

# ROAD IMPROVEMENT / ROAD UTILITY DISTRICTS



TSDC



- Road districts are special-purpose districts established to manage and maintain public roads within their designated areas.
- Created by the county commissioners court or by the Texas Transportation Commission, as provided by Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, and may include parts of municipalities or other political subdivisions.
- Regulated by Chapter 257 or 441, Texas Transportation Code, and/or applicable provisions of the Texas Water Code and others, as well as the enabling legislation that created it.
- The specific structure of their governance varies as to whether they have a board of directors or are governed by road commissioners appointed by the commissioners court.
- May be funded through various mechanisms, such as road bonds approved by voters or other local revenue sources.
- **Road Districts:** Designated areas for road-related projects, potentially including portions of municipalities or other districts (TTC Ch. 257). Note, however, that Road Districts are generally an extension of the county and not necessarily independent districts.
- **Road Utility Districts (RUDs):** Independent districts created by petition and subject to approval by the Transportation Commission and any overlapping county or city of a Preliminary Plan to fund specific road improvements (TTC Ch. 441).