



April 20, 2021 Re: HJR 109 by Rep. Armando Walle - Supporting testimony of Air Alliance Houston

Good afternoon Chair Canales, committee members, staff. My name is Harrison Humphreys and I am speaking on behalf of Air Alliance Houston today in support of HJR 109.

There's not much more I can say about the importance of HJR 109 that hasn't already been said by the many commenters today. Our transportation infrastructure exists at a nexus of social and economic welfare, public health, and environmental and climate policy. It plays a central role in every single Texans' everyday life. Adapting our infrastructure to address not only our changing transportation needs, but our evermore pressing climate and public health needs is a necessity. The Legislature cannot continue to treat transportation as if it exists in a vacuum. Our investments have consequences that go beyond just how much congestion we see on our daily commutes and will affect the lives of Texans for generations.

HJR 109 represents an opportunity to embrace the reality of our changing infrastructure needs and to correct just plain bad policy. These restrictions were put in place for no other reason than to protect the primacy of highways in our state, and Texas will continue to suffer from these deliberate policy choices unless we act now.

To answer your question representative Davis, the state highways fund can be transferred between strategies, but it's all still constitutionally dedicated to highways no matter what strategy it's in.

Respectfully,

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