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## Challenges

Current and Future

- Historical Underinvestment in Regional Transportation Network
- Rapid Population and Employment Growth
- State and Federal Funding Restrictions
- Freight Movement
- Lack of Coordination Across Local Networks
- Safety
- Loss of Institutional Knowledge


## Population and Employment Growth



Source: Brookings Institute (2021). Texas Demographic Center (TDC), Texas Population Projections Program. Texas Labor Market Information (LMI).
Projections. Note: Employment totals projected out to 2050 using annual growth rates based on LMI 2020-2030 projections.

## Interregional Truck Volumes, 2021



- Highest daily truck traffic (>20,000) on I-35 corridor linking the two regions
- Trucks utilize US 183 and SH 130 as alternatives to bypass I-35 congestion
- US 281 corridor another key north-south alternative for freight


## Interregional Trip Activity

- IH-35 is not just a corridor for through freight traffic
- About a third of truck trips from CAMPO and AAMPO travel between regions
- Smaller number of trips continue to points north or south



## Solutions

Short- and Long-Term

- CAMPO Corridors /TxDOT Rack'em and Stack'em Programs
- SmarTTrack
- IH 35 Construction Projects
- Bottlenecks Study
- Freight Study
- Travel Demand Management Program
- Safety Program
- State and Federal Funding


## Corridor Studies Timeline



| Corridor | From | To | Approximate Start Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FM 734 | RM 1431 | SL 1 | 2023 |
| FM 973 | US 290 | FM 1660 | 2023 |
| FM 969 | SH 130 | SH 21 | 2024 |
| SH 21 | SH 130 | SH 71 | 2024 |
| SH 29 | CR 258 | Southwest Bypass | 2024 |
| SH 80 | FM 110 | IH 10 | 2025 |
| US 79 | SH 130 | FM 619 | 2025 |
| FM 734 | SL 1 | US 290 | 2026 |
| FM 734 | RM 1431 | RM 2243 | TBD |
| FM 1100 | Greenlawn Blvd | SH 95 | TBD |
| US 79 | FM 1460 | SH 130 | TBD |
| RM 1431 | IH 35 | US 281 | TBD |

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## Opportunities for Collaboration

- Highway and Rail
- Collaborating on improvements (e.g., I-35 CapEX and NEX)
- Selection of alternative routes and improvements to freight corridors
- Approaching railroads together for access or solutions along corridors
- Technology and Operations
- Traffic management (TxDOT TMCs)
- Truck parking


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