

Managed Lanes To Offer Initial '2-plus' Discount

The new managed lanes under construction in Tarrant and Dallas counties will initially offer peak-period discounts to cars with two or more occupants.

The Regional Transportation Council decided last month to open the new lanes with rules similar to the current HOV lanes, which have required vehicles with two-plus occupants since opening 20 years ago. Single-occupant vehicles will be able to use the lanes for a fee, but will not qualify for any discounts. To be consistent with the new managed lanes, the current HOV lanes will also allow single-occupant vehicles to use them, for a toll, if there is sufficient capacity.

The RTC worked for several months on policies for the existing high-occupancy vehicle lanes and the new managed lanes, considering a variety of options, including requiring a minimum of three occupants

in each vehicle to qualify for the lower rate.

Policymakers determined it would be better if the new managed lanes, to be called TEXpress Lanes, initially required two or more occupants for the 50 percent peak-period discount. The lower rate will apply from 6:30-9 am and 3-6:30 pm.

By 2016, vehicles will be required to carry three or more people, including the driver, to receive the discount during rush hour. The transition could take place sooner, if data support a change, according to the policy.

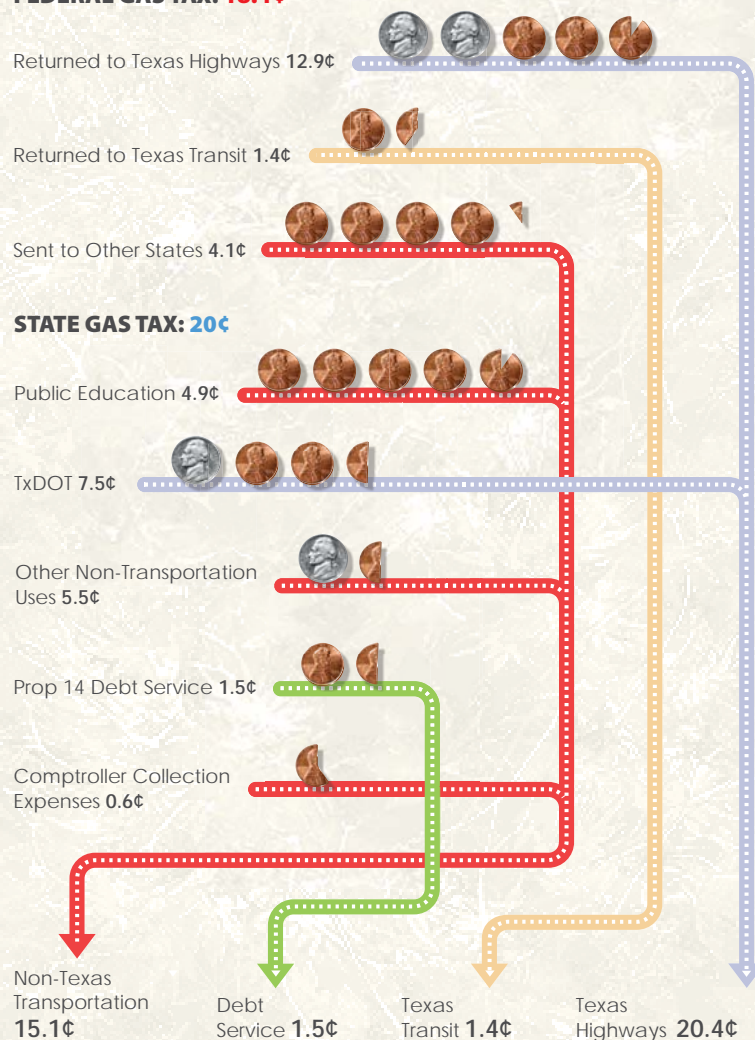
The new lanes, being built adjacent to toll-free lanes on part of LBJ Freeway and the North Tarrant Express, will open in phases, with the first segment, on LBJ, slated to welcome cars in December of 2013. ■

SOURCE: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

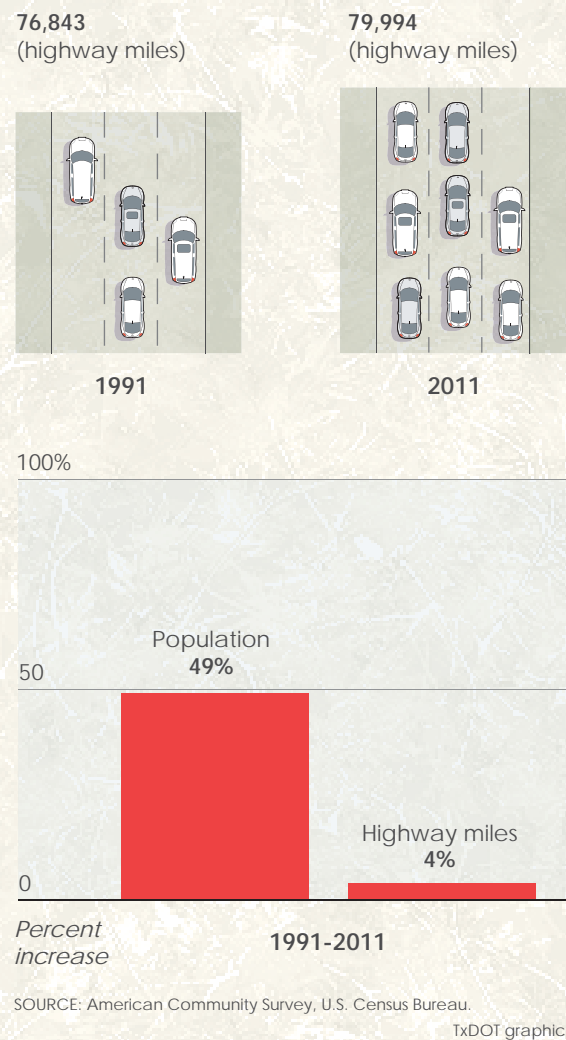
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FEDERAL GAS TAX: 18.4¢



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TRAFFIC RELIEF ON THE WAY!

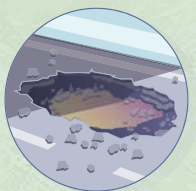
Expansion Planned For SH 183 Historically Known As One Of The State's 50 Most Congested Roadways

Motorists traveling State Highway 183, also known as Airport Freeway, could soon have the option of moving more efficiently on managed lanes. The Texas Transportation Commission authorized the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for development of the SH 183 Managed Lanes Project through a Comprehensive Development Agreement, a partnership with private industry. Originally, the project spanned from SH 161 to I-35E; the revised and expanded project has been extended from SH 121 to I-35E. The project could also include connecting roadways, pending

legislative approval. "Today's action is another step in delivering a critical project that is vital to the economic activity in the Metroplex," said Commissioner Bill Meadows, Texas Transportation Commission. "The expanded scope, as decided by our local partners, will further improve connectivity for the citizens in both the eastern and western sides of the region as well as to one of the largest airports in the world, DFW airport." Phase 1 of the proposed SH 183 managed lanes project, estimated at \$1.4 billion, will replace deteriorating infrastructure and add one to two managed or

tolled lanes running both directions. The project is expected to improve mobility by expanding 13.5 miles of the corridor in the western portion of Dallas County and eastern portion of Tarrant County. State Highway 183 is No. 47 on TxDOT's list of 100 Most Congested Roadways. One quarter of all Metroplex travel utilizes this corridor. Current traffic volumes on SH 183 average between 120,000 to 168,000 vehicles per day; the highway is up to 50 percent over capacity daily. A Request for Qualifications could be issued in late February or early March. Work could begin in 2014. ■

SH 183 PROJECT



JANUARY 2013 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	(%)	Contractor	
0009-02-059	SH 78	Loop 12 to I-635	FDR, MILL, ACP overlay and pavement marking	\$1.39	\$1.36	-1.87	Trevino Construction, LLC	1
0197-02-106	US 175	Lake June Road to I-20	FDR, ACP overlay and pavement marking	\$3.16	\$2.49	-21.30	Trevino Construction, LLC	2
January 2013 total				\$4.55	\$3.85	-15.38		
District FY Accumulative Lettings				\$134.72	\$124.59	-7.52		
**Dallas District letting cap				\$1,240.81				

** District FY 2013 Letting Volume cap includes: 1) the Horseshoe Design Build Project for \$700 million and 2) the I-35E at FM 407 Interchange Project for \$30 million which has been rolled into the I-35E Design Build Project.

SOURCE: TxDOT research.

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FEBRUARY 2013 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (Subject to change)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Estimate (millions)	
0095-02-109	US 80	Culvert 0.3 mile of E Fork Rd	Repair slope with headwall	\$0.24	1
0095-03-086	US 80	US 80 @ FM 740 south to and FM 688 @ FM 740 east in Forney	Rehabilitation of traffic signs	\$0.30	2
0196-02-122	I-35E	0.2 miles south of Eagle Point Rd. to 0.04 miles north of Eagle Point Rd.	Install safety lighting	\$0.23	3
0918-46-263*	VA	Various locations of state highways to in Denton County	Construct curb ramps	\$2.31	
Total				\$3.08	

*Unmapped.

SOURCE: TxDOT research.

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COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (From January 1 – 31, 2013)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (millions)	
0009-11-223	I-30	West of Haskell Ave to Dolphin Rd.	Full Depth Repair & Overlay	01/7/13	\$2.31	1
0581-02-121	LP 12	Texas Plaza to SH 114	Widen FRWY Add HOV Ln	01/18/13	\$224.22	2
0718-01-049	FM 156	FM 2449 to Hickory Crk.	PH 1 of SH 114 I/C	01/10/13	\$3.16	3
0196-02-121	I-35E	SH 190 North to US 77 N	Full Depth Pavement Repair	01/29/13	\$0.52	4
0092-08-016*	BI-45-G	I-45 to South of SH 34	Mill, Repair Base & Overlay	01/09/13	\$2.12	
Total					\$232.33	

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SOURCE: TxDOT research.

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DISTRICT PROJECTS

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts at left and show projects that have let in January, are projected to let in February and those that were recently completed.

DENTON COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 539,776

*Population estimate: 683,010

Lane miles: 1,581.79

DALLAS COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 1,897,363

*Population estimate: 2,385,990

Lane miles: 3,345.69

ELLIS COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 159,399

*Population estimate: 152,580

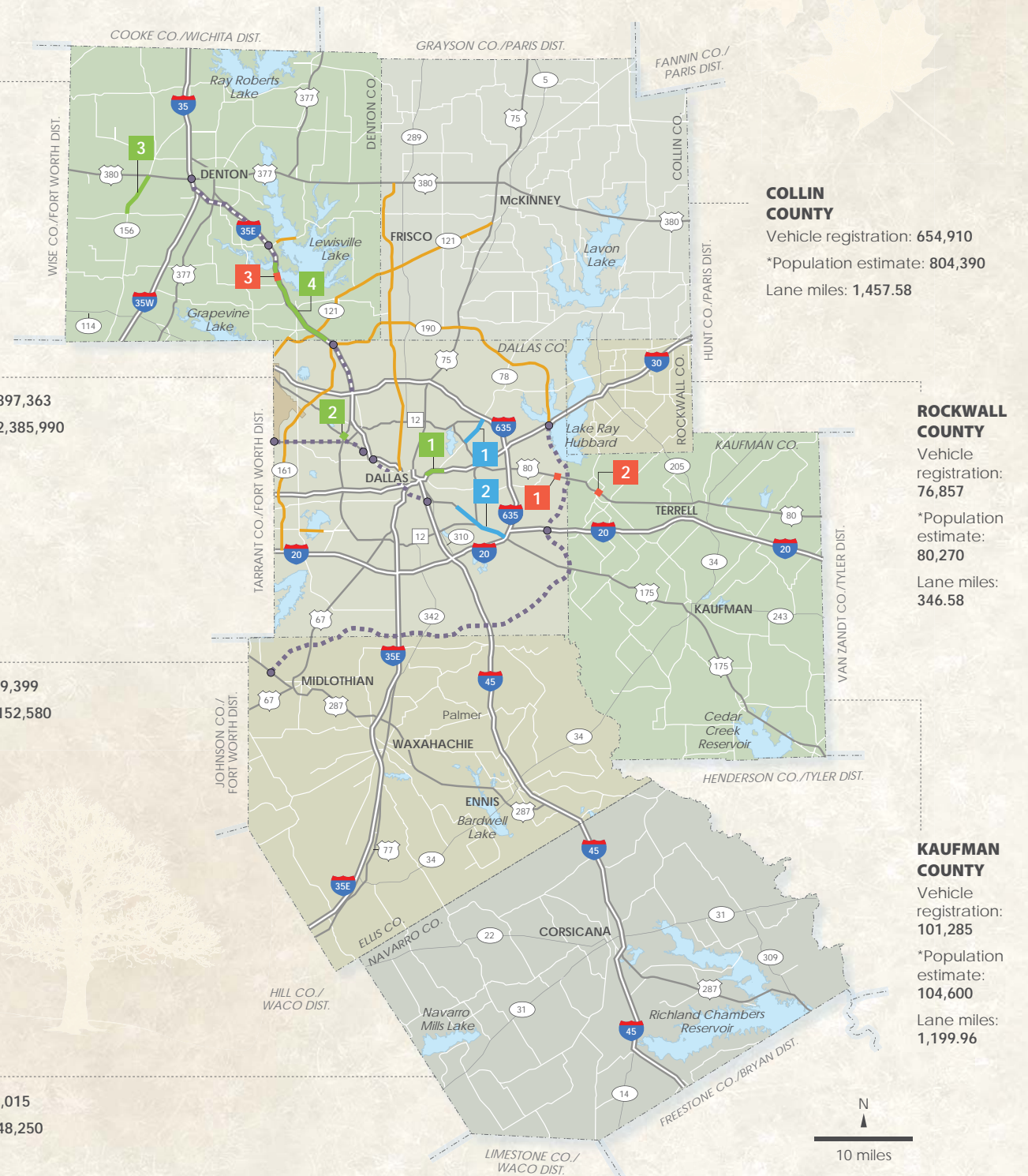
Lane miles: 1,514.05

NAVARRO COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 49,015

*Population estimate: 48,250

Lane miles: 1,193.96



COLLIN COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 654,910

*Population estimate: 804,390

Lane miles: 1,457.58

ROCKWALL COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 76,857

*Population estimate: 80,270

Lane miles: 346.58

KAUFMAN COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 101,285

*Population estimate: 104,600

Lane miles: 1,199.96

KEY

	Let		Planned		Interstate hwy
	Projected		Toll road		U.S. hwy
	Completed		Toll road under construction		State hwy



DALLAS DISTRICT TOTALS

Vehicle registration: 3,478,605

*Population estimate: 4,259,090

Lane miles: 10,639.61

SOURCE: TxDOT research. *POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG.

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