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To Whom It May Concern,

As a long-time Texas taxpayer and resident, I have some comments about the Sunset Review of the Department of Transportation.

Transportation includes much more than highways. TxDOT concentrates far too much of its expenditures on highways. It should shift its focus to more sustainable modes of transportation, such as high capacity transit and safer experiences for pedestrians and cyclists.

It's important to rethink the metrics and data used to guide TxDOT decisions. For example, TxDOT often relies on TTI data such as travel time and fails to acknowledge the difference between productive and unproductive travel time. For example, I am typically productive (working on my phone, tablet, or laptop) 90% of the time I travel on a train, despite the fact that the train ride might take longer than driving a car. But the unproductive travel time of driving a car far exceeds the unproductive travel time of riding the train.

TxDOT and policy makers should also consider a wide variety of safety metrics in their decision-making.

Please incorporate these points in your recommendations.

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