

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, The Texas Department of Transportation (department) lays out authority for future projects in the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The department planning documents identify specific projects as part of an overall funding level. The dollar amounts approved for the projects are generally based on federal apportionments anticipated to become available in the future. The projects listed in the UTP do not include projects that may be funded due to receipt of federal money related to the National Corridor Planning and Development and Coordinate Border Infrastructure Program in the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century. This money is awarded annually on a discretionary basis by the United States Department of Transportation. As proposed, S.B. 1154 requires the department to make available on its Internet website a list describing each contract awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission for a highway construction project.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 223A, Transportation Code, by adding Section 223.0042, as follows:

Sec. 223.0042. CONTRACT INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE. Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to make available on the department's Internet website a listing describing each contract awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) for a highway construction project.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.