

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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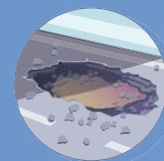
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Survey reveals visible litter down by 34 percent despite increase in number of drivers

Besides being one of the state's most popular slogans, **Don't mess with Texas**® also is proving to be effective as an anti-littering message. Established by the Texas Department of Transportation in 1986, **Don't mess with Texas**® has helped reduce visible litter by 34 percent on TxDOT-maintained roadways between 2009 and 2013, according to TxDOT's 2013 Texas Litter Survey.

"We are extremely pleased that Texas drivers are heeding the Don't mess with Texas message and properly disposing of their litter as opposed to tossing it out of their vehicles," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Roadside trash is unsightly, entirely unnecessary and — in the case of cigarette butts — can be deadly and dangerous. A decrease in roadside litter is certainly welcome news and speaks well of Texas drivers and the effectiveness of the Don't mess with Texas campaign."

Considering an additional 1.1 million drivers have taken to Texas roadways during the survey period of 2009-2013, the 34-percent reduction in visible litter is even more impressive. According to the survey, the leading type of visible roadside litter was tire and rubber debris, followed by miscellaneous paper, plastic and beverage containers. The survey also revealed cigarette butts continue to comprise the largest portion of total litter at 31 percent. That translates to 500

million cigarette butts being tossed onto Texas roadways each year, creating the potential for devastating wildfires due to the state's recurring drought conditions.

In 2013, researchers project nearly 1.5 billion items will be littered onto Texas roadways. Nearly two-thirds of litter is considered "micro litter," or items less than 2 inches in size.

In 2012, TxDOT spent \$47 million on litter pick-up. Research shows that cities, counties, institutions and businesses likely spend even more dealing with litter.

Texas is home to more than 25 million people, and an estimated 1,000 people move into the state every day, many of whom may not realize that littering is against state law. Through iconic Texas celebrities and painted trashcans, TxDOT's **Don't mess with Texas**® campaign continues to teach drivers how to do their part to keep our state clean. Properly inflating and



maintaining tires can prevent roadside blowouts and their resulting debris. Throwing trash into trashcans or vehicle litterbags, and keeping cigarette butts in car ashtrays, are simple steps that can have significant impacts on the cleanliness of Texas roads.

Drivers also should know that littering can be costly. Litterers can be fined up to \$500 for the first offense, and repeat offenders can face fines up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail. ■

For more information, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org. And remember, **Don't mess with Texas**®!



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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)

AUGUST 2013 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	Bid (M)	(%)	Contractor	
0081-03-051	US 377	At Hickory Creek and relief to and Roark Branch	Rehabilitate bridges and approaches	\$3.37	\$4.08	20.87	Rebcon, Inc.	1
0093-02-015	SH 14	At UP railroad to south of Richland	Replace up railroad underpass	\$7.83	\$6.57	-16.11	JW Payne Construction, LLC	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	\$0.17	0.14	Siemens Industry, Inc.	3
0442-02-152	I-35E	I-20 to US 67	Full depth repair of mainlanes	\$1.47	\$1.43	-2.35	O. Trevino Construction, LLC	4
0834-01-013	FM 308	Hill County Line to US 77	Provide additional paved surface width	\$4.03	\$3.10	-23.23	Knife River Corporation - South	5
0918-22-145	CR	Cowan Rd. at Mill Creek	Replace bridge	\$0.22	\$0.24	9.05	J.M. Yanez Construction	6
1014-03-049	FM 740	FM 1140 south to FM 1140 north in Heath	Grading, structures, drainage, and pavement	\$13.77	\$12.97	-5.86	Ed Bell Construction Company	7
1091-04-019*	FM 740	Various locations to in city of Heath	Construct sidewalks, install crosswalks and school zone	\$1.40	\$1.05	-25.33	Ed Bell Construction Company	
August 2013 total				\$32.27	\$29.60	-8.28		
** 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				District FY Accumulative Lettings	\$1,173.22	\$1,158.36	-1.27	
				Dallas District letting cap	\$1,240.81			

SEPTEMBER 2013 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (Subject to change)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	
1016-02-017	FM 1138	Rockwall County Line to FM 6 in Nevada	Provide additional paved surface width	\$3.10	1
1315-02-009	FM 423	US 380 to 0.8 mile south of FM 2934	Widen 2-lane rural undivided to 6-lane divided urban	\$28.51	2
1315-02-009	I-20	I-20 from I-35e to I-45 to and US 75 from SP 366 to I-635	Installation and rehab of ITS systems	\$2.38	3
Total				\$33.99	

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

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (M)	
0135-02-045	US 380	FM 2478 to Lake Forest	Widen to 6-lane highway	8/13/2013	\$11.65	1
1012-02-025	FM 545	At FM 1827	Reconstruct roadway	8/13/2013	\$2.73	2
0092-14-079	I-45	Loop 12 to I-30	Installation of wireless ITS system	8/16/2013	\$0.50	3
0196-03-257	I-35E	Southbound frontage road from Commerce St. to Oaklawn	Full depth repair and overlay	8/16/2013	\$0.40	4
0581-02-134	LP 12	Spur 408 to I-30	Install high mast illumination	8/16/2013	\$1.27	5
0751-01-034	FM 148	FM 987 to US 175 in Crandall	Rehab roadway & replace bridges	8/21/2013	\$9.15	6
1217-01-014	FM 1641	FM 148 to FM 548	Repair base, overlay & pav markings	8/08/2013	\$3.17	7
0918-45-802*	VA	Various Locations	Upgrade select intersection to ada standards	8/05/2013	\$1.20	
Total					\$30.07	

*Unmapped.



KUDOS! — From Brian B. of Forney, Texas (regarding the US 80 bridge): "Thank you all for the hard work today! From what I heard, it was a horrible mess plus the super high temp. Excellent work!"

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

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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**



KEY

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



DALLAS DISTRICT TOTALS

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

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

Lane miles: **10,847.34**

SOURCE: TxDOT research. *POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG.

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