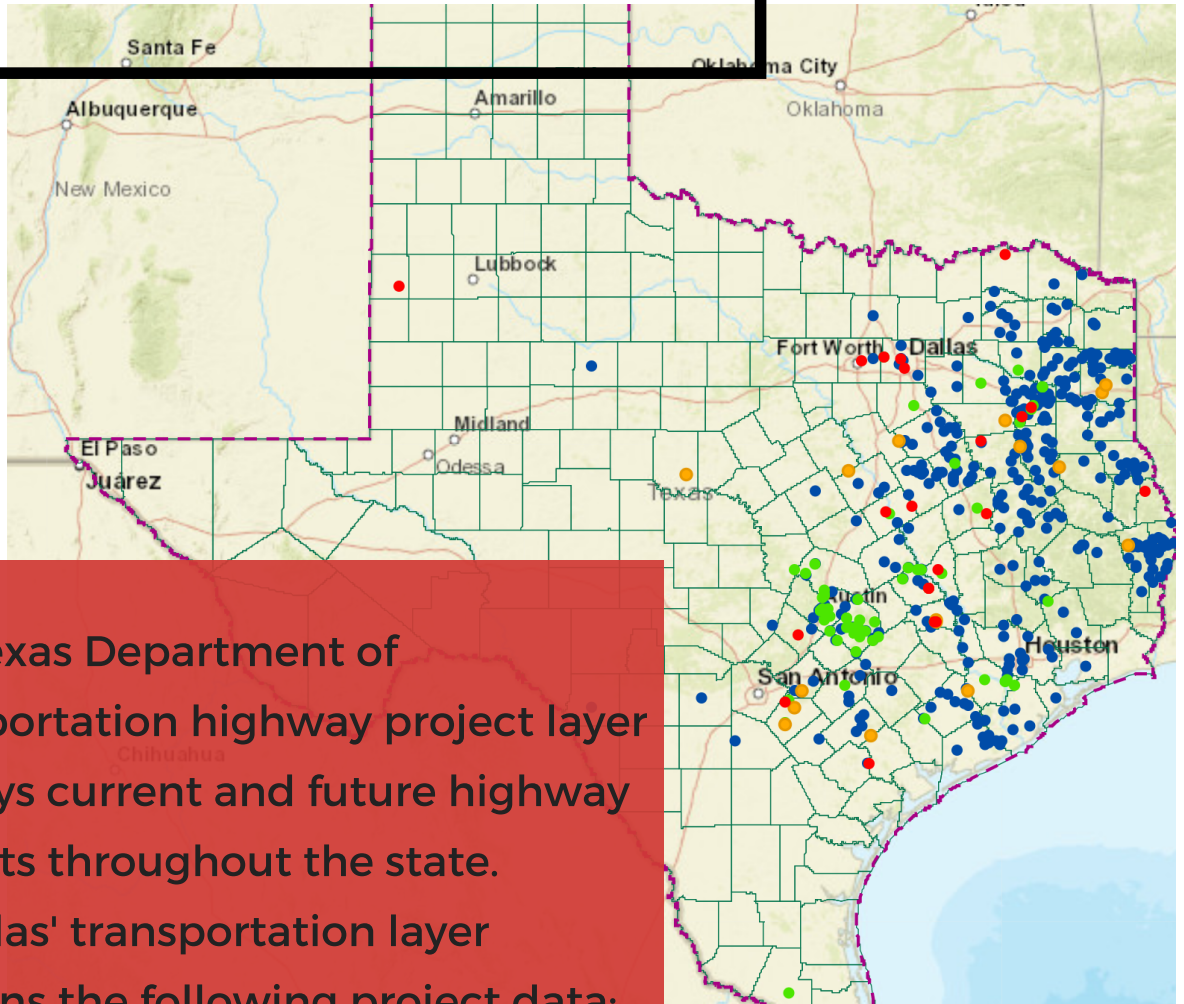
The Texas Transportation Commission and TxDOT has established advisory, stakeholders' committees to provide fair, reliable and comprehensive advice variety of transportation issues. The committees are made up of diverse cor citizens, community leaders and business owners.

- [2030 Committee](#)
- [Aviation Advisory Committee](#)
- [Bicycle Advisory Committee](#)

The Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation created several advisory, and policy-making stakeholders' committees in an effort to provide reliable advice and recommendations on transportation issues.

DEFINING THE LAYER

Be sure to interact with the other layers that can be found on the Atlas!



The Texas Department of Transportation highway project layer displays current and future highway projects throughout the state. TheAtlas' transportation layer contains the following project data:

- County name
- Project description
- Impacted highway number

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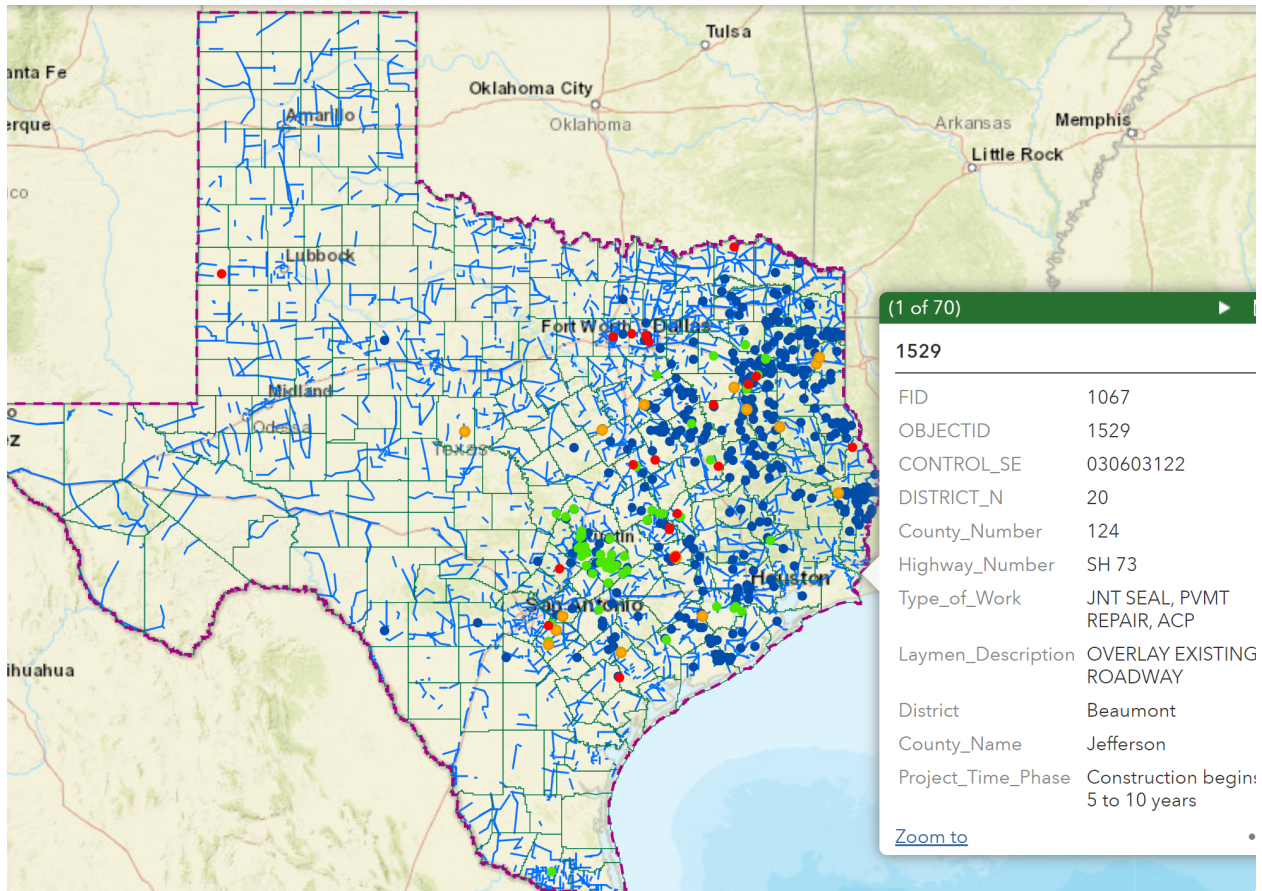
ACCESSING THE LAYER

CAREFULLY FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO ACCESS THE NEW LAYERS!

1. **Click** the "Atlas 2.0" tab to view the atlas.
2. **Select** the tab in the upper right-hand corner that looks like a stack of paper. That is the "Layer List".
3. **Scroll** to the bottom of the Layer Lists option.
4. **Select** current and future project layer options.
5. **Click** the red or blue lines on the map to view the highway name, the type of work performed and description, county, and nearest district.

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TXDOT PROJECT LAYER



These are the project layers for all highway projects in the next five through ten years. Interact with the layer to find out more information about the project such as the project type and highway being impacted.

PUTTING FREEDOM COLONIES ON THE MAP, ON POLICY AGENDAS, AND AT THE CENTER OF TEXAS HISTORY



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