

# Interim Hearings - Week of August 13, 2012

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August 14th

House Committee on [Transportation](#)

Charge: Operations and services of transit organizations in Texas

- ["TXDoT Releases First Rural Transportation Plan," Texas Tribune](#), July 3, 2012
- [The Value of Public Transportation for Improving the Quality of Life for the Rural Elderly](#), Texas Transportation Institute, July 2012
- [Where the Jobs Are: Employer Access to Labor by Transit](#), Brookings Institute, July 2012
- ["Distance, Dispersion and Poverty Make Difficult Choices for Public Transit," Reconnecting America](#), April 24, 2012
- [Impacts of the Recession on Public Transportation Agencies, 2011 Update](#), American Public Transportation Association, August 2011
- [Livability in Transportation Guidebook](#), U.S. Department of Transportation, July 2010
- [Texas MPO Planning Documents](#), Association of Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations

House Committee on [Ways & Means](#)

Charge: Tobacco revenue

- ["Roll-Your-Own Tobacco Stores May Cease to Exist Under New Law," Huffington Post](#), updated 07/10/2012
- [State Tobacco Revenues Compared with Tobacco Control Appropriations — United States, 1998–2010](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, May 25, 2012
- ["State Bonds in Jeopardy as Tobacco Cash Fades," New York Times](#), May 3, 2012
- ["\\$31 Million in Unintended Consequences," Houston Chronicle](#), May 2, 2012
- [A Broken Promise to Our Children: The 1998 State Tobacco Settlement 13 Years Later](#), Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, November 30, 2011
- ["In Hunt for Revenue, it's Big Tobacco vs. Little," Texas Tribune](#), May 3, 2011
- [Securitizing Texas' Tobacco-Settlement Receipts](#), House Research Organization, February 4, 2002
- [Cigar and Tobacco Products Tax](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Senate Committee on [Business & Commerce](#) (see the [Committee's blog](#) for written testimony, witnesses, and updates, as well as [Twitter](#))

Charge: Telecommunications market in Texas

- ["Fiber is the Key to U.S. Telecom Diet," Wired](#), July 4, 2012
- [Digital Differences: While Increased Internet Adoption and the Rise of Mobile Connectivity Have Reduced Many Gaps in Technology Access Over the Past Decade, for Some Groups Digital Disparities Still Remain](#), Pew Internet & American Life Project, April 13, 2012
- [Rulemaking Proceeding to Amend Subst. Rules Relating to Telecommunications Service to Conform to 2011 Legislation, Particularly Senate Bills 980 and 983 and House Bill 3395 \(PUC Project No. 39585\) and Order Adopting Amendments to Telecom Rules](#), Public Utility Commission, March 22, 2012
- [National Broadband Map and Texas summary of broadband data as of December 31, 2011](#), National Telecommunications & Information Administration and Federal Communications Commission
- [Bringing Telecommunications Regulation into the 21st Century](#), Texas Public Policy Foundation, May 2011
- [Scope of Competition in Telecommunications Markets of Texas: Report to the 82nd Legislature](#), Public Utility Commission, January 2011

