

# Region's Transportation-Air Quality Balance OK'd

Planners to continue projects to reduce congestion, improve environment

July 22, 2013 (Arlington, Texas) – The Dallas-Fort Worth area's updated long-range transportation plan and its plan for short-range improvements through 2016 comply with federal air quality regulations, the US Department of Transportation announced Friday.

Projects in both plans may continue toward implementation.

Approved by the Regional Transportation Council in June, Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update includes \$98.7 billion in transportation improvements to be made through 2035. The plan continues the deferral of more than \$40 billion in project recommendations until after 2035 because of the region's funding shortfall; however, some projects were moved up on the priority list.

The following projects were changed from deferred to recommended: portions of State Highway 114 (between SH 121 and Loop 12), Loop 12 (between Spur 408 and Interstate Highway 35E), I-635 (between US

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

Highway 75 and I-30) and I-35E (between US 67 and I-20). The 2013 - 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) may also proceed, according to USDOT. The TIP is a multiyear list of projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth area approved for federal, state and local funding.

The region's long- and short-range transportation plans must comply with federal air quality regulations. Ten Dallas-Fort Worth area counties are designated nonattainment for the pollutant ozone. Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties are classified as a moderate ozone nonattainment area. Planners are making strides in the effort to improve air quality. RTC policies have helped the Dallas-Fort Worth area improve air quality by reducing nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, precursors to ozone formation, by approximately 5 tons and 3 tons per day.

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[www.nctcog.org/trans/outreach/media/Conformity071913.pdf](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/outreach/media/Conformity071913.pdf)

Reprint from NCTCOG press release

## WHERE DOES THE 38.4¢ GAS TAX GO?

### FEDERAL GAS TAX: 18.4¢

Returned to Texas Highways 12.9¢

Returned to Texas Transit 1.4¢

Sent to Other States 4.1¢

### STATE GAS TAX: 20¢

Public Education 4.9¢

TxDOT 7.5¢

Other Non-Transportation Uses 5.5¢

Prop 14 Debt Service 1.5¢

Comptroller Collection Expenses 0.6¢

Non-Texas Transportation 15.1¢

Debt Service 1.5¢

Texas Transit 1.4¢

Texas Highways 20.4¢

SOURCE: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

TxDOT graphic

## ROAD CAPACITY HASN'T KEPT PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH

76,843 (highway miles)

79,994 (highway miles)



1991

2011

100%

Population 49%

Highway miles 4%

Percent increase 1991-2011

SOURCE: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

TxDOT graphic



SOURCE: www.lbjexpress.com

Check out the pictorial construction progress on LBJ Express' website:

<http://lbjexpress.com/photos.asp>

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DALLAS DISTRICT PROGRESS

COLLIN

DALLAS

DENTON

ELLIS

KAUFMAN

NAVARRO

ROCKWALL

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AUGUST 2013

## MOVE OVER:

# NEW TEXAS LAW GOES INTO EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

One of the first bills that Governor Perry signed this legislative session was Senate Bill 510. This legislation will serve to make our highways safer for everyone but more specifically for TxDOT employees. This new law, which goes into effect September 1, 2013, requires drivers to move over one lane or slow down when approaching certain TxDOT vehicles that are not separated by a traffic control device. With safety as one of our top priorities at TxDOT, we welcome this law that will help prevent crashes and protect both workers and drivers in TxDOT work zones. Everyday our hard working employees work just feet away from potential distracted, impaired, or speeding drivers. Just a few seconds of inattention can cause death or serious bodily injury to these public servants. Since 1938, more than 100,000 TxDOT employees have been killed by drivers while on the job. "When drivers approach one of our vehicles that's flashing its warning lights, they either have to move over a lane, if the road has at least two lanes of traffic, or reduce their speed," said Jerral Wyer, TxDOT's Occupational Safety Division Director. If drivers see blue and amber flashing lights on TxDOT vehicles and equipment, that means they need to move over and slow down. If drivers cannot safely change lanes, they should reduce their speed by

20 miles per hour (mph) from the posted speed limit when it's over 25 mph or 5 mph when it's under 25 mph. Police may issue a citation for those that don't obey the new law and drivers may pay up to \$500 in fines. The State of Texas joins several other states who already have this "Move Over" law including Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, California, Iowa, Georgia, Delaware, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

So the next time you see a TxDOT vehicle or equipment on the side of the road with blue and amber flashing lights, obey the law, do your part to promote safety on our roadways and move over and slow down. Our TxDOT employees and their families thank you!



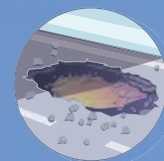
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SH: State Highway FM: Farm to Market CR: County Road CS: City Street LP: Loop SP: Spur BUS: Business VA: Various locations (Colored #'s located on map at right)

### JULY 2013 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	Bid (M)	(%)	Contractor	
0009-12-078	I-30	At FM 551	Reconstruct FM 551 at I-30 interchange	\$26.88	\$30.86	14.80	Webber, LLC	1
0092-07-045	SH 356	Eastbound overpass at the TRE Railroad	Rehabilitate bridge	\$0.28	\$0.45	59.09	GHB Equipment Company, L.L.C.	2
0162-09-035	FM 709	Waco St. near Dawson to 0.7 mile north of FM 2555	Provide additional paved surface width	\$4.86	\$4.79	-1.54	Big Creek Construction, Ltd.	3
0195-02-066	I-35	I-35 at FM 455 to and FM 1378 at FM 3286	Rehabilitation of traffic signals	\$0.29	\$0.25	-15.59	Highway Intelligent Traffic Solutions, Inc.	4
0364-02-017	SH 121	S. of FM 2499 to N. of BS 121H	Construct eight lane freeway with frontage roads	\$59.44	\$58.81	-1.06	OHL USA, Inc.	5
0718-01-051	FM 156	South Hickory Creek to 0.1 MI North of FM 2450	Add 10' shoulders and rehab; replace bridges	\$7.69	\$7.73	0.59	Austin Bridge & Road, LP	6
1159-02-031	FM 879	At Branch of Mustang Creek	Replace bridge and approaches	\$0.85	\$0.89	4.36	Ragle Construction, Inc.	7
2374-03-081	I-20	West of US 67 to east of I-45	Landscape development	\$0.45	\$0.40	-10.87	Beverly Sue Global Services, LLC	8
2374-04-072	I-20	Tarrant County Line to east of Carrier Parkway	Full depth repair, mill and inlay of mainlanes	\$2.46	\$3.00	22.03	Austin Bridge & Road, LP	9
2679-03-012	FM 2514	Lavon Pkwy To Brown St.	Base repair and overlay	\$1.02	\$1.01	-0.42	Peachtree Construction, Ltd.	10
<b>July 2013 total</b>				<b>\$104.22</b>	<b>\$108.19</b>	<b>3.80</b>		
District FY Accumulative Lettings				<b>\$1,127.16</b>	<b>\$1,116.79</b>	<b>-0.92</b>		
<b>**Dallas District letting cap</b>				<b>\$1,240.81**</b>				

\*\* District FY 2013 Letting Volume Cap includes the following: 1) the Horseshoe Design Build Project for \$700 million – actual bid of \$715 million and 2) the IH 35E at FM 407 Interchange Project for \$30 million which has been incorporated into the IH 35E Design Build – tentatively scheduled for May letting

### AUGUST 2013 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (Subject to change)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	
0081-03-051	US 377	At Hickory Creek and relief to and Roark Branch	Rehabilitate bridges and approaches	\$3.59	1
0093-02-015	SH 14	At UP railroad to south of Richland	Replace up railroad underpass	\$8.31	2
0196-03-264	I-35E	I-35E; I-635; and US 75 to at PGBT / DNT in Dallas & Collin CO	Installation of signs	\$0.17	3
0442-02-152	I-35E	I-20 to US 67	Full depth repair of mainlanes	\$1.65	4
0834-01-013	FM 308	Hill County Line to US 77	Provide additional paved surface width	\$4.11	5
0918-22-145	CR	Cowan Rd. at Mill Creek	Replace bridge	\$0.23	6
1014-03-049	FM 740	FM 1140 south to FM 1140 north in Heath	Grading, structures, drainage, and pavement	\$14.12	7
1047-03-063	FM 1382	New Clark Road to west of Straus Rd. in Cedar Hill	Intersection improvements	\$2.27	8
1091-04-019*	FM 740	Various locations to in city of Heath	Construct sidewalks, install crosswalks and school zone	\$1.41	
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$35.86</b>	

\*Unmapped.

### COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (From July 1 – 31, 2013)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (M)	
1746-01-021	FM 1827	CR 995 to Meadows	Provide additional surface width	7/10/13	\$0.76	1
0261-03-053	US 67	I-20 to Red Bird Ln.	Construct northbound auxiliary lane/ widen NBML bridge	7/03/13	\$3.69	2
0353-06-056	SH 114	At Hidden Ridge	Repair slope failure	7/17/13	\$0.83	3
0918-00-158*	VA	District Wide	Non-site sign replacement	7/10/13	\$0.77	
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$6.05</b>	

\*Unmapped.

### DISTRICT PROJECTS

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

#### DENTON COUNTY

Vehicle registration: **559,501**

\*Population estimate: **683,010**

Lane miles: **1,597.47**

#### DALLAS COUNTY

Vehicle registration: **1,952,662**

\*Population estimate: **2,385,990**

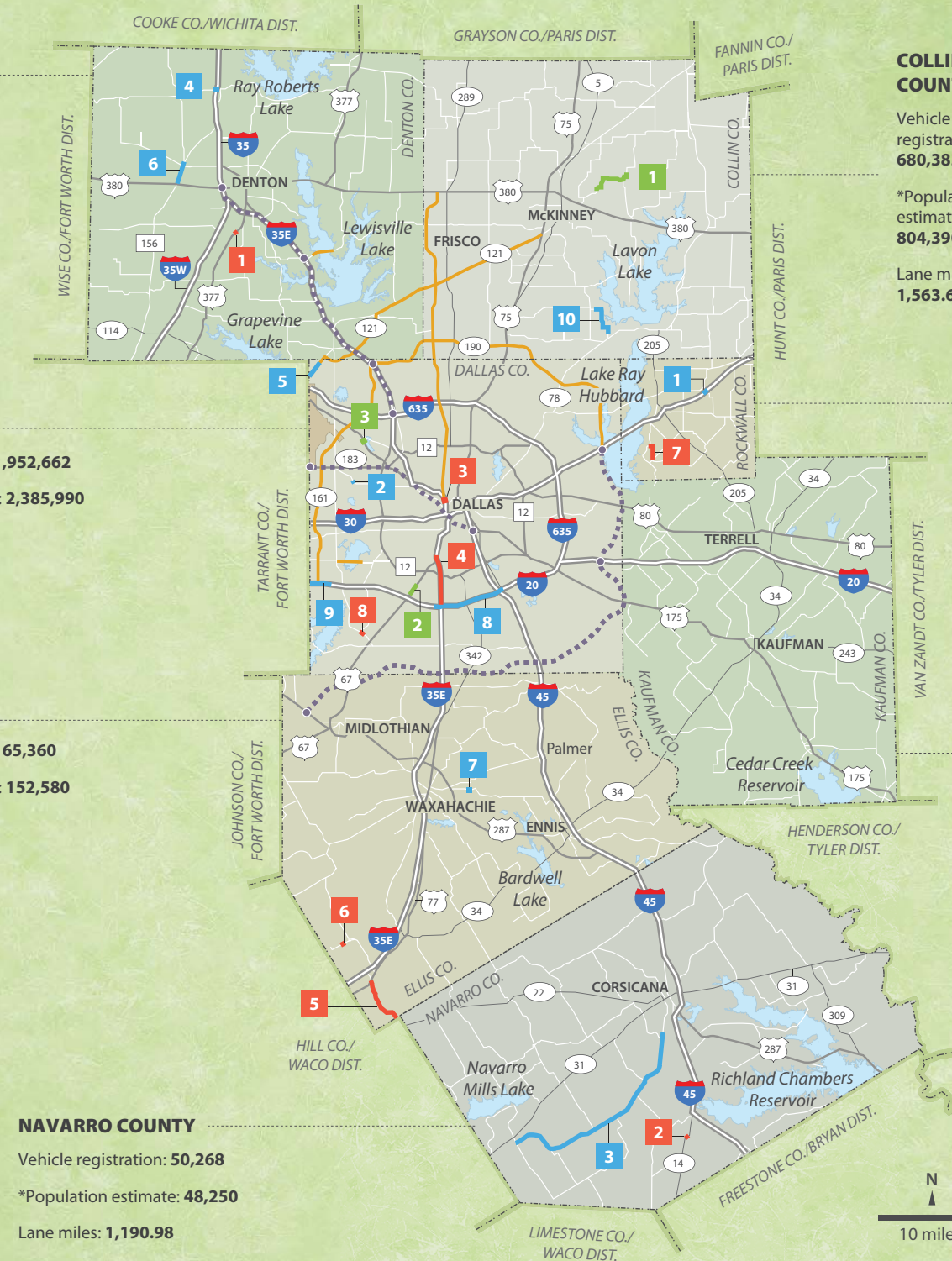
Lane miles: **3,440.13**

#### ELLIS COUNTY

Vehicle registration: **165,360**

\*Population estimate: **152,580**

Lane miles: **1,516.77**



#### NAVARRO COUNTY

Vehicle registration: **50,268**

\*Population estimate: **48,250**

Lane miles: **1,190.98**

#### KEY

<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Let	<span style="color: red;">■</span> Projected	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Completed	<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Planned	<span style="color: orange;">—</span> Toll road	<span style="color: yellow;">—</span> Toll road under construction	Interstate hwy	U.S. hwy	State hwy
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#### DALLAS DISTRICT TOTALS

Vehicle registration: **3,591,178**

\*Population estimate: **4,259,090**

Lane miles: **10,847.34**