



# 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

October 11, 2021 City Council Presentation





## Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



## Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



## Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People





## Alignment with the Strategic Plan

- Goal 6: Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management
  - Goal 6.4: Support transparent and inclusive government

# UPDATE ON THIRD SPECIAL SESSION AND FUTURE SPECIAL SESSIONS

Governor identified 7 items he wanted addressed.

1. Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.

**SB 3** relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex, passed in the Senate and was referred it to Public Education House Committee.

**HB 25** relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex, passed in House Constitutional Rights and Remedies Committee.

2. Legislation providing additional property-tax relief for Texans.

**SB 1** relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation, passed in the Senate and was heard in the House Committee but left pending.

# Bills cont.



3. Legislation similar to Senate Bill 474 as passed by 87th Legislature, Regular Session, but that addresses the concerns expressed in the governor's veto statement.

**SB 5** Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog; creating a criminal offense. Passed in the Senate. Senator Blanco is a co-author of the bill. The bill passed in the House Committee.

4. Legislation proposing a constitutional amendment to further protect the safety of the community, law enforcement, and victims, from accused criminals who may be released on bail, including by giving magistrates the discretion to deny bail under some circumstances to people accused of certain violent, sexual, or trafficking offenses.

**SJR 1** Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a judge or magistrate to impose the least restrictive conditions of bail that may be necessary and authorizing the denial of bail under some circumstances to a person accused of a violent or sexual offense or of continuous trafficking of persons. This bill passed in the Senate and House Committee.

5. Legislation regarding whether any state or local governmental entities in Texas can mandate that an individual receive a COVID-19 vaccine and, if so, what exemptions should apply to such mandate.

Bills filed but no movement

6. Legislation providing appropriations from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2.

**SB 2** Relating to an appropriation of certain federal coronavirus relief money for paying down the state's unemployment insurance debt was left pending in the Senate Committee.

**SB 8** Relating to making appropriations of certain federal coronavirus relief money, was left pending in the Senate Committee.

# Bills cont.



**SB 8** Appropriates **\$16.3 B** from ARPA -- **\$15.8 B** from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and another **\$500.5 M** from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund:

- **\$7.2 B** to replenish the Unemployment Compensation Fund
- **\$3 B** to deploy hospital surge staffing, purchase therapeutic drugs, and support regional infusion centers
- **\$3.7 B** to cover salaries and benefits for state employees directly working on pandemic response
- **\$500.5 M** for broadband expansion
- **\$500 M** for construction projects at institutions of higher education
- **\$300 M** for a State Operations Center to aid the state in disaster response
- **\$200 M** to bolster cybersecurity
- **\$160 M** to shore up funding for organizations serving sexual assault survivors and other crime victims
- **\$286 M** to the Teacher Retirement System to cover COVID-related health claims
- **\$237.8 M** for new state psychiatric hospital in Dallas
- **\$113 M** to the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium
- **\$100 M** to support Texas food banks

# Redistricting Maps

**SB 4** Relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas Senate.

Passed in the Senate

**SB 6** Relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas.

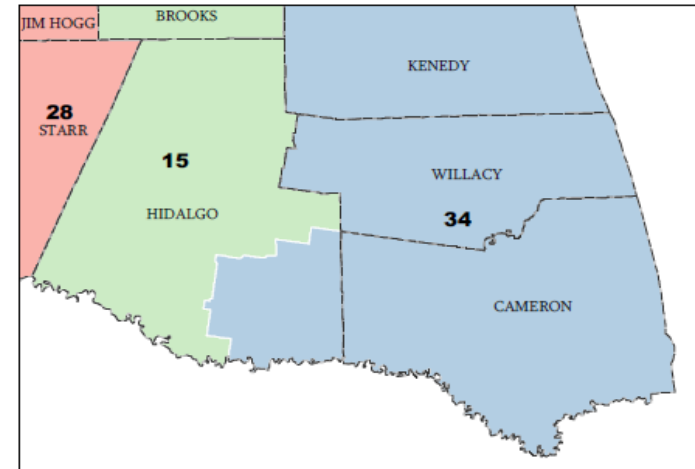
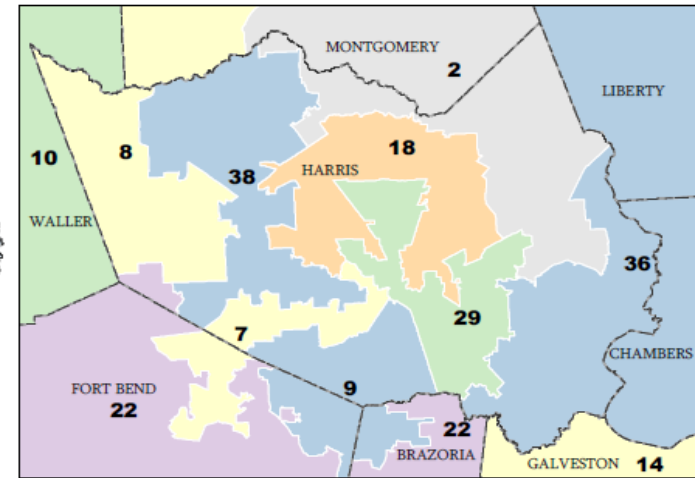
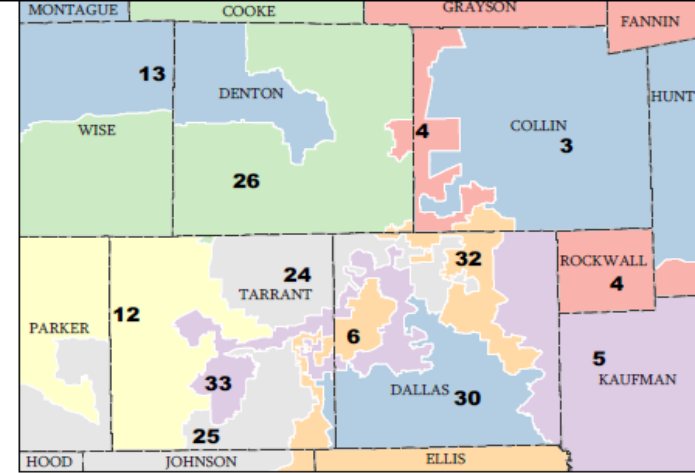
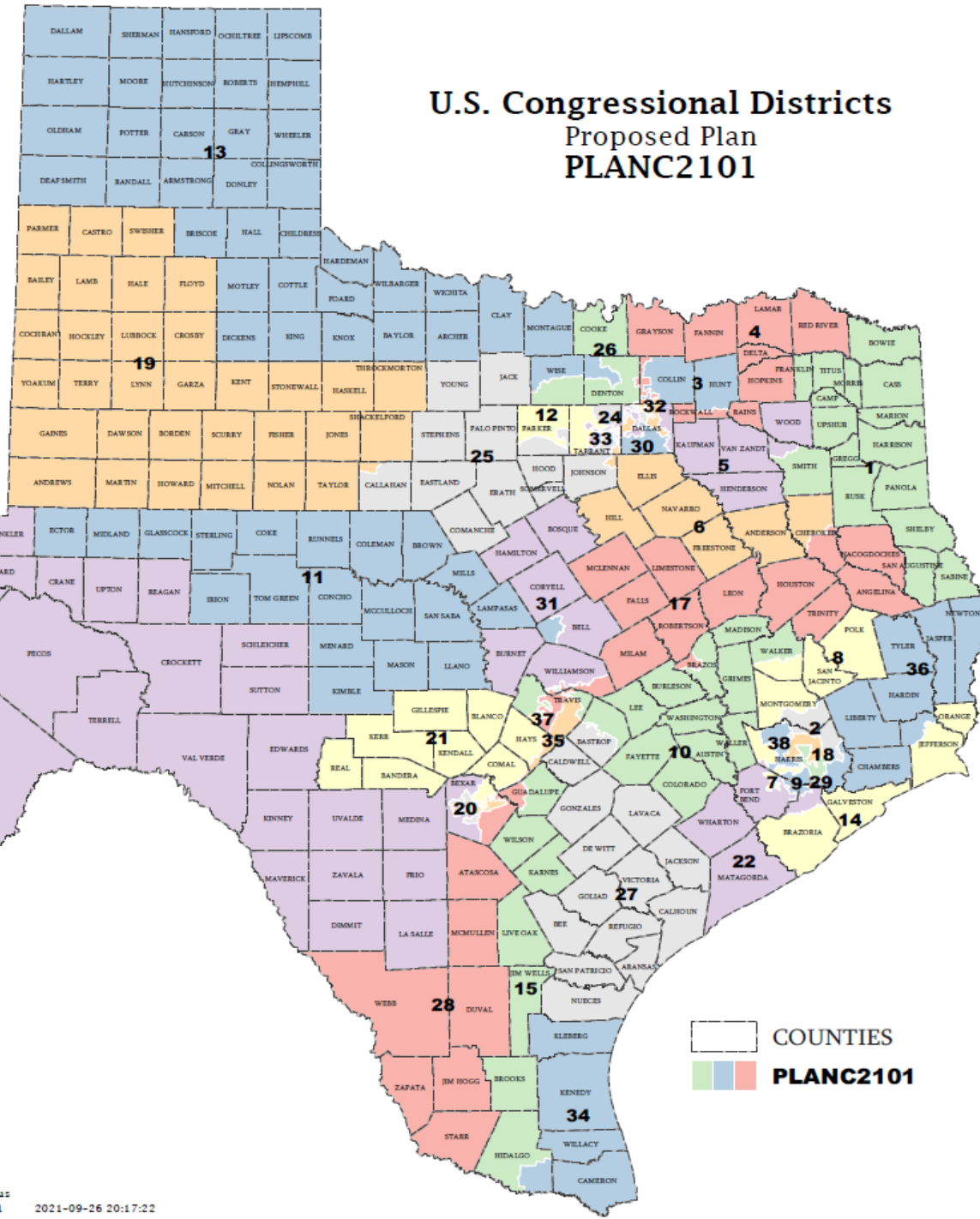
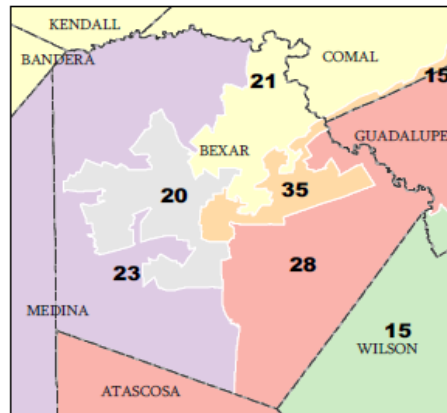
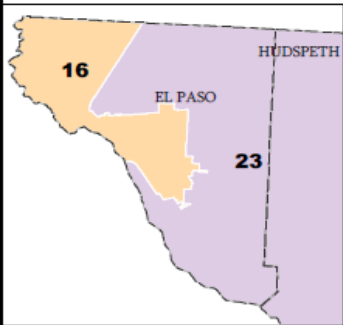
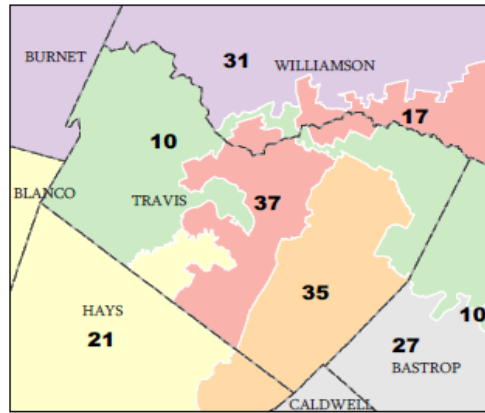
Passed in the Senate Committee. Removes Ft. Bliss and El Paso International Airport from Current District

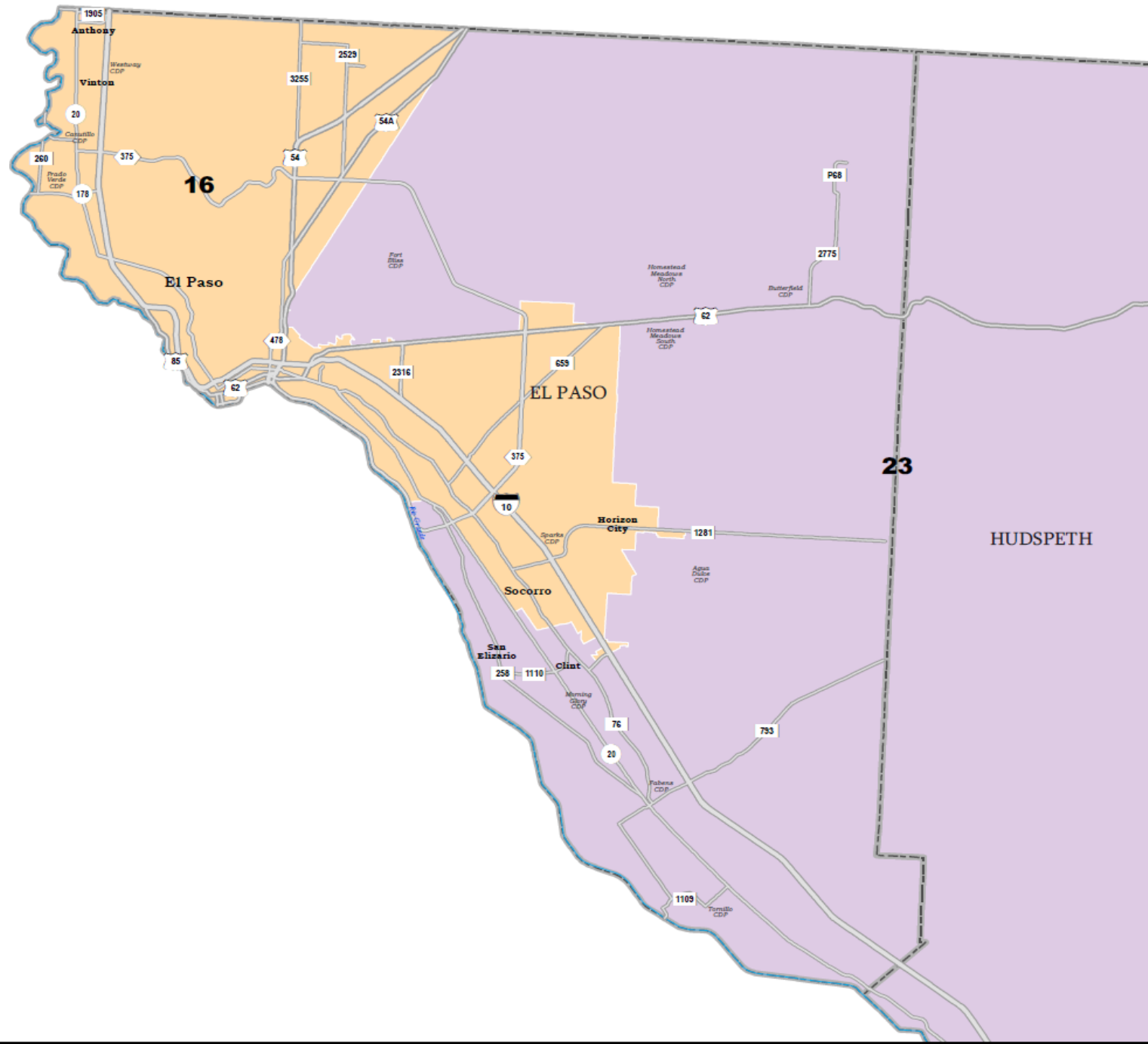
Moves Ft. Bliss into a Congressional District that already has 2 military installations

Considered on Senate Floor on Friday



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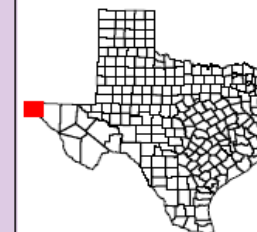




# EL PASO COUNTY

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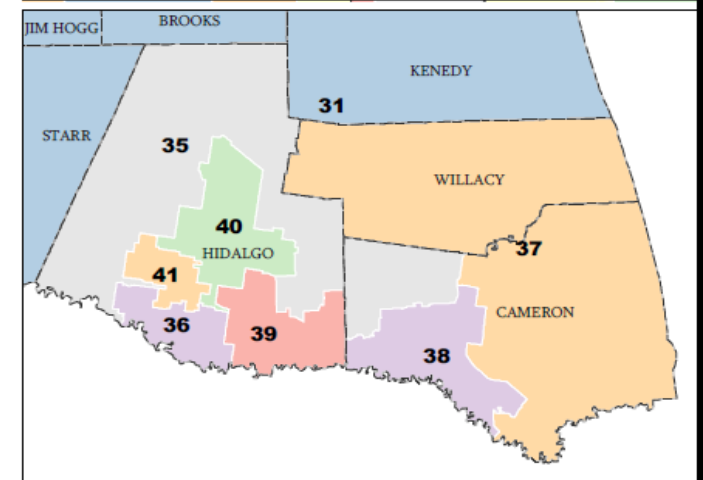
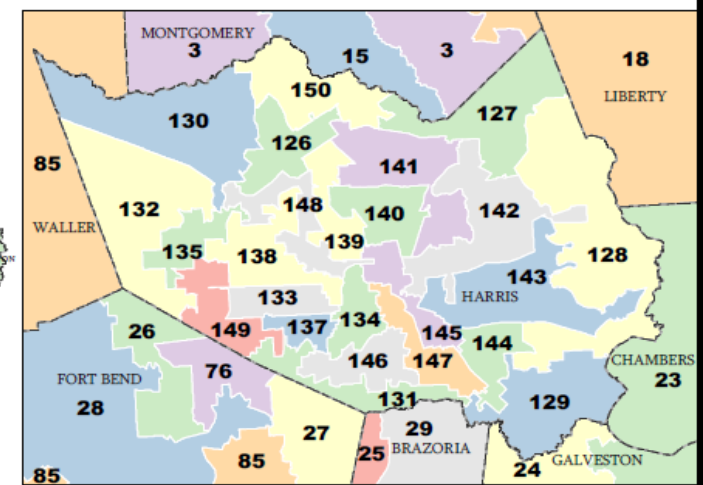
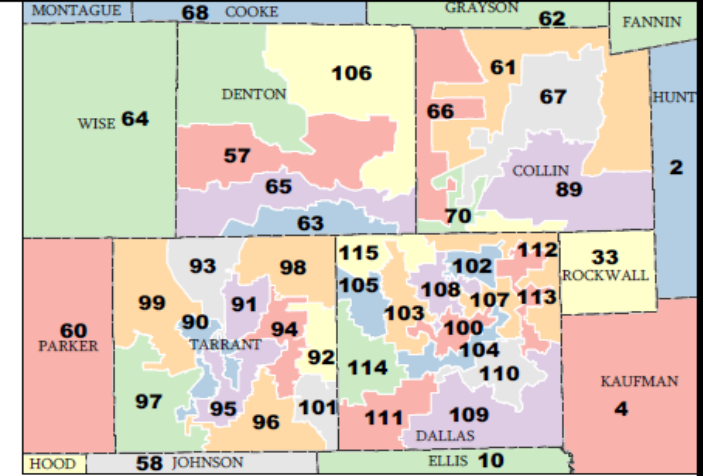
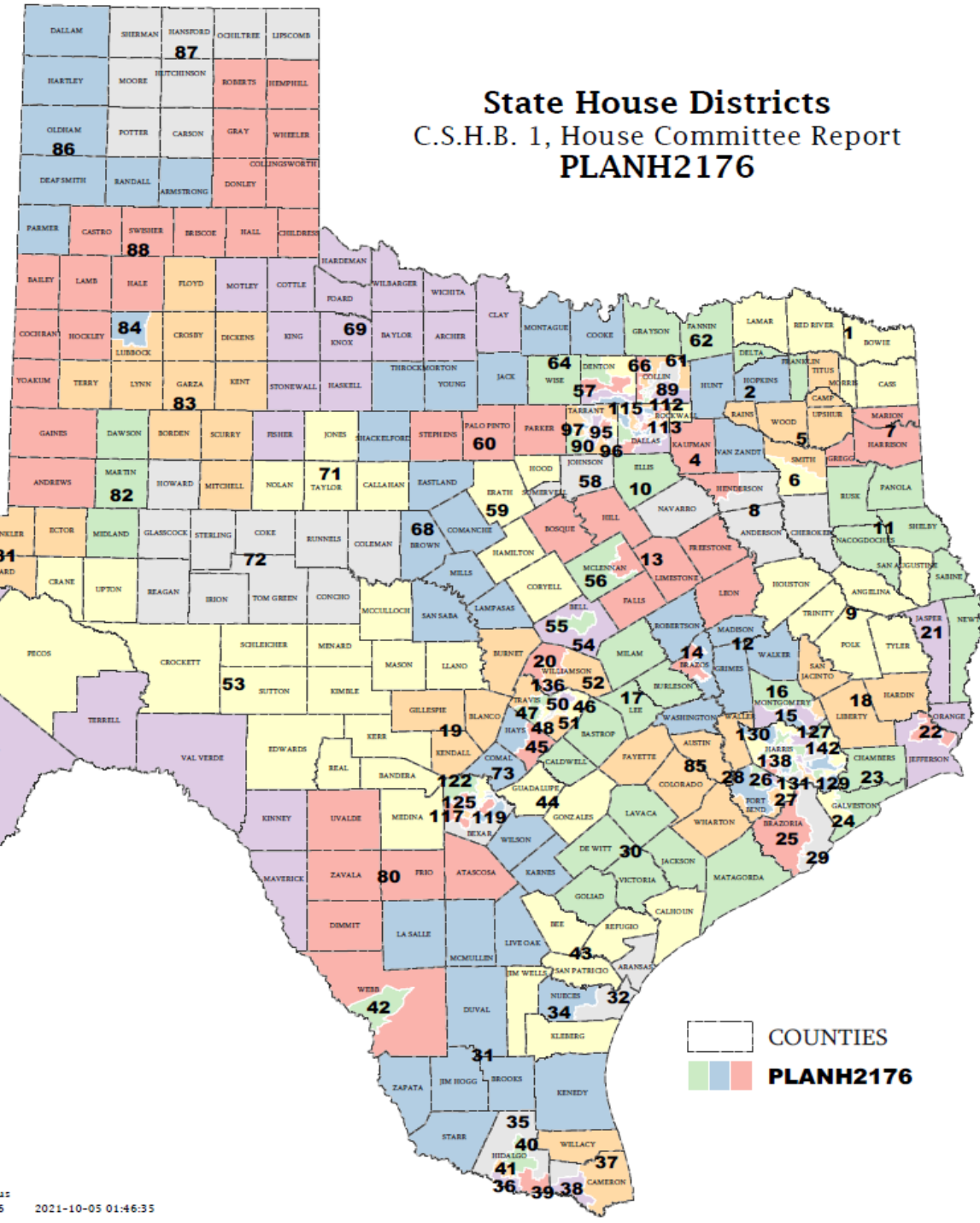
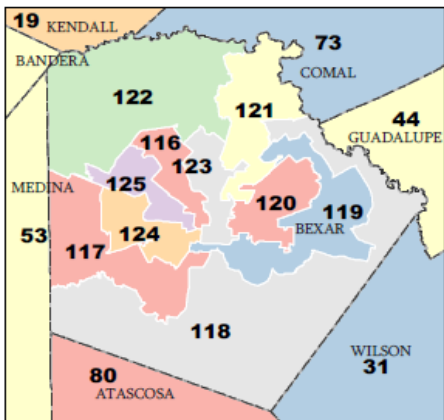
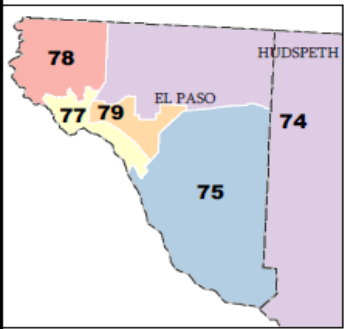
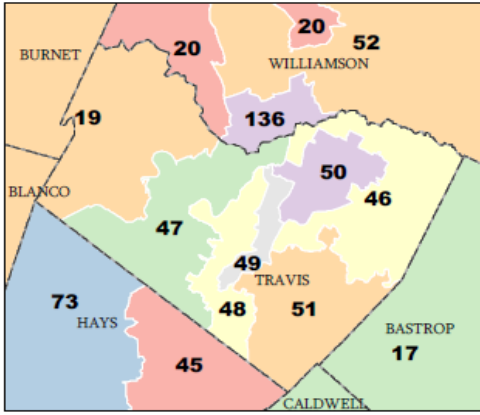
## **HB 1** Relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas House of Representatives.

Considered in House Committee and Committee Substitute voted out.

### CSHB 1

- Puts Ft. Bliss and El Paso International Airport into Rep. Fierro's District
- Reduces El Paso's representation from 5 districts to 4
- Extends another district, stretching more than 500 miles, into El Paso
- Will be considered on House floor tomorrow

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**PLANH2176**

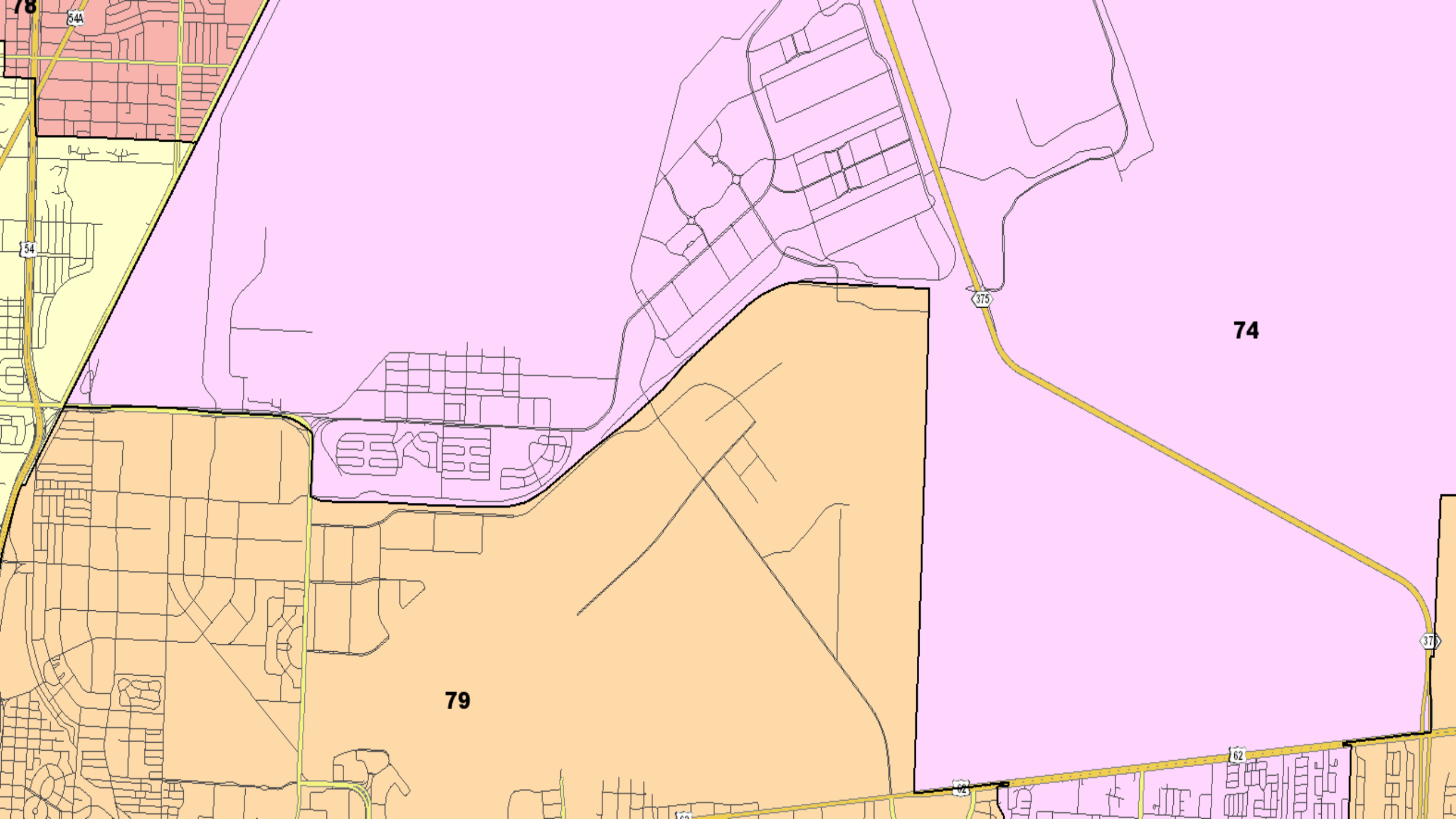




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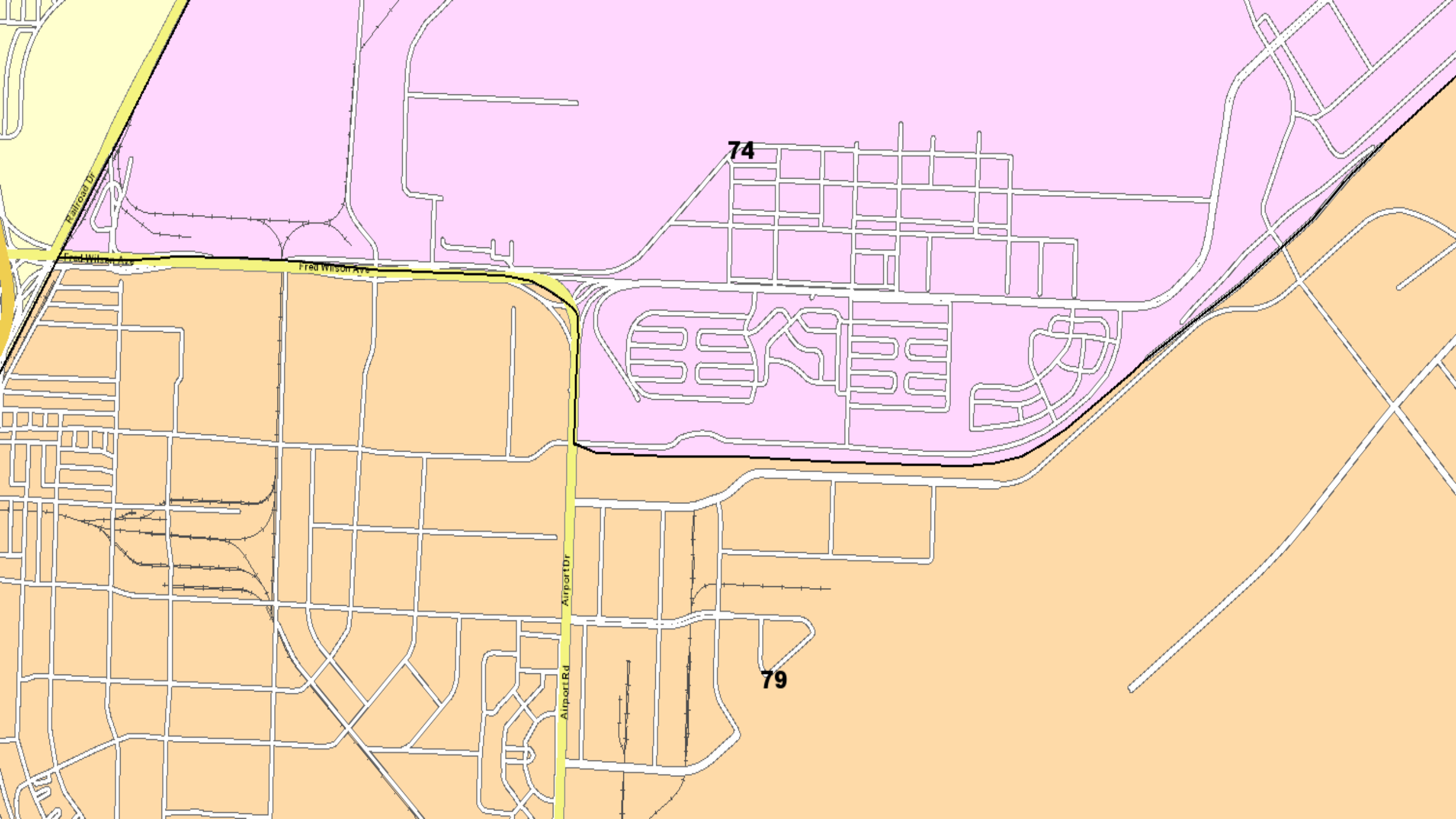
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