

# FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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# OVERVIEW

## Federal Update

- FY25 Appropriations
- Recent Committee Hearings
- Regulatory Update
- IJA Implementation
- Grants Awarded

## Legislative Timeline

## 2024 Election



The image shows the interior of a bus, viewed from the back of the vehicle looking forward. The bus is empty. It features rows of blue seats with a patterned fabric. Yellow handrails are mounted along the ceiling and sides. The floor is a light-colored, possibly linoleum or vinyl. Large windows are visible on both sides, showing a blurred view of the outside world. The overall lighting is bright and somewhat washed out, giving it a clean, airy feel.

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## Appropriations

- FY24 funding expires September 30, 2024
- House Appropriations Committee passed FY25 Transportation funding bill on July 10, 2024
- Senate Appropriations Committee passed FY25 Transportation funding bill on July 25, 2024
- Next Steps: The full House and Senate need to approve bills; compromise language is needed
  - A Continuing Resolution is expected – an extension at current levels
  - Expect a final bill after the November election



# FEDERAL UPDATE

## FY25 Appropriations – Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD)

### U.S. Senate

- Proposes \$110 billion for USDOT
- \$3 billion more than FY24
- Funding amounts honor levels in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

### U.S. House

- Proposes \$106.7 billion for USDOT
- \$7 billion less than FY24
- Cuts funding for passenger rail and transit



# FEDERAL UPDATE

## FY25 Appropriations – THUD Funding Totals

### U.S. Senate

- Highways and Bridges: \$63.17 billion
- Rail Safety and Amtrak: \$3.46 billion
- Transit: \$17 billion
- FAA: \$22 billion
- RAISE Grants: Additional \$550 million over IIJA

### U.S. House

- Highways and Bridges: \$63.54 billion
- Rail Safety and Amtrak: \$2.75 billion
- Transit: \$15.31 billion
- FAA: \$21.65 billion
- RAISE Grants: No additional funds provided over IIJA



# FEDERAL UPDATE

## 2024 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

Two-year bill to improve the nation's ports and harbors, inland waterway navigation, flood and storm protection, and other aspects of water resource infrastructure

- Full House passed WRDA on July 22; includes project authorizations, levee systems for hurricane-prone areas
- Full Senate passed WRDA on August 1
- Conference process to resolve the differences



# RECENT COMMITTEE HEARINGS

## Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

June 5, 2024: Federal Highway Administration oversight, FY25 budget request, and the administration's implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA/BIL)

## Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee

July 31, 2024: Economic impacts of recent federal infrastructure spending packages, including IIJA, Inflation Reduction Act, and CHIPS and Science Act





# RECENT COMMITTEE HEARINGS

## Senate Budget Committee

June 12, 2024: The future of electric vehicles

- Highway Trust Fund impacts
- Legislation and federal funding for EVs
- Increased demand on the electric grid
- Access to rare earth materials for EV manufacturing
- Automobile industry impacts and overall EV demand
- Remaining competitive in the global EV market and decreasing energy dependence



# RECENT COMMITTEE HEARINGS

## House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

June 26, 2024: Mark up of draft Water Resources Development Act

June 27, 2024: USDOT budget request for FY25 and showcase potential and current projects

July 23, 2024: Freight rail safety

July 24, 2024: USDOT regulatory and administrative agenda



# REGULATORY UPDATE

## US Supreme Court Decision

### End of Chevron Deference

- Required courts to defer to federal agencies' interpretations of ambiguous statutes
- Now the interpretative power is shifted to judges, impacting regulatory practices across many sectors, including transportation

### Key takeaways:

- Regulatory actions by the USDOT may face more legal challenges, leading to potential delays in policy implementation
- USDOT's ability to implement and enforce transportation regulations could be limited where statutory language is unclear



# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) OVERVIEW

## Five-year Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- IIJA/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Signed into Law November 15, 2021
- \$1.2 Trillion Total, Fiscal Years 2022-2026
- Baseline Transportation Funding of \$293.5B + New IIJA Spending of \$274B = \$567.5B
  - Increases Funding, Expands and Creates New Programs
  - New Elements: Equity, Climate, Resiliency, Electric Vehicles, Grants

## Other Infrastructure Spending

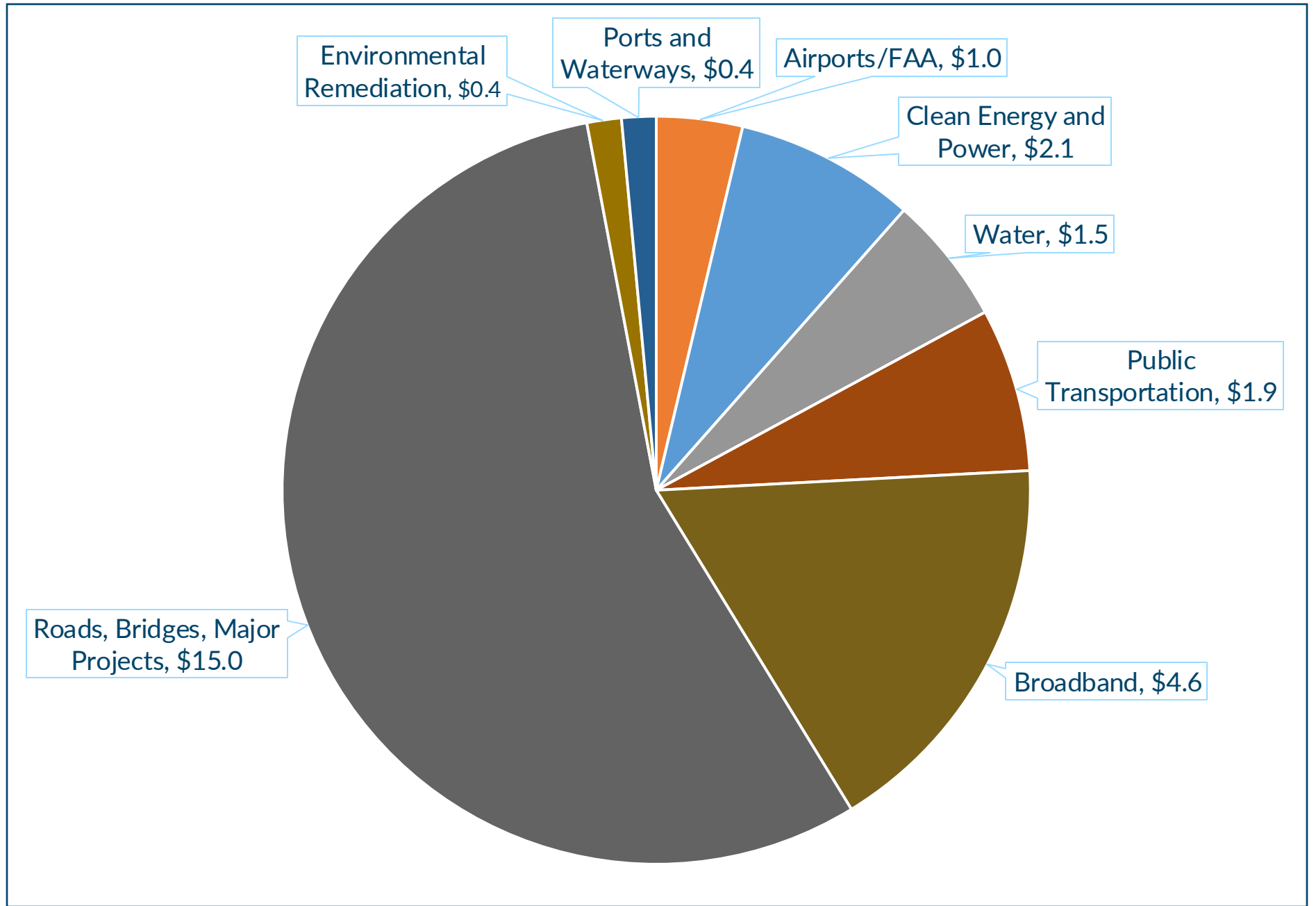
- \$550 Billion for Water, Broadband, Cybersecurity, Energy



# IIJA PROJECTS ANNOUNCED FOR TEXAS, BY TYPE IN BILLIONS, SINCE PASSAGE

In Texas, \$20.1 billion has been announced for transportation for roads, bridges, transit, EV charging, ports and airports, plus \$4.6 billion for broadband and \$1.5 billion for water.

Source: [www.invest.gov](http://www.invest.gov)



# RECENT NORTH TEXAS FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED

Grant Program	Application (Project)	Award
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Program	Dallas County Inland Port (DCIP) Multimodal Connectivity Project	\$25M
Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program: Implementation	Bridging Highway Divides for DFW Communities ( <i>Klyde Warren/Southern Gateway Parks – Phase 2.0, IH 30 Dallas Heritage Village/Farmers Market Deck Park, and SH 5 Downtown McKinney Pedestrian Connection</i> )	\$80M
Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program – Community	North Texas Equitable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NTx-EEVI) Project	\$15M
Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program – Corridor	Texas Hydrogen & Electric Freight Infrastructure (Tx-HEFTI) Project	\$70M
Safe Streets For All Planning (SS4A)	Advancing Regional Safety in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region	\$5M
Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Infrastructure	MLK Jr./Cedar Crest Blvd Complete Streets and Safety Upgrades (Submitted by City of Dallas)	\$21.8M



# RECENT NORTH TEXAS FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED (Cont.)

Grant Program	Application (Project)	Award
Department of Energy/Transportation "Ride & Drive Electric" Program	Planning Resilient Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging in Texas	\$1.5M
Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program	North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction 2023	\$3M
Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability & Accessibility Accelerator (RAA) Program	Incorporate North American Charging Standards (NACS) Connectors for Consistency with Texas Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Plan	\$3.66M
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Program	1) East Lancaster Avenue Complete Streets & Transit Technology 2) Cotton Belt/Silver Line Trail Critical Sections (Submitted by DART)	1) \$20M 2) \$25M
Total		\$269.96M



# SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION TOPICS

**IJA/BIL Expires September 30, 2026;  
Long-Term Bill Needed for Planning**

**“Once in a Generation” Funding**

**Discretionary Funding or Formula Funding**

**Additional Issues for Congress to Address:  
EVs, Rail Safety, IJA Project Delivery,  
Solvency of the Highway Trust Fund**





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# LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

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# STATE AND FEDERAL DATES OF INTEREST

**November 5, 2024**

General Election  
for **Federal**, State,  
and County  
Offices

**January 3, 2025**  
**119<sup>th</sup> Congressional  
Session Convenes**

**March 14, 2025**

Last Day of  
Bill Filing in  
Texas  
Legislature

**November 11, 2024**

Bill Filing Begins  
for the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas  
Legislature

**January 14, 2025**

89<sup>th</sup> Legislative  
Session Convenes

**May 26,  
2025**  
Last day of  
Regular Session  
in Texas  
Legislature



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# 2024 ELECTION

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## U.S. Representatives Running Unopposed in November

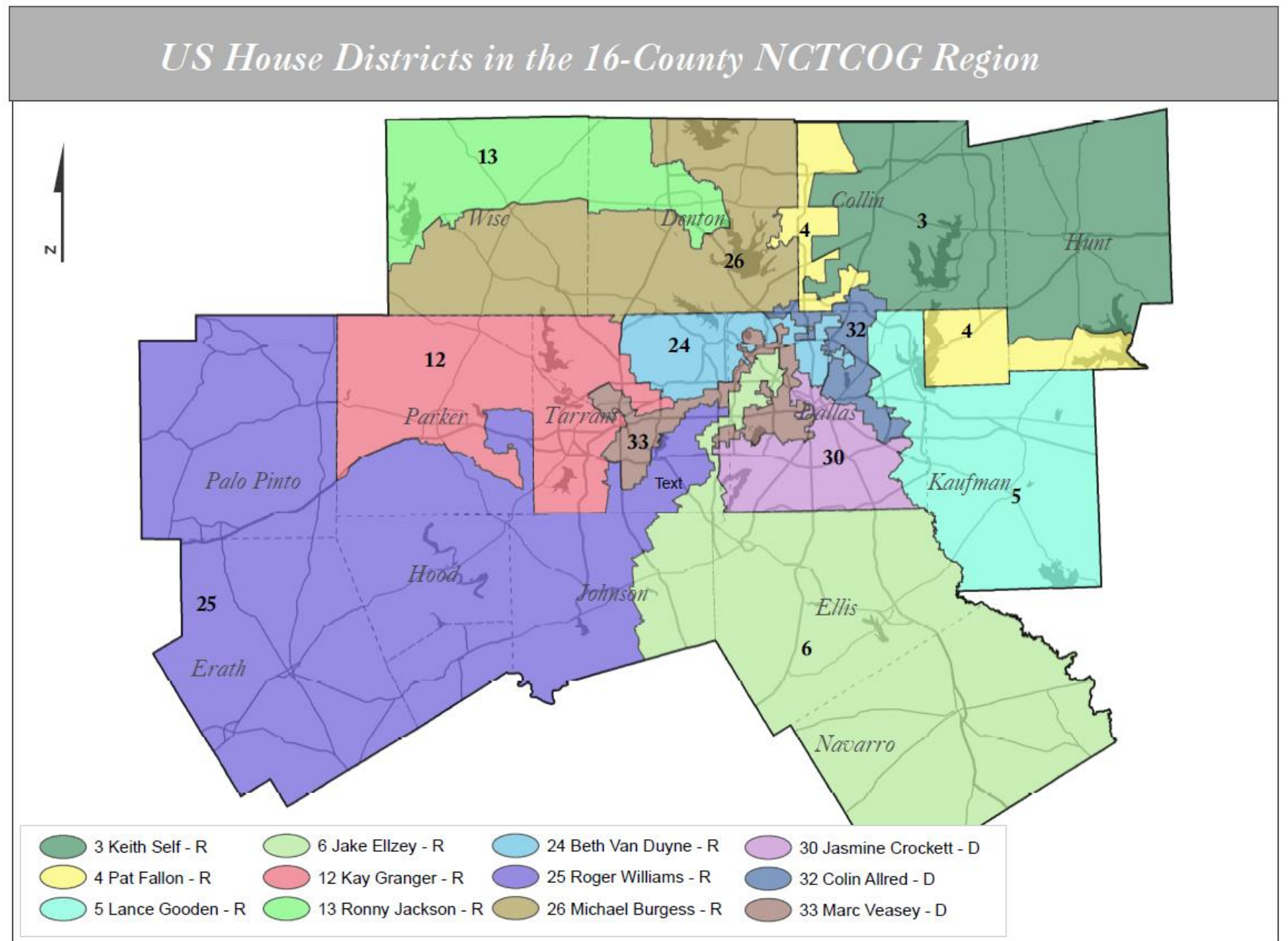
- Ronny Jackson, District 13
- Roger Williams, District 25
- Jasmine Crockett, District 30

## U.S. Representatives Retiring

- Kay Granger, District 12
- Michael Burgess, District 26

## Running for U.S. Senate

- Collin Allred, District 32

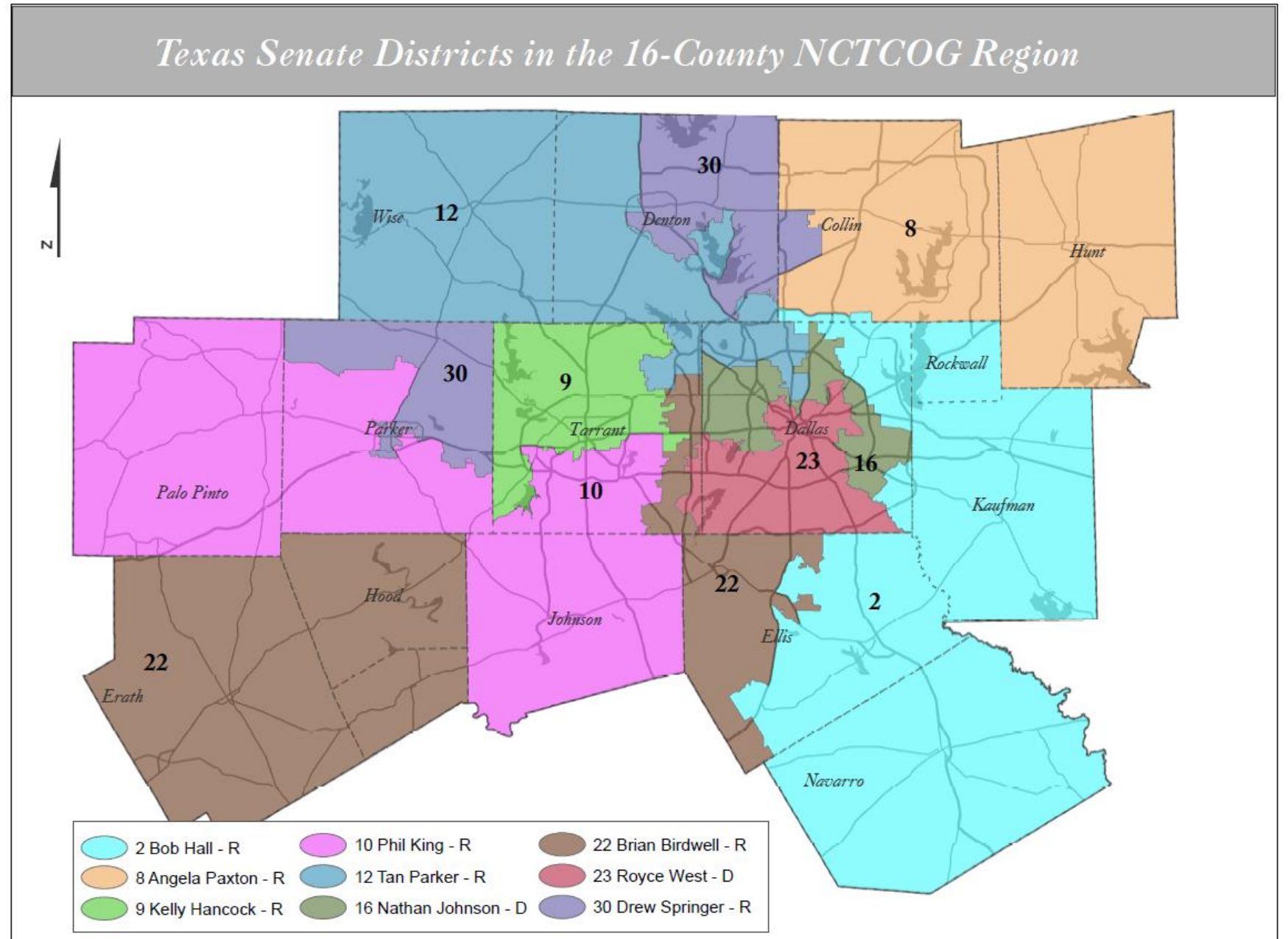


## State Senators Running Unopposed in November – Texas Senate

- Nathan Johnson,  
District 16
- Royce West,  
District 23

## Half of State Senators are on the ballot in November:

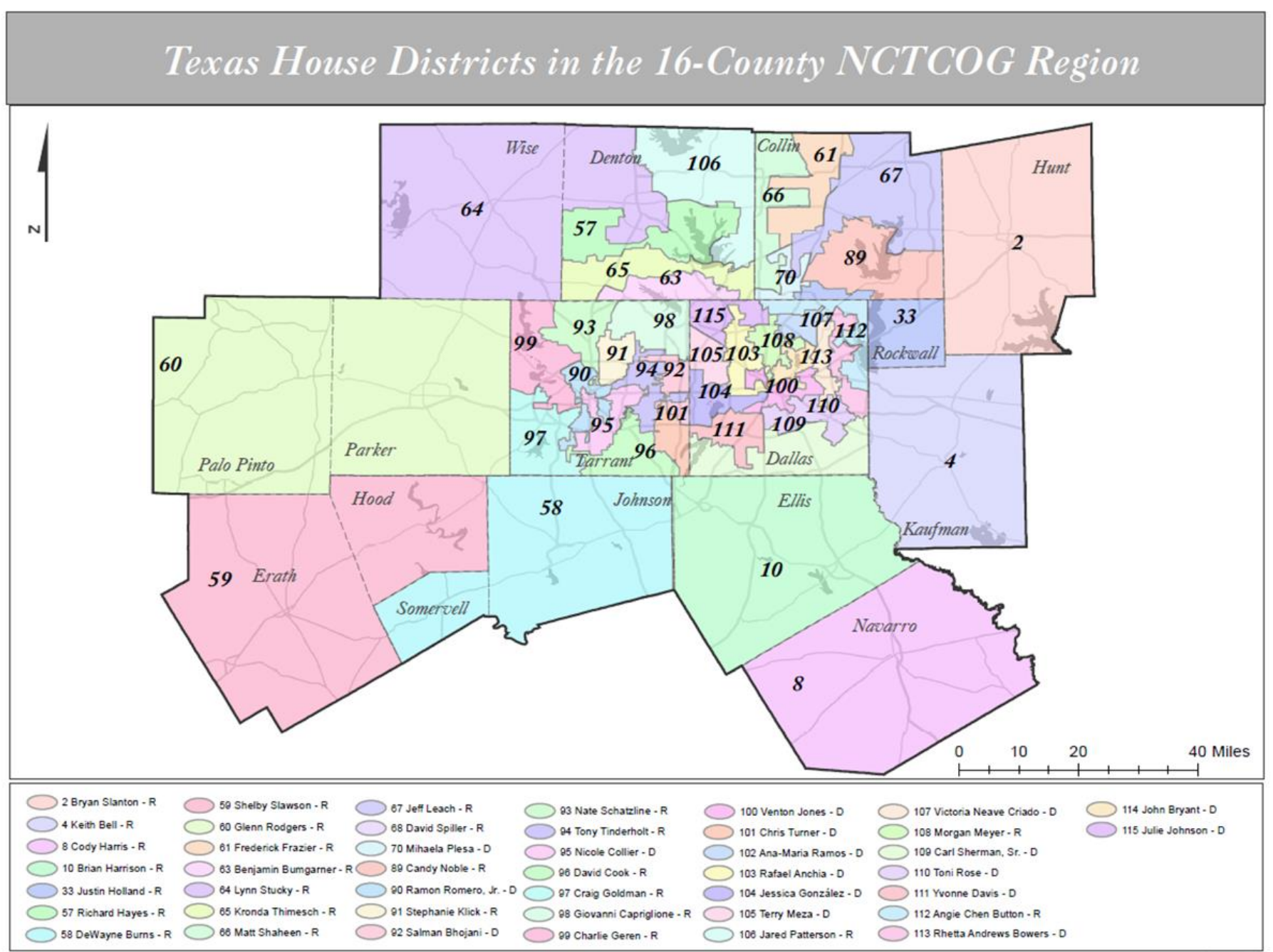
- North Texas Senate  
Districts 8, 10, 12,  
16, 23, 30



# All State Representatives Are Up for Reelection in November; Below are Unopposed – Texas House

- Kristen Washington, HD 2
- Brian Harrison, HD 10\*
- DeWayne Burns, HD 58\*
- Mike Olcott, HD 60
- Ramon Romero, HD 90\*
- David Lowe, HD 91
- Salman Bhojani, HD 92\*
- Nicole Collier, HD 95\*
- Venton Jones, HD 100\*
- Ana-Maria Ramos, HD 102\*
- Rafael Anchia, HD 103\*
- Linda Garcia, HD 107
- Toni Rose, HD 110\*
- Yvonne Davis, HD 111\*

\*incumbent



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