

# DALLAS DISTRICT PROGRESS

Monthly Report on Dallas District Projects and Topics ★★★ COLLIN CO. | DALLAS CO. | DENTON CO. | ELLIS CO. | KAUFMAN CO. | NAVARRO CO. | ROCKWALL CO.

## HOT TOPIC: HIGH-SPEED RAIL

### COMMISSION FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN THE DALLAS/FORT WORTH REGION

DALLAS — High speed rail and tolling along some of North Texas' most popular roadways were among the topics discussed during the state Transportation Commission's August meetings held in the Dallas District.



The Texas Department of Transportation, High Speed Rail Commission and the Texas Transportation Commission spent August 27 and 28 at Union Station in Dallas discussing the future of transportation in DFW with local and state government officials, and many business and community leaders.

Along with a tour of several major projects and potential project sites, the two-day event also included a lengthy workshop on the future of high speed rail.

On the first day of meetings, the High Speed Rail Commission presented a progress report on high-speed rail in the Dallas and Fort Worth area.

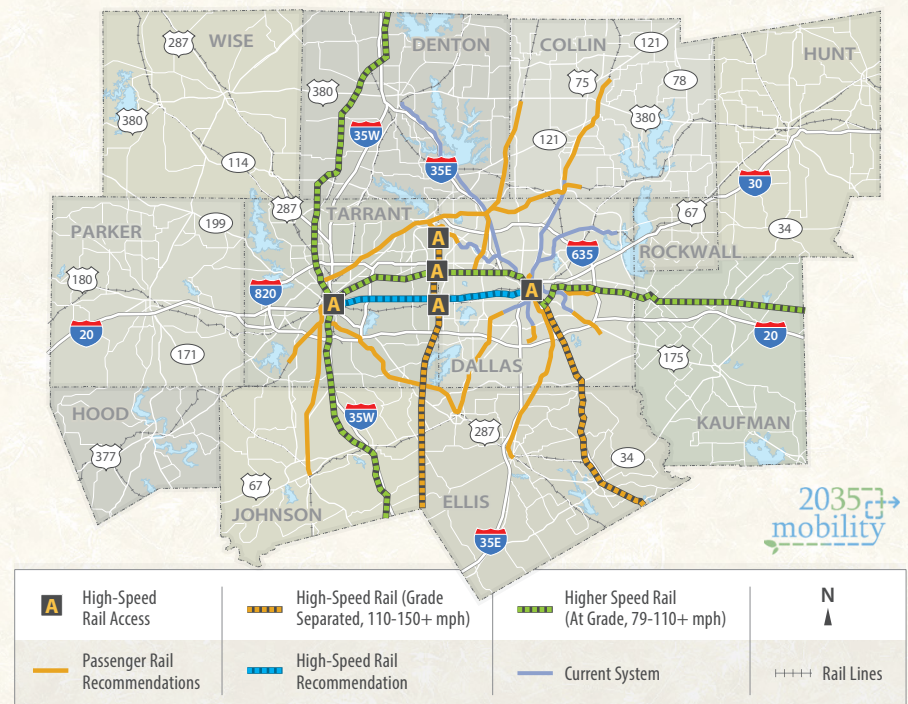
The group discussed several factors that could impact whether a high speed train could move commuters between Dallas and Fort Worth, and eventually from DFW to Houston, Austin and into southern Oklahoma.

TxDOT is in the middle of a year and a half feasibility rail study, which also considers other factors, such as environmental impact, public interest and the cost of such a system.

Exploring other avenues of transportation is quickly becoming a necessity, as the state's population is expected to double by 2050.

"We can't just build our way out of those challenges with more roads and bridges only," said John Barton, Deputy Executive Director of TxDOT.

### HIGH/HIGHER SPEED PASSENGER RAIL RECOMMENDATIONS



NOTE: Corridor-specific alignment, design, and operational characteristics for the intercity passenger, regional passenger, and freight rail systems will be determined through capacity evaluation and ongoing project development. Refined rail forecasts are necessary to determine technology and alignment in future rail corridors.

SOURCE: North Central Texas Council of Governments

TxDOT graphic

Later, the commission heard from numerous Collin County leaders who expressed concerns over plans for tolled lanes along US 75.

The commission is reviewing tolled lanes as a way to add capacity along major roads in North Texas by allowing solo drivers who are willing to pay a toll use car pool lanes that are

currently underutilized.

Commission Chairman Ted Houghton told lawmakers from Collin County that he believes the commission will reach a solution that will be beneficial to those on both sides of the issue. ■



# AUGUST 2014 LET PROJECTS

SH: STATE HWY. | FM: FARM TO MARKET | CR: COUNTY RD. | CS: CITY ST. | SL: STATE LOOP | SP: SPUR | BUS: BUSINESS | VA: VARIOUS

CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. (M)	BID (M)	(%)	EST. TOTAL (M)***	CONTRACTOR	
0009-11-227	I-30	I-30:I-635 to Chaha Rd.; SL 12:SH 183 to I-35E	Installation of ITS system	\$3.24	\$2.75	-15.14	\$3.32	Mica Corporation	1
0092-14-083	I-345	Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to US 75	Repair bent caps and girders	\$0.71	\$0.67	-6.29	\$0.83	SCR Constr. Co., Inc	2
0261-03-066	US 67	I-20 to 0.2 miles N of Camp Wisdom Rd.	Landscape development	\$0.14	\$0.14	1.90	\$0.17	Beverly Sue Global	3
0353-05-088	SL 12	West of Midway to US 75	Intersection improvements	\$5.64	\$7.65	35.72	\$14.15	Rebcon, Inc.	4
0581-01-140	SL 12	I-30 to Ferguson Rd.	Landscape development	\$0.29	\$0.34	17.68	\$0.42	Beverly Sue Global	5
1012-03-017	FM 981	At Indian Creek and Relief #2	Replace bridge and approaches	\$2.31	\$1.83	-20.97	\$2.29	Ed Bell Constr. Co.	6
2374-02-136	I-635	I-635: I-20 to I-30; and I-20:I-45 to I-635	Installation of full ITS system	\$6.75	\$6.59	-2.36	\$7.97	Mica Corporation	7
0009-11-234*	I-30	Various in Dallas/Collin/ Rockwall Co.	Install signing of truck lane restrictions	\$0.61	\$0.65	5.86	\$0.80	Mica Corporation	
0095-02-113*	US 80	Various locations in Dallas County	Installation of wireless ITS system	\$1.98	\$1.95	-1.58	\$2.36	Hwy Int. Traffic Sol. Inc.	
0918-00-185*	VA	Various locations in Dallas District	Non-site specific signal contract	\$1.32	\$1.30	-1.39	\$1.73	Durable Specialties, Inc.	
<b>AUGUST 2014 TOTAL</b>				<b>\$22.99</b>	<b>\$23.86</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>\$34.03</b>		
<b>DISTRICT FY ACCUMULATIVE LETTINGS</b>				<b>\$488.20</b>	<b>\$483.75</b>	<b>-0.91</b>			
<b>DALLAS DISTRICT LETTING CAP</b>							<b>\$1,384.34**</b>		

\*Unmapped. \*\*District FY 2014 Letting Vol. Cap includes the following: 1) The SH 183 Managed Lanes Proj. for \$837 M.  
 \*\*\*Est. Total Proj. Costs includes estimated PE, ROW, E&C, Indirect Costs and potential Change Costs at the time of bid.

# SEPTEMBER 2014 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. (M)	
0009-12-072	I-30	At FM 3549	Reconstruct interchange	\$22.63	1
0135-10-053	US 377	At Fish Trap and Moseley Rd.	Traffic signal installation	\$0.20	2
0197-02-108	US 175	East of Bexar St. to I-45	Extend US 175; reconstruct interchange w/ SM Wright	\$103.34	3
0596-02-038	FM 66	At Oak Branch	Replace bridge and approaches	\$1.91	4
0619-05-036	FM 544	FM 2281 to Parker/Dozier Rd.	Reconstruct highway & widen to six lane divided	\$37.21	5
1315-01-025	FM 1385	US 380 to approximately 2 miles N of FM 428	Provide additional paved surface width & replace bridge	\$10.74	6
2512-03-007	FM 2728	SH 34 to I-20	Provide additional paved surface width	\$5.41	7
0095-14-023*	I-20	Various highways in Dallas District	District seal coat program	\$10.67	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$192.12</b>	

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# COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (FROM AUGUST 1 – 31, 2014)

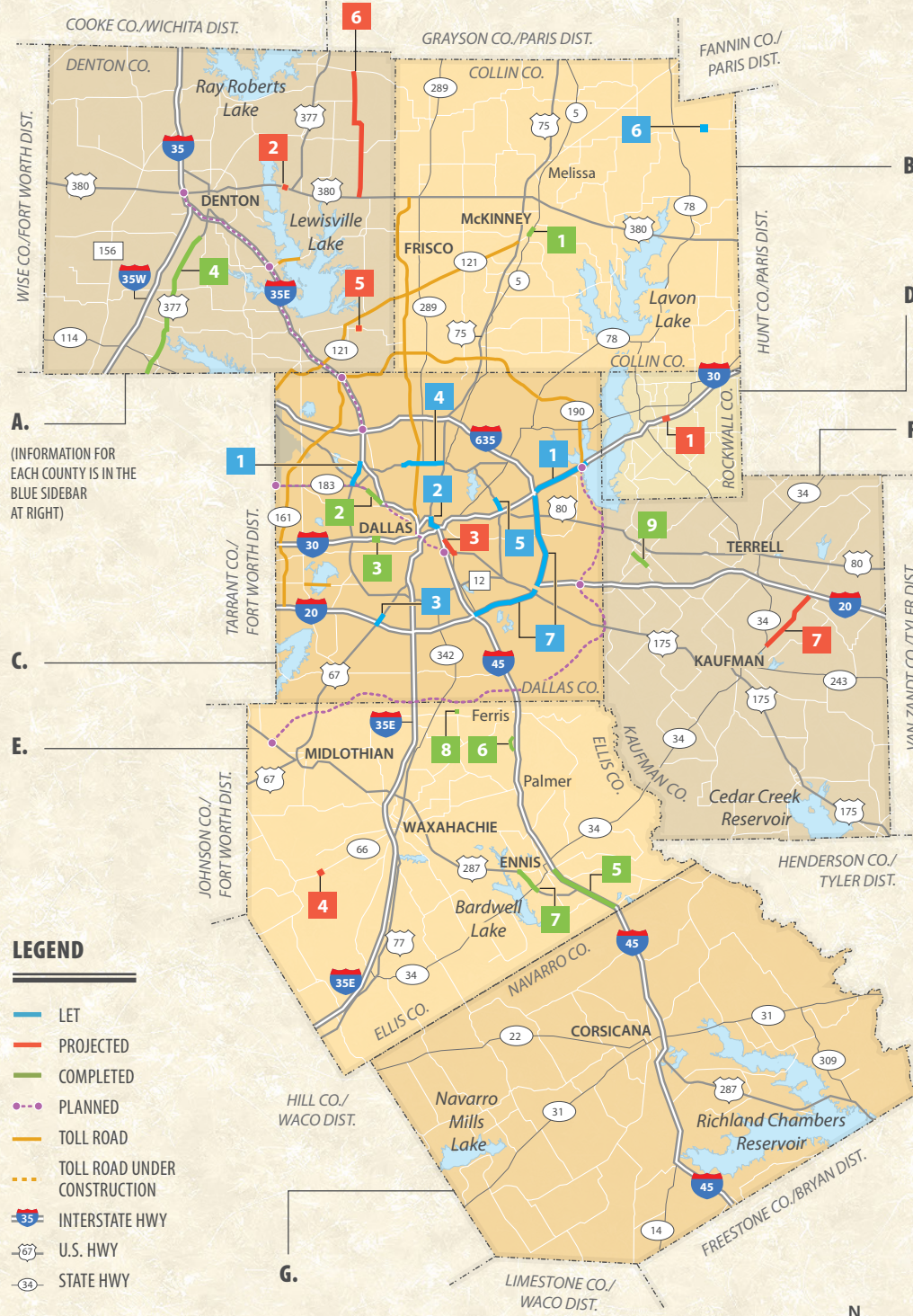
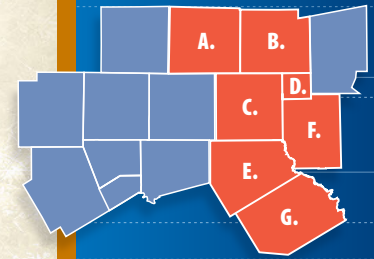
CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	DATE COMPLETED	COST (M)	
0047-05-051	SH 5	SP 399 to Wilson Creek	Base repair & overlay	08/06/14	\$1.31	1
0094-07-041	SH 183	East abutment of Trinity River to I-35E	Mill, full depth repair, overlay & pav. mrks.	08/08/14	\$2.16	2
1068-04-153	I-30	Westmoreland Road	Relocate existing EB exit ramp	08/12/14	\$2.65	3
0081-03-052	US 377	Tarrant C/L to I-35E	Base repair and overlay	08/19/14	\$4.48	4
0092-05-049	I-45	FM 1182 to FM 1181	Truck lane restrictions & guide signs	08/14/14	\$0.44	5
0092-11-003	LP 561	At N & S of Trumbull	Mill, repair & resurface	08/15/14	\$0.68	6
0172-08-050	US 287	Bus US 287 to S SH 34	Widen to 4-lane, grade IC & control access	08/27/14	\$34.65	7
0918-22-142	CS	On Pratt RD, SE of SH 342 at Bear Creek	Replace bridge in Red Oak	08/27/14	\$0.80	8
1092-01-018	FM 741	FM 740 to Monitor Blvd. in Forney	Landscape development	08/08/14	\$0.30	9
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$47.47</b>	

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.



# DALLAS DISTRICT PROJECTS MAP

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts on page 2 and show projects that have let in August, are projected to let in September or have recently been completed.

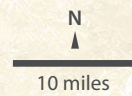


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(INFORMATION FOR EACH COUNTY IS IN THE BLUE SIDEBAR AT RIGHT)

## LEGEND

- LET
- PROJECTED
- COMPLETED
- - - PLANNED
- TOLL ROAD
- - - TOLL ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- INTERSTATE HWY
- U.S. HWY
- STATE HWY

SOURCE: TxDOT research.  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG.



## DALLAS DISTRICT TOTALS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION | 3,591,178  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE | 4,259,090  
LANE MILES | 10,847.34

### A. DENTON COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 559,501  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 683,010  
LANE MILES: 1,597.47

### B. COLLIN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 680,383  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 804,390  
LANE MILES: 1,563.69

### C. DALLAS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 1,952,662  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 2,385,990  
LANE MILES: 3,440.13

### D. ROCKWALL COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 79,075  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 80,270  
LANE MILES: 346.35

### E. ELLIS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 165,360  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 152,580  
LANE MILES: 1,516.77

### F. KAUFMAN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 103,929  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 104,600  
LANE MILES: 1,191.95

### G. NAVARRO COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 50,268  
\*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 48,250  
LANE MILES: 1,190.98



# BILL HALE HONORED AT MONTHLY MEETING

**DALLAS** —The Texas Transportation Commission highlighted many of the accomplishments of interim Dallas



District Engineer Bill Hale during its August meetings last month. Hale leaves his post as head of the Dallas District to become the director of metropolitan district operations for TxDOT, statewide.

"Nothing has made me more proud than to go around the state of Texas and have people brag about our employees, and this is a great opportunity to brag on one of our own," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret.)

Hale began his career with TxDOT in 1983 in Ellis County. He became area engineer in the Southeast Dallas office in 1992, and in 1999, he became one of the youngest district engineers when he was tasked to lead the Abilene

District. He served as Dallas District Engineer since 2003.

"Bill is a great man supported by a wonderful wife and a tremendous family," said John Barton, TxDOT's deputy executive director. "And we're glad to have him as part of our TxDOT family."

While in Dallas, Hale was instrumental in negotiating the partnership that led to the Sam Rayburn Tollway and he was responsible for overseeing several billion dollars in major construction projects, including what was at the time the largest project in Texas and is now known as the High Five Interchange in Dallas.

Hale was a key figure in the construction of one of the first urban deck parks in the world, now known as Klyde Warren Park in downtown Dallas, and he led the development of

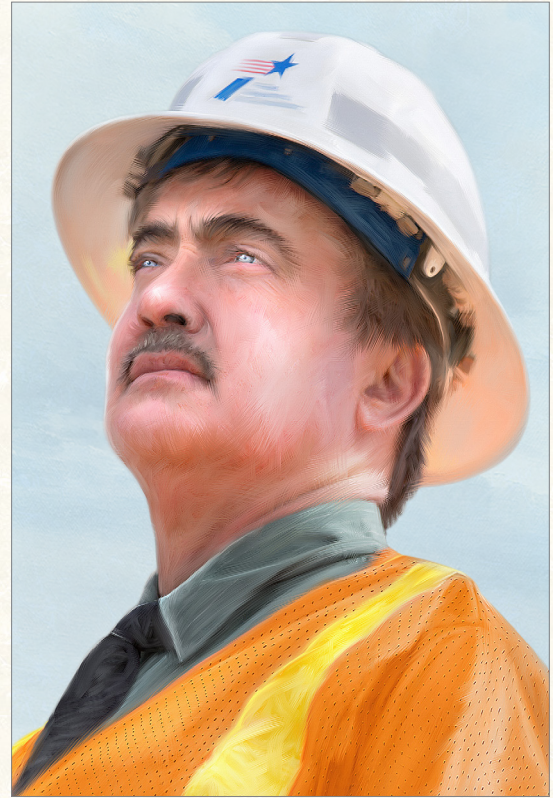


Photo illustration by Dean Hollingsworth/Information Specialist

TxDOT's first intelligent transportation system, DalTrans, which monitors the flow and trends of traffic around the clock. ■



## From Mr. E. Barcenas Of Kerens, Texas:

"Mr. Darwin Myers, I would like to take the opportunity to say "thank you" for the work on State Hwy 31. I know saying that is a bit impulsive since the project is not yet complete but, I feel like it needs to addressed. I live east of Corsicana, and driving that highway since it was repaired back in 1995/1996 wears the driver down. Have a nice day!"

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

TxDOT graphic

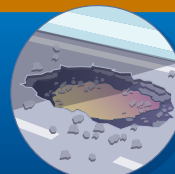
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