



SUPPORT TXDOT'S SHORT LINE RAIL FUNDING REQUEST

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has included a **\$25 million funding request** in its 2026-2027 Legislative Appropriations for vital short line railroad projects. The funding will address critical challenges such as:

- **Building new track.**
- **Enhancing existing railways and ties.**
- **Upgrading bridges.**
- **Increasing capacity and weather resiliency.**
- **Promoting safety enhancements.**

The time is now to modernize Texas' short line rail network and meet the needs of a growing state.

WHY ARE SHORT LINES VITAL TO TEXAS' ECONOMY?

Forty-five short line railroads cover 2,570 miles across 80 counties, connecting rural areas to national freight networks and driving economic growth. Key economic impacts include:

- **State-Level Contributions**
 - 1,476 jobs annually.
 - \$113.7 million in labor income.
 - \$354.4 million in economic output.
- **County-Level Contributions**
 - 1,136 jobs annually.
 - \$87.8 million in labor income.
 - \$274.9 million in economic output

WHY IS FUNDING CRITICAL?

Without state investment, Texas risks **falling behind** surrounding states like **Louisiana, Mississippi, and Oklahoma**, which have robust state funding programs focused on addressing the needs of short line rail roads. The benefits of funding include:

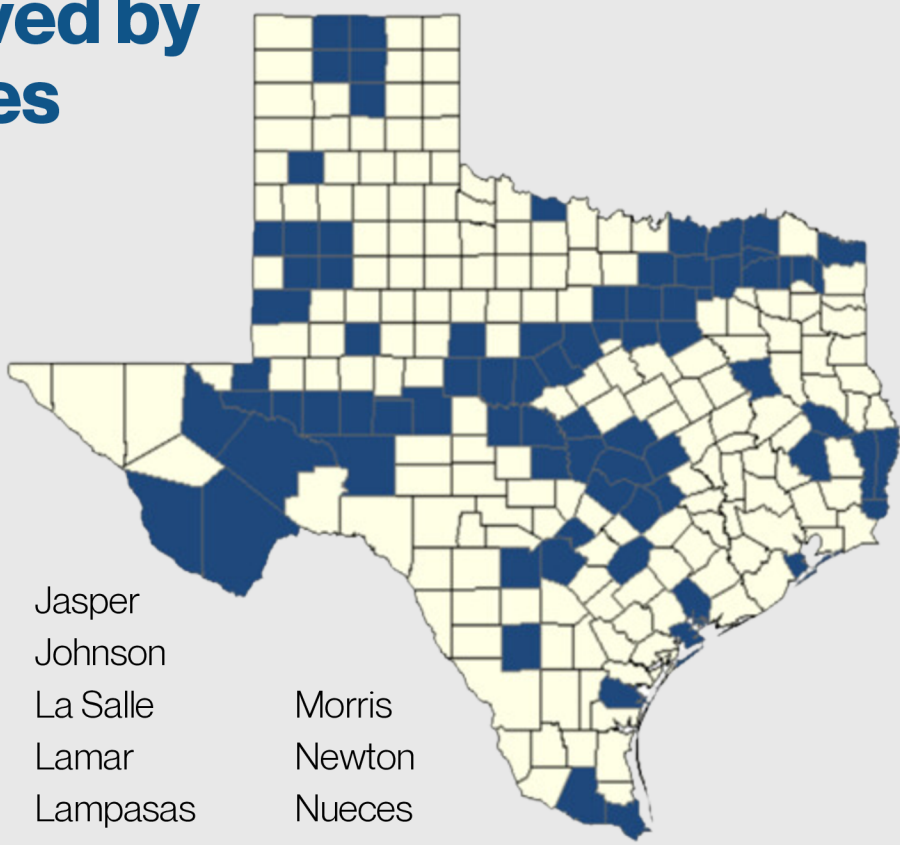
- Boosting economic development and attracting new businesses.
- Supporting rural and underserved communities with vital freight links.
- Enhancing public safety.
- Reducing wear and tear on roads.
- Increasing supply chain fluidity





Counties Served by Short Lines

Anderson	Delta				
Angelina	Denton				
Bastrop	Eastland				
Bell	Ellis				
Bexar	Erath				
Bowie	Fannin				
Brewster	Franklin				
Brown	Gaines				
Burnet	Galveston	Jasper			
Calhoun	Gonzales	Johnson			
Cameron	Grayson	La Salle	Morris		
Carson	Hansford	Lamar	Newton		
Castro	Hidalgo	Lampasas	Nueces		
Cochran	Hockley	Lee	Orange		
Coleman	Hood	Llano	Parker	Runnels	Tom Green
Collin	Hopkins	Lubbock	Pecos	San Saba	Travis
Comal	Howard	Lynn	Polk	Sherman	Upton
Comanche	Hunt	McCulloch	Presidio	Tarrant	Ward
Crane	Hutchinson	Medina	Reagan	Taylor	Wichita
Crockett	Irion	Milam	Reeves	Terry	Williamson
Dallas	Jackson	Moore	Rockwall	Titus	Winkler



WHO ARE WE?

The **Texas Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (TSLRRA)** is a nonprofit professional organization representing the interests of the more than 40 short line railroads and industry related businesses in Texas. Established in 2003, TSLRRA's purpose has been to promote the state's economy, champion public safety issues, and partner with local governments and organizations to enhance the transportation infrastructure and bring new jobs and prosperity to Texas communities.