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Dear Attorney General Paxton,

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I have been receiving questions about some of the actions the Texas Transportation Commission is taking towards projects that are comingling Proposition 1 and Proposition 7 monies into tolled projects.

The Constitutional Amendments passed by the voters do not allow these monies to be used for toll projects, yet I see we are going forward with projects that have both tolled and non-tolled components and are using Prop 1 and Prop 7 monies along with other funding creating one project. If we are not able to move forward on these as standalone tolls or standalone non-tolls, I would think just the combining of Prop 1 and Prop 7 monies would constitute using these sources for something not only not intended, but not allowed.

I would like to know your interpretation of the legality of the use of Prop 1 and Prop 7 monies included in a toll project.

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