

Fort Bend County, Texas

Counties Investing in America's Infrastructure

Infrastructure Investments
2022 county expenditures

\$305M

\$5.4B

Transportation Investments
2022 county expenditures

\$137.4M

\$2.7B

Roads Owned by the County
2023 share out of total miles

51%

46.5%

Bridges Owned by the County
2024 share out of all bridges

39.6%

19%

Texas counties all together

Counties power America's infrastructure—connecting communities, fueling local economies and keeping people and goods moving.

Counties maintain nearly half of America's public roads, more than one-third of bridges and a third of public airports—assets critical to our nation's competitiveness, safety, security and quality of life. Yet federal funding is often limited, unpredictable and routed through states, while local revenue tools remain constrained. Construction costs have surged nearly 40 percent since 2020¹, and freight vehicle weights continue to rise. **A stronger intergovernmental partnership and enhanced, stable federal investment are essential for counties to maintain and modernize the infrastructure that underpins America's economy.**

OUR ASK:

Counties own and maintain infrastructure vital to the nation's economy, safety and security—but federal investment has not kept pace with growing demands and costs. **Counties call for enhanced, stable and direct access to federal surface transportation formula and discretionary funding** to strengthen America's interconnected, intermodal transportation network that keeps us competitive and moving.

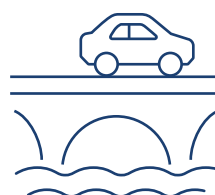
Nationwide, counties:



*invest over \$146B in
physical infrastructure
and public works*



*own and maintain
44% of all public
road miles*



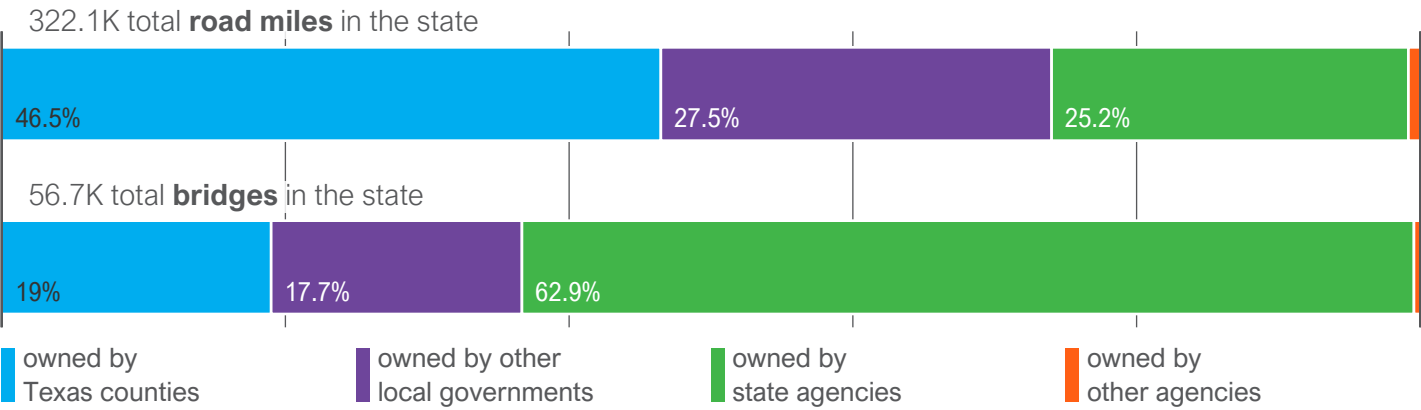
*own and maintain 38%
of all bridges*



*support 40% of transit
agencies and 34% of
airports*

Ownership of road miles and bridges within Texas

Roads and bridges are the foundation of the nation’s transportation system, supporting daily travel, emergency response and economic activity in every community. **Counties play a central role in this network, owning and maintaining 46.5% of public road miles and 19% of bridges in the state of Texas.**



*Of the 1.03M Federal-aid highway road miles in the U.S., **28% are owned by counties.***²

Bridge inventory for Fort Bend County

Structurally deficient bridges

A bridge is classified as structurally deficient if the deck, culverts, superstructure or substructure are rated in poor condition or worse.

20 bridges

Share owned by county	90%
Share owned by city/town	5%
Share owned by other local gov't	0%
Total owned locally	95%

Off-system bridges

Off-system bridges are located on public roads not included in the Federal-aid highway system and are usually maintained by counties or local jurisdictions.

396 bridges

Share owned by county	68%
Share owned by city/town	30%
Share owned by other local gov't	0%
Total owned locally	98%

Source/Notes: U.S. Census Bureau - 2022 Census of Individual Governments: Finance | U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration, 2023 Highway Performance and 2024 National Bridge Inventory. **1-** Wilde, W. J. (2014, August). Assessing the Effects of Heavy Vehicles on Local Roadways. Minnesota Department of Transportation. **2-** A **Federal-aid highway** is any public road that is part of the Federal-Aid Highway System, meaning it is eligible to receive federal funding for construction, maintenance and improvement. These highways are not limited to the interstate system; they include a wide range of roads that serve national, regional and local transportation needs.