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Safety Contingency Funding

Establishing and using a safety contingency fund



1 Who is this TxDOT anyway?

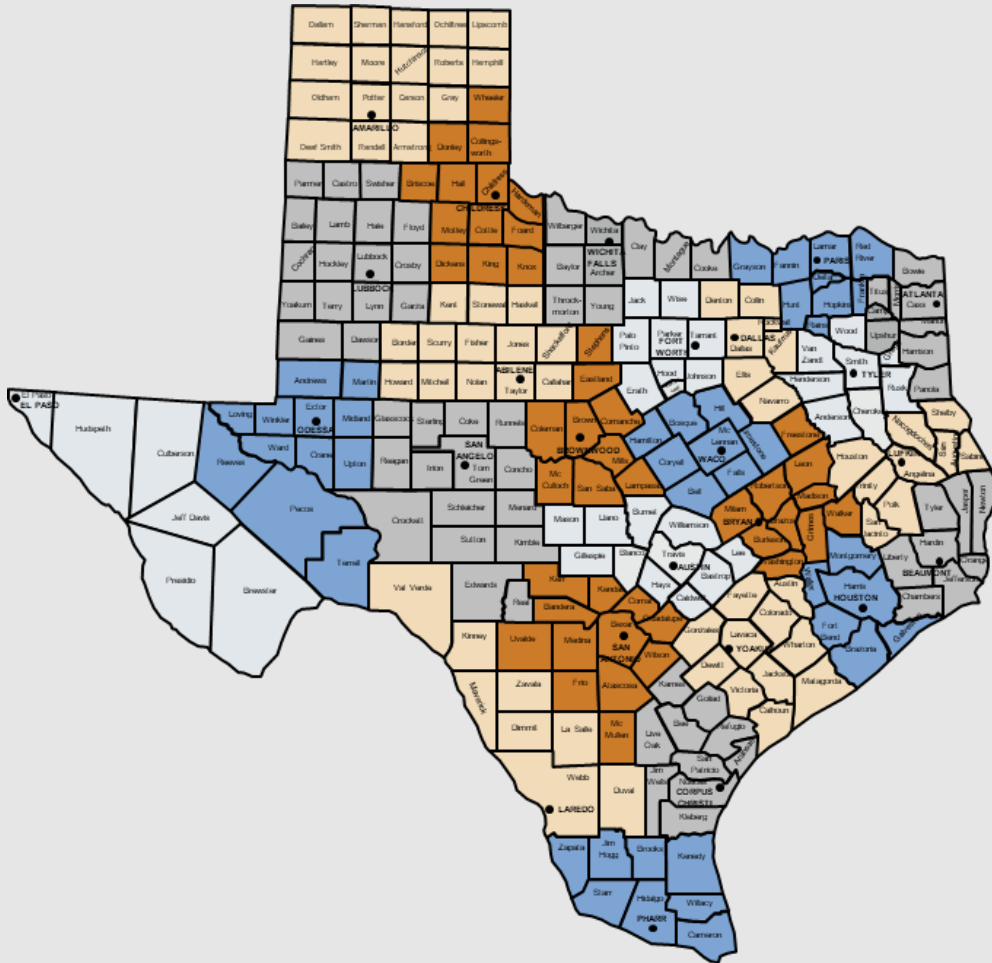
2 What makes them so smart?

3 How is it going?

4 Any interesting applications?

5 What would you do different?

5 Impact of BIL



- Mission: Connecting You With Texas
- Texas Transportation Commission
 - Five-member policy board appointed by the Texas Governor
- 25 Regional Districts
 - Plan, design, build, operate and maintain the state road system
- Divisions
 - Provide support to district with programs, policies, procedures, guidelines, and functional area expertise



- Use of “State Force Account – Safety Allowance” announced by email from Construction Division, March 2013

“effort to improve the effectiveness of traffic handling
during the course of our contracts”

- State force account
- Recommended to use 2% to 5% of the engineer’s estimate
- Mutually decided upon by the contractor and the Area Engineer
- Not a bid item



- Initially included by General Note,

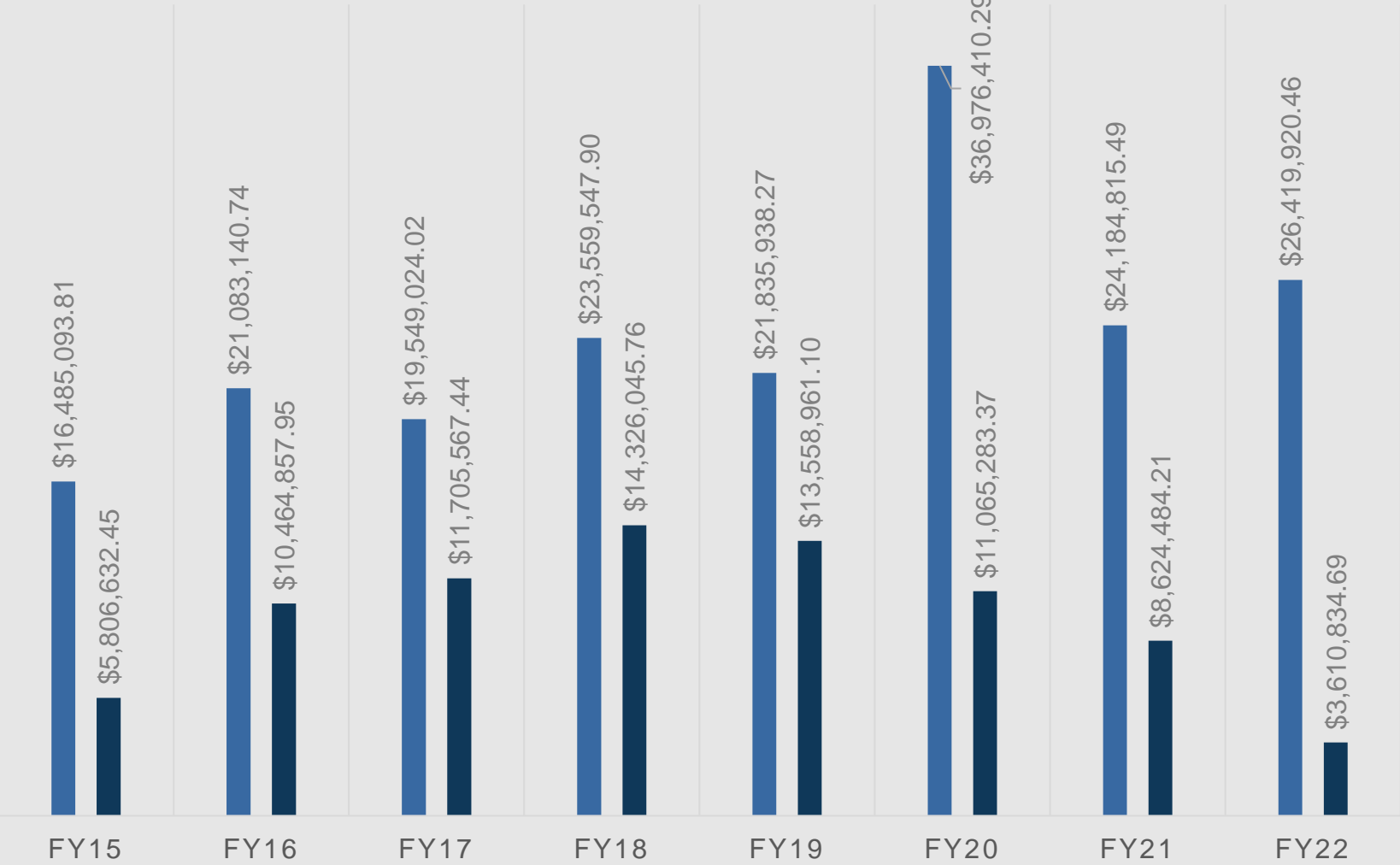
“The Contractor Force Account “Safety Contingency” that has been established for this project is intended to be utilized for work zone enhancements, to improve the effectiveness of the Traffic Control Plan, that could not be foreseen in the project planning and design state.

- Incorporated in the 2014 Standard Specifications, Item 7

“In order to improve the effectiveness of traffic handling and enhancing safety during the course of this project, a safety contingency fund may have been included in the project budget for traffic control plan adjustments and other safety-related improvements.”



Statewide estimated versus expended

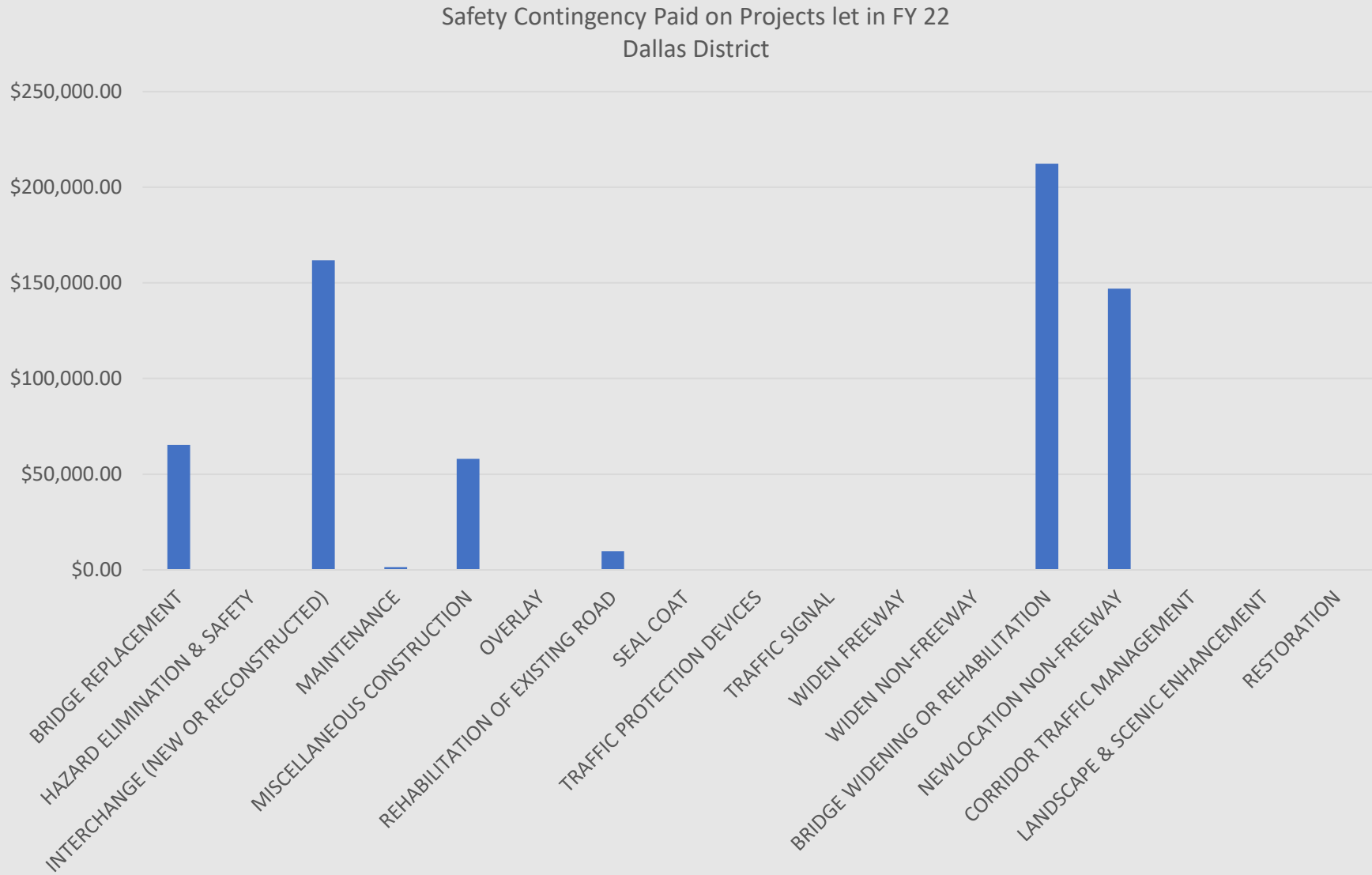


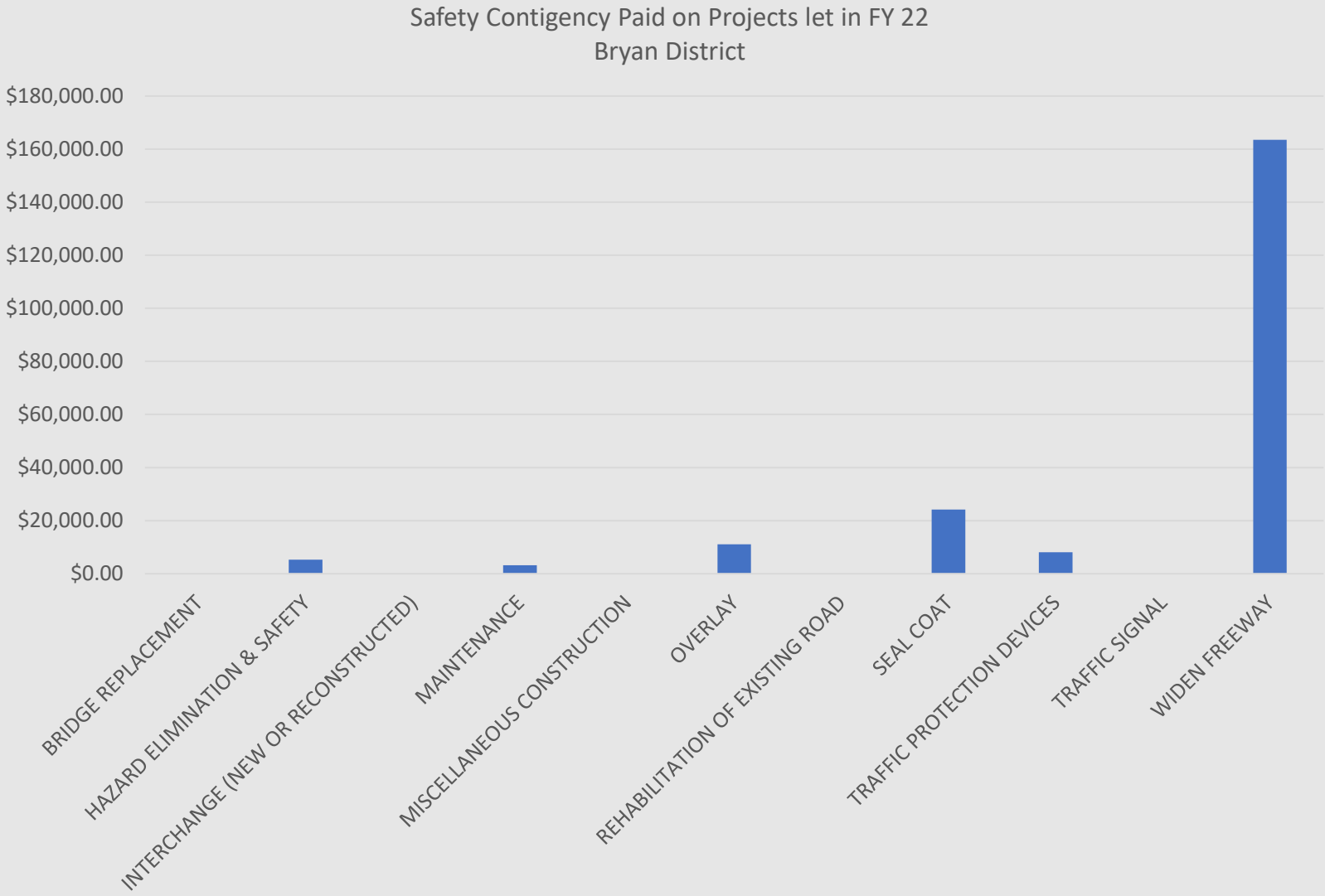
- Sample Districts (FY 22 let)

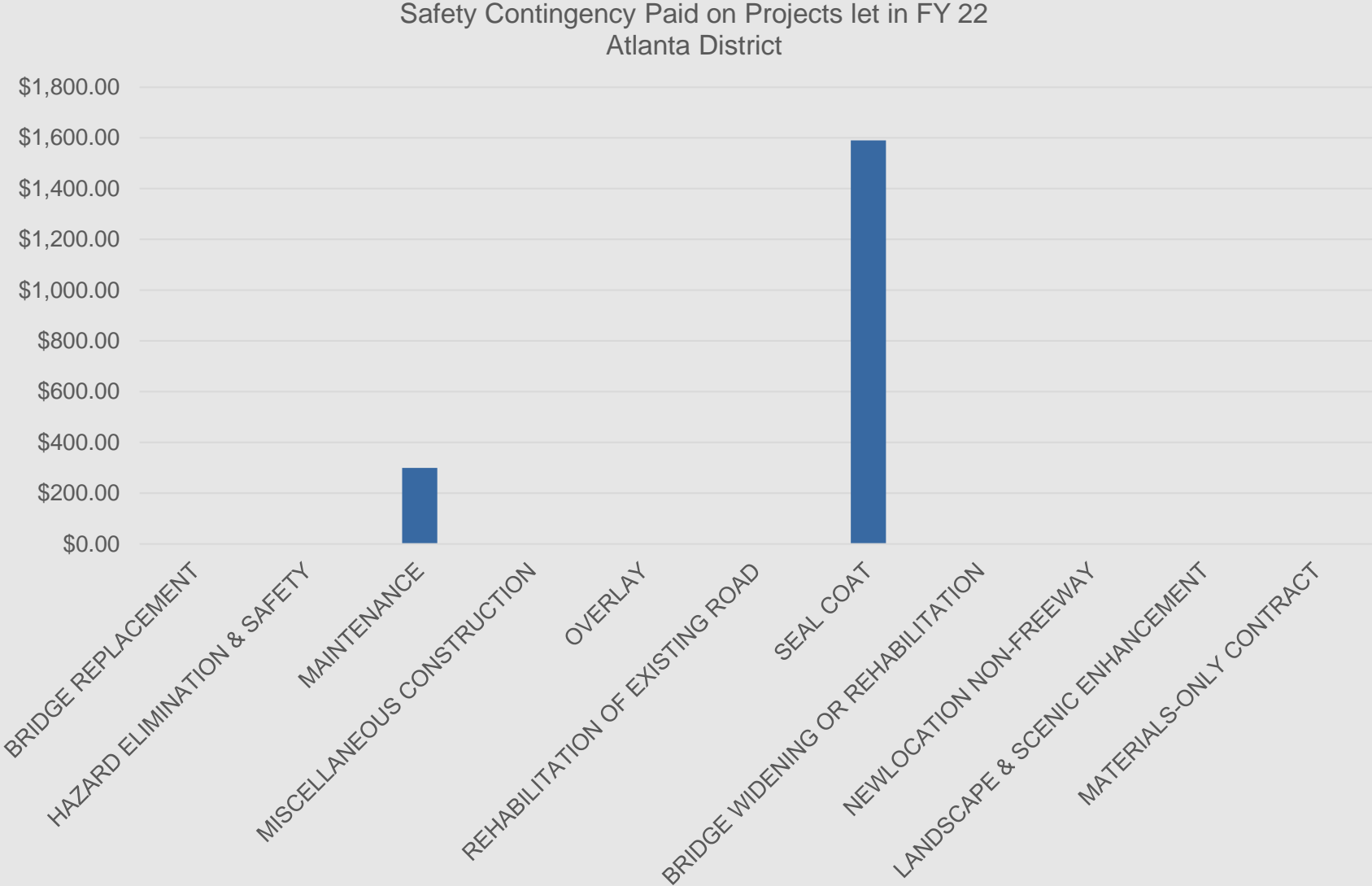
Contract Size	Usage	Total Projects
Metro (Dallas)	12	226
Urban (Bryan)	8	47
Rural (Atlanta)	2	57

- Bryan District (FY 22 let)

Contract Size	Contracts	% of Estimate
Large	1	1.50%
Medium	1	1.80%
Small	45	0.45%









Additional signing and barricades (related to speed reduction)	Repair/replace water-filled barrier
Additional PCMS	Striping removal
Law enforcement	Repair/replace CCA
Radar speed trailer	Additional concrete barrier
Additional traffic control	Additional pavement markings
Pavement/bridge deck repair	MBGF repair
Additional arrow boards	Driveway-assistance devices



- Using the FA item as a place holder
 - Payment while processing a change order
 - Negative payment
- Convenience versus safety
 - Driveway removal
 - 3rd-party damage
- Documentation
- Mark-up





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End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

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