



Figure I-2 UTP in the TxDOT Family of Documents

What's New with the 2017 Unified Transportation Program?

The 2017 UTP development offers an opportunity to address several key initiatives that will affect the development and implementation of the UTP in 2017 and beyond. The key initiatives considered in this update include alignment with TxDOT's updated mission, values, and goals statement; House Bill (HB) 20 provisions related to planning and programming; and incorporation of a Planning Scenario in the funding forecast used for development of the 2017 UTP.

On February 25, 2016, the Texas Transportation Commission adopted new values, vision, mission, and goals to guide the department's strategic direction. The updated strategic direction includes the development of performance-based planning and programming processes, measures, and metrics. The strategy update corresponds with key programming and planning provisions of HB 20, enacted in 2015, which implemented a performance-based planning and programming process to provide the legislature with indicators that quantify and qualify progress toward attaining department goals and objectives. HB 20 provides a framework to ensure agency-wide transparency and accountability. The performance-based allocation of funds used in the 2017 UTP update is a result of a collaborative development process with executive branch guidance and stakeholder input that included input from Governor Abbott's priorities for TxDOT, legislative guidance in accordance with the directives of HB 20, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and the District Engineers Planning Organization Stakeholder Committee, and the current goals and objectives of the department.