



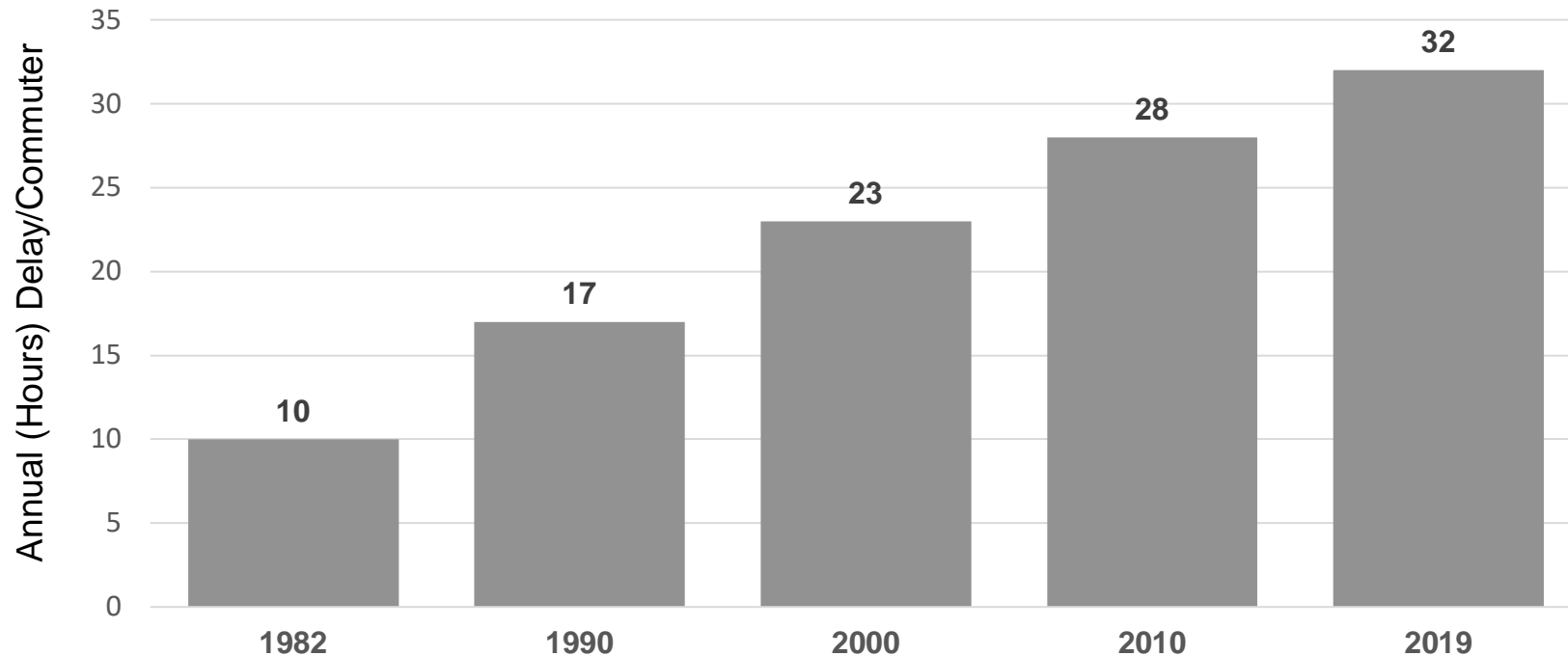
Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority

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Congestion Trends in Bryan/College Station

Hours of Delay Per Commuter, 1982–2019



**Annual Growth
in Congestion,
1982–2019**

Total cost: 5.1%

**Annual delay per
auto commuter:
2.4%**

Source: Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Congestion Impacts



**Quality
of Life**



**Economic
Opportunities**

College Station Citizen Surveys



Percentage of respondents stating “good” or “excellent”

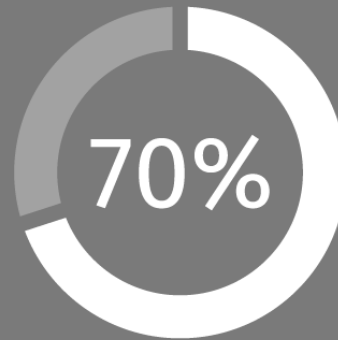
	2016	2019
Managing traffic congestion	28%	24%
Maintaining streets	48%	49%
Retaining/supporting businesses	45%	44%

#1 Issue

Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization 2018 Congestion Survey

5,000

Survey
Responses

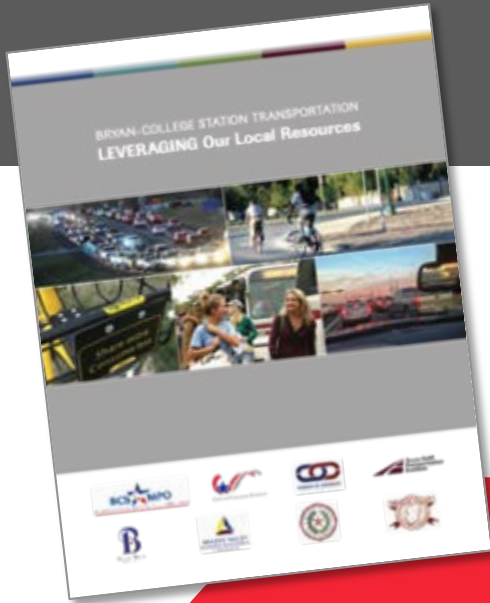


of respondents
desire to maintain
congestion at
current or reduced
levels

\$1,200

respondents willing
to pay \$1,200 per
year per household
to achieve this goal

Leveraging Local Resources



The two cities and county spend a combined
\$35 million per year on transportation

**TAMU + Brazos
Transit
7th
largest transit
system in
Texas**

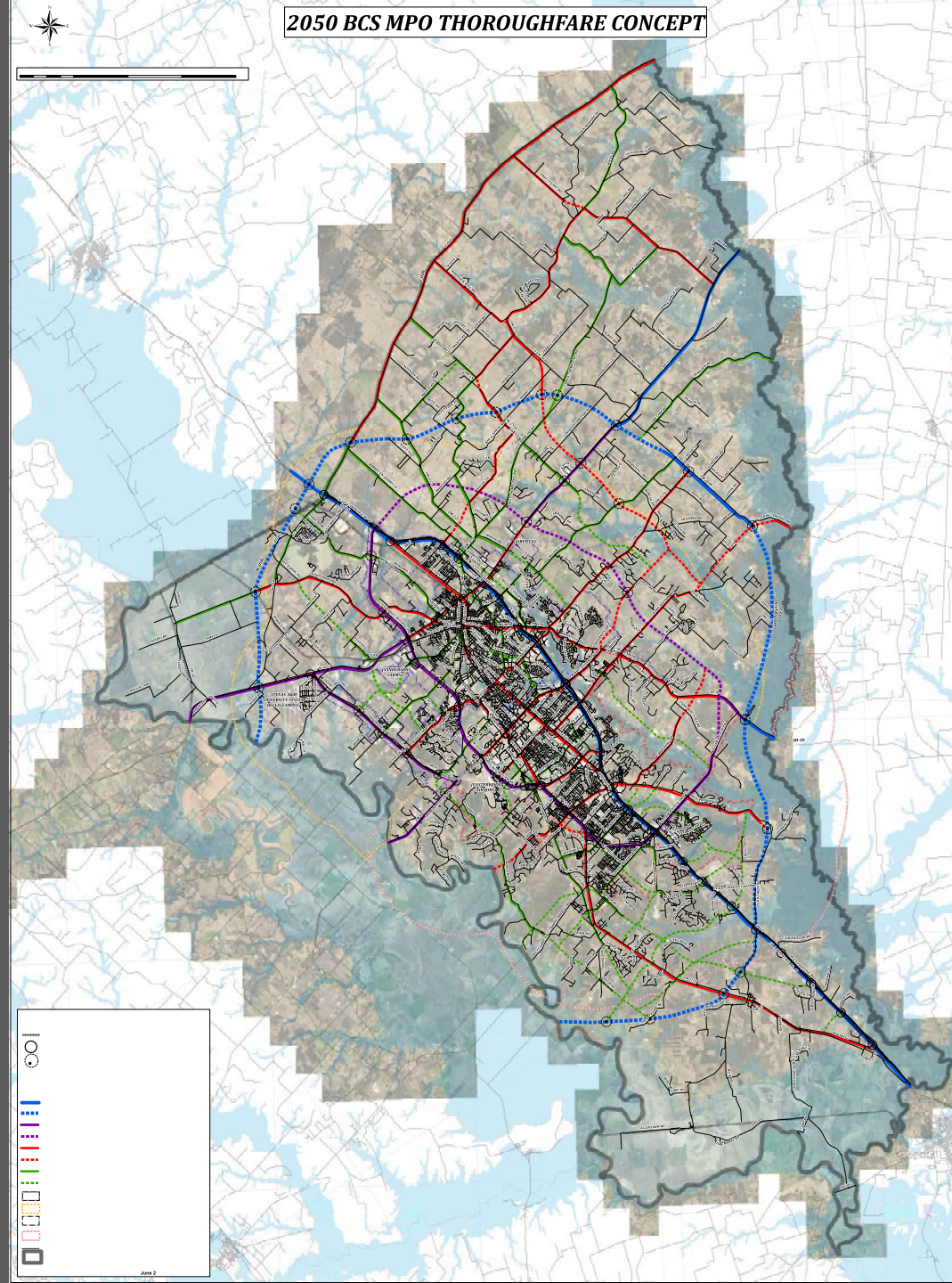


**Provides most
transit rides per
person in Texas**



**Yet BCS is 10th
most congested
metro area in
Texas**

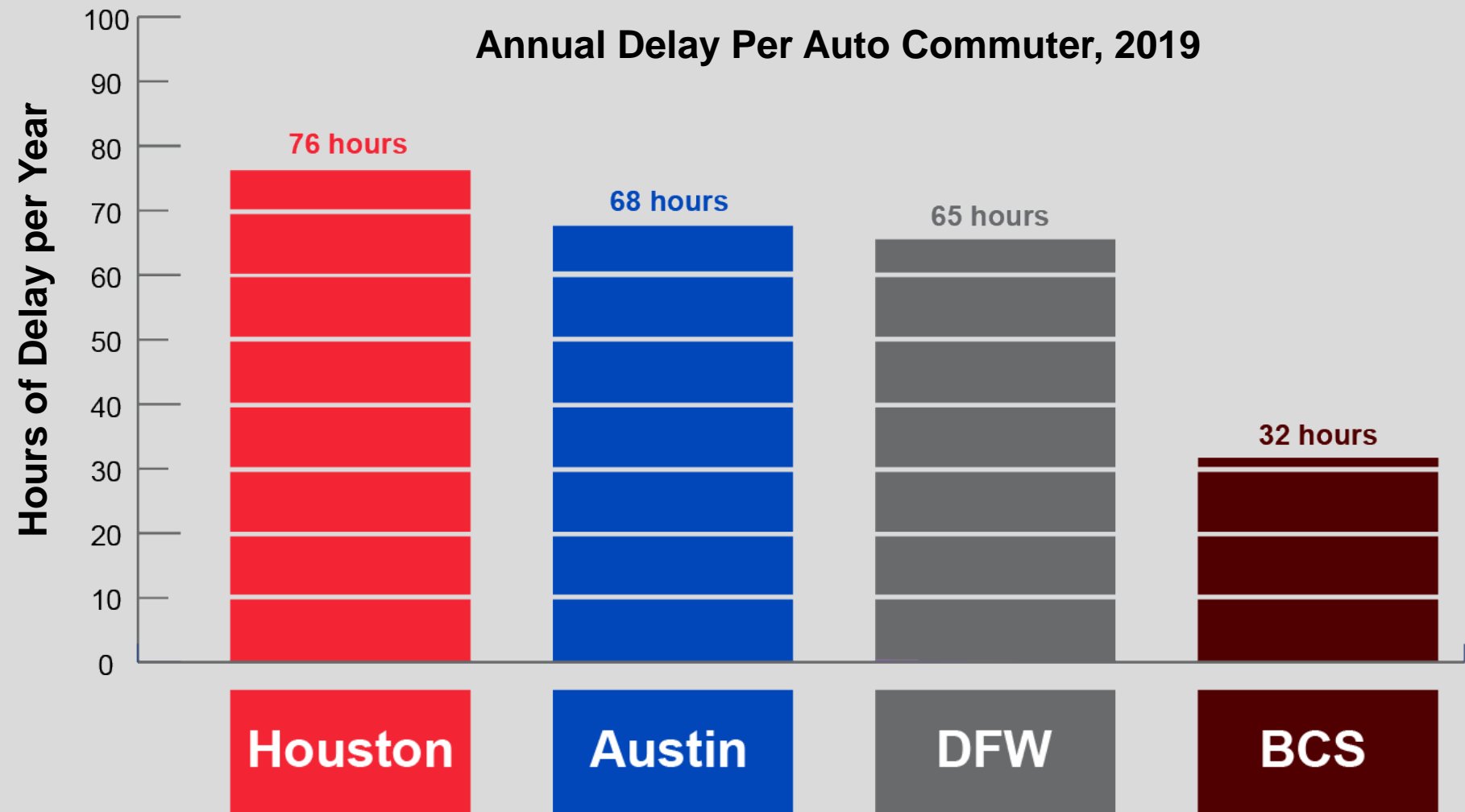
Metropolitan Planning Organization Approved 2050 Major Thoroughfare Concept



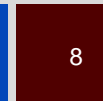
**\$3 billion in
roadway
needs**

**MPO funds
about 3%
per year**

Not Dallas or Houston or Austin



2019 Data



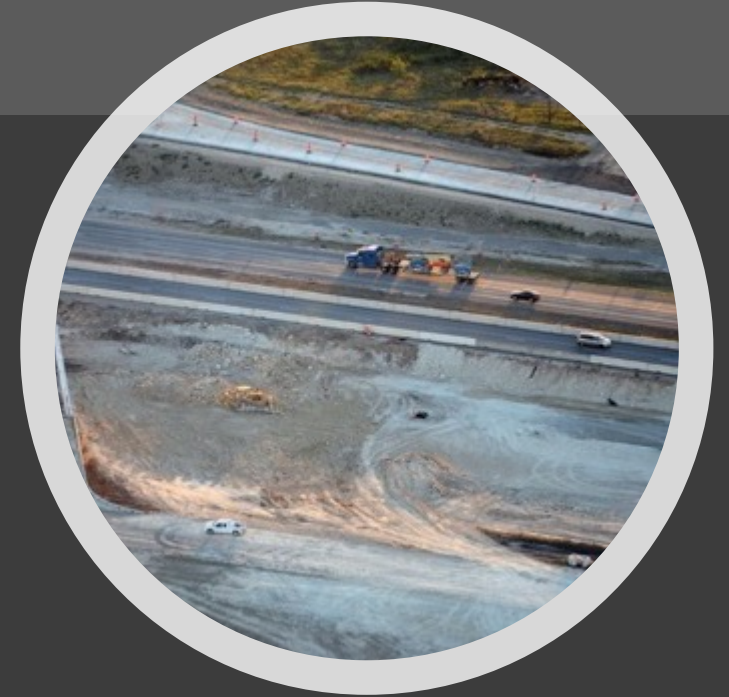
Developing and Building a Road Project Takes a Long Time



5-10 years for
studies and design



Multiple years for right-
of-way purchases and
environmental mitigation



Multiple years
construction time

BOTTOM LINE:

A 20-year process, but can be reduced with an RMA

Local Leaders Have Supported the RMA

Brazos County



Cities of Bryan and College Station



**Texas A&M University System,
Texas A&M University and Blinn College**



THE TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



**Bryan/College Station
Metropolitan Planning Organization**



Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce



Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation



TxDOT Bryan District



State Leaders Supporting the RMA

State Senator

Charles Schwertner

State Representative

John Raney

State Representative

Kyle Kacal



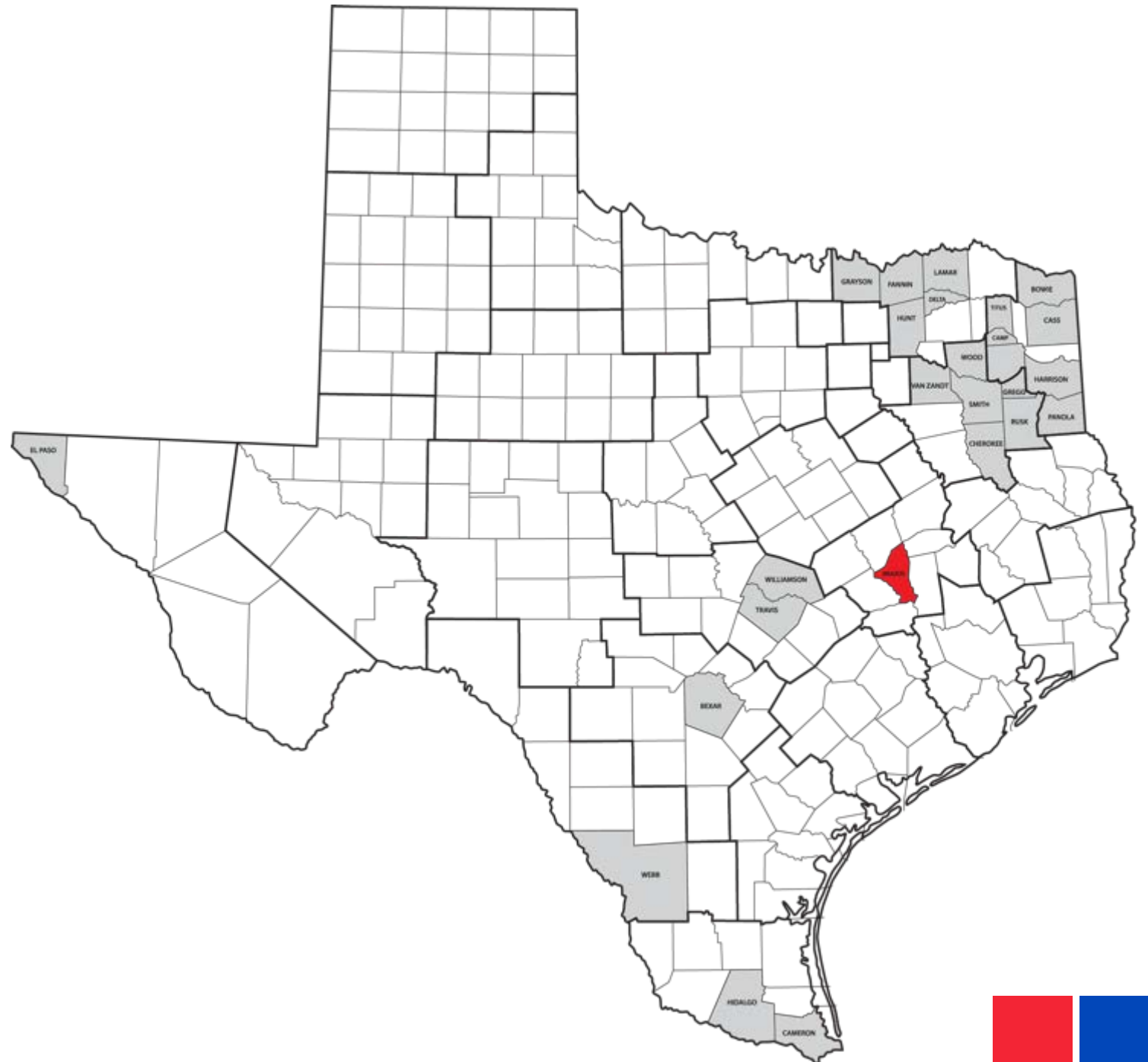
What is an RMA?



A political subdivision formed by one or more counties to finance, acquire, design, construct, operate, maintain, expand or extend transportation projects.

Map of RMAs in Texas

Texas has
10 RMAs



What Can an RMA Do for Brazos County?



Expand services in all transportation modes, such as:

- Roadways, bridges, airports, transit systems
- Passenger and freight rail equipment and facilities
- Parking, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities
- Transit and intermodal hubs

What Can an RMA Do for Brazos County?



**Encourage
interagency
cooperation**



**Leverage
existing
funds**

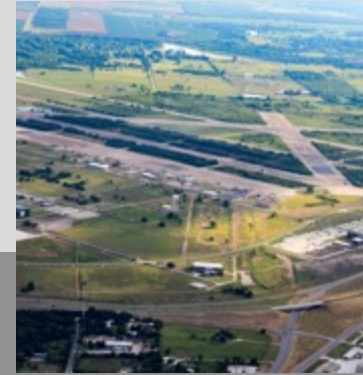


**Identify new
revenue
sources**



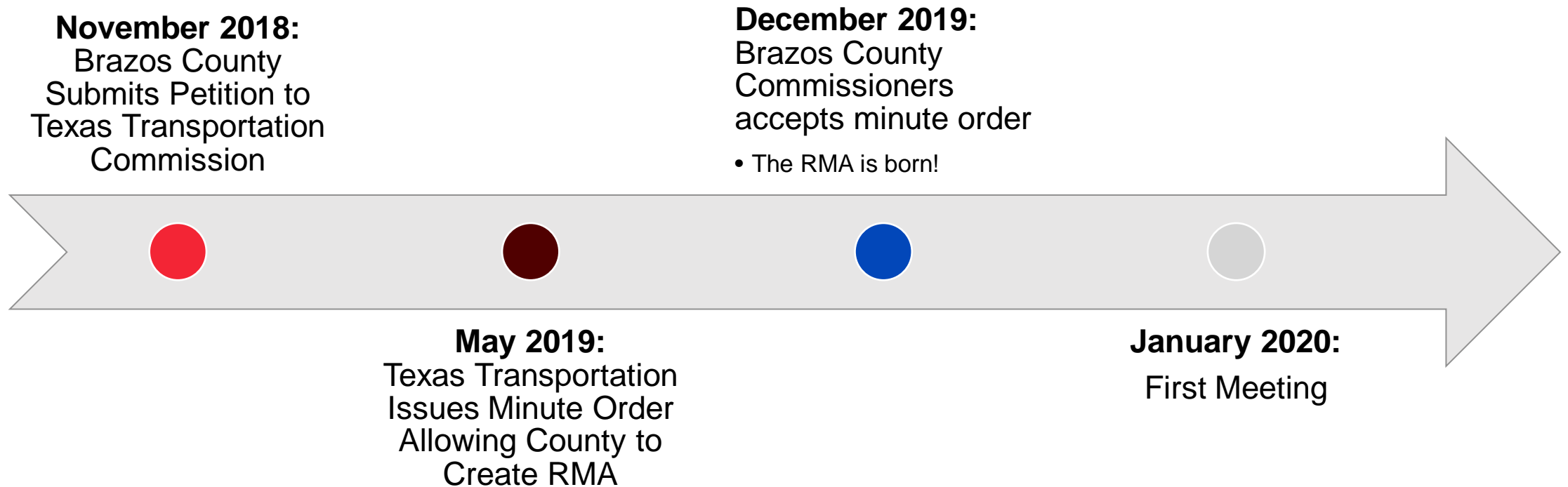
**Expedite
project
development
and
implementation**

Potential RMA Projects



East Inner Loop on Throughfare Plan
Access Around RELLIS Campus
Fitch Parkway/Arrington Road Overpass
Regional Transit Discussion

Development and Creation of RMA






CHAIR

Chair
appointed
by the
Governor



RMA Has a Five-Member Oversight Board

All local citizens



FOUR
MEMBERS

Four
members
appointed
by Brazos
County

One
recommended
by City of Bryan




One
recommended
by City of
College Station



One
recommended
by Texas A&M
University
System

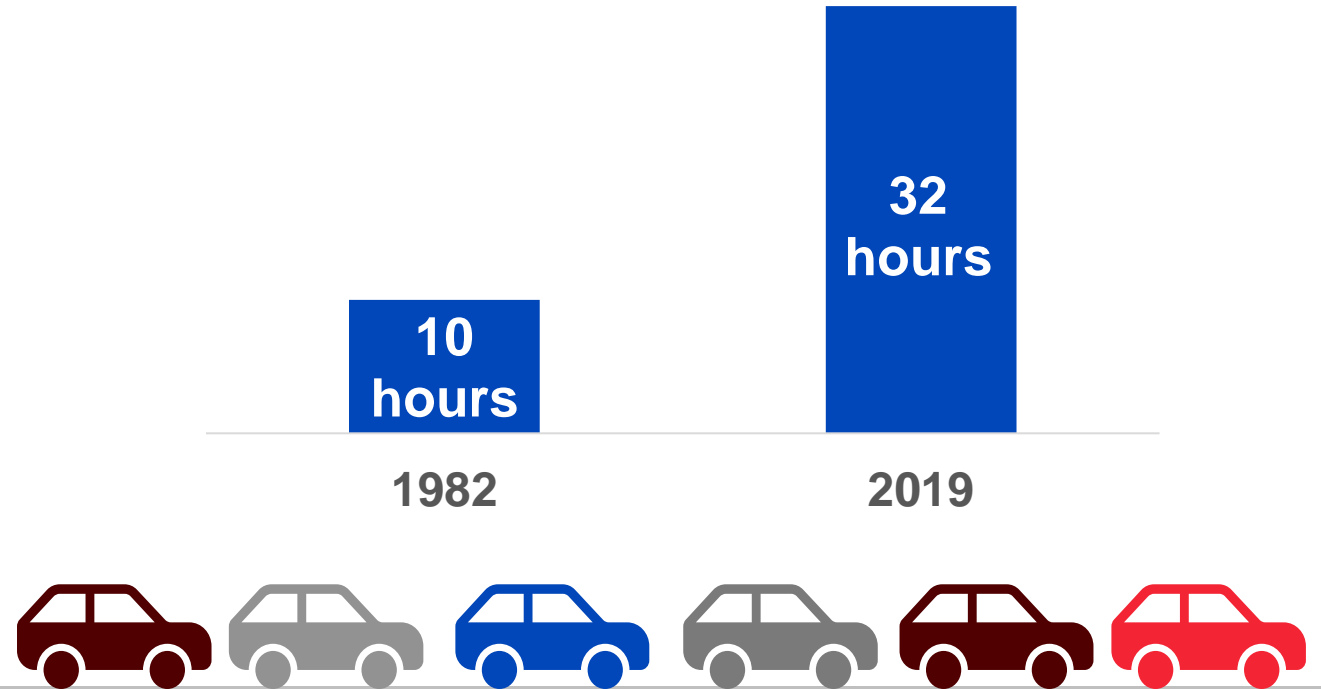


One selected by
Brazos County



Brazos County Citizens Have a Choice

Annual Hours of Delay
Per Commuter



The RMA is not a silver bullet that solves all problems, but it can be an effective tool in flattening the congestion curve

State Legislation To Support RMA

Bill introduced in Senate
by Sen. Schwertner

Bill introduced in House
by Reps. Raney and
Kacal

House Bill 1698
approving the RMA
enacted into law 09/2021

Allows Brazos County to
collect \$10 per vehicle
registered

Contingent upon voter
approval in 11/2022
referendum



Early Success of RMA

- Worked with 15 planning partners to create Brazos County Transportation Vision and Guiding Principles
- Recognition by all partners that transportation is a major local issue
- Agreement to work together to address the issue
- Only locale in Texas that has developed such a broadly supported roadmap

Congestion on BCS Roadways Has Visibly Increased in the Last 7-10 Years





Thank you

Questions?

<https://www.bcrma.org/>

