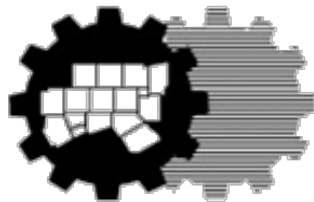


# STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Surface Technical Transportation Committee**

**January 25, 2013**



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# US Congress

113<sup>th</sup> Congress Convened January 3, 2013

Fiscal Cliff Averted (Temporarily)

- Spending Cuts Pushed to End of February
- House Suspends Debt Limit through May 18, Senate to Approve Soon

Appropriations – Extension Expires March 27

Transportation Committee/Subcommittee

Texas Members

- US Senator Ted Cruz
- US Representative Roger Williams

# Federal Budget Report

National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)  
Report Tracked Federal Spending Over 30 Years

Spending Decreases in All Programs Except for Federal  
Highway Administration (FHWA)

Predicts a Future Decline Due to Highway Trust Fund

Report:

[http://gallery.mailchimp.com/6f332e973fea19c6d59ade453/files/AU Budget Project 12.13.pdf](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/6f332e973fea19c6d59ade453/files/AU_Budget_Project_12.13.pdf)

# Texas Legislature

83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature Convened January 8, 2013

Senate Transportation Committee:

North Texas Legislators – Paxton (Vice-Chair), Davis,  
Hancock

Transportation Bills Filed:

- Texting and Driving, Diversions, Transportation Revenue

Other Hot Topics:

- Budget, Water, Education, Health Care

# Changes to RTC Legislative Program

## Legislation to Actively Pursue:

Retain Limited Authority for TxDOT to Enter into Public-Private Partnerships on Specific Projects

- SH 183/Loop 12/SH 114 ~~SH 360 (south) (Awaiting NTTA concurrence)~~
- North Tarrant Express
- IH 35E/US 67
- Loop 9

# Questions

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