



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

**TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
EIGHTY-FOURTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:**

A robust and reliable road system is vital to the success of the Texas economy and is demanded by Texas families. Currently, there are insufficient funds exclusively dedicated to funding our state's transportation needs, and the state has been unable to adequately develop a long-term transportation plan. I support constitutionally dedicating existing motor vehicle sales tax on new and used vehicles to transportation infrastructure funding and ending the practice of diverting significant state highway funds away from building and maintaining roads, without raising taxes, fees, tolls, or debt.

THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, pursuant to Article III, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and by this special message, do hereby submit the following emergency matter for immediate consideration to the Senate and House of Representatives of the 84th Legislature, now convened:

Legislation relating to transportation.

Respectfully submitted,


GREG ABBOTT
Governor

Austin, Texas
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