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Perry seeks \$3 billion from Rainy Day Fund for roads

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AUSTIN (AP) – Texas transportation officials are scheduled to give lawmakers a road map for the challenges the state faces in keeping up an aging highway system to move its growing population.

The House Transportation Committee has scheduled a Tuesday morning hearing. Gov. Rick Perry has said he wants to spend \$1.7 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund on transportation projects. Perry has said good roads are critical to the state's future economy.

House Speaker Joe Straus has said lawmakers may consider raising the \$25 cost to renew a Texas driver license to help pay for road projects. A proposal to raise that fee by \$8 failed in 2011.



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