

# 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.

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

76,843

(highway miles)

79,994

(highway miles)

100%

Population 49%

Highway miles 4%

Percent increase 1991-2011

1991

2011

Percent increase

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

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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

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## BLAST OFF!

### Construction Starts on the Long-Awaited 35Express Project in Denton and Dallas Counties

After 15 years of planning and coordination to expand one of the state's most congested highways, the Texas Department of Transportation today broke ground on the Interstate 35E (I-35E) corridor project. TxDOT and its partner, AGL Constructors, broke ground at Copperas Branch Park in Highland Village. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute estimates the I-35E project will save motorists approximately 1.7 million hours in travel time per year.

"This project represents a true partnership, not only between AGL and TxDOT, but also between TxDOT, the region, Denton County and the cities along this corridor," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director.

Dubbed 35Express and located in one of the region's fastest-growing areas, the 28-mile expansion will enlarge the interstate's footprint from US 380 in Denton County to I-635 in Dallas County. Portions of the highway currently rank 33rd and 98th on TxDOT's list of 100 most congested roadways. Up to 210,000 vehicles per day travel the highway.

The 35Express project runs through eight cities in Denton and Dallas counties, including Denton, Corinth, Lake Dallas, Hickory Creek, Highland Village, Lewisville, Carrollton and Farmers Branch. The \$4.8 billion project is being constructed in two phases, the first of which will cost approximately \$1.4 billion in federal, state and local dollars as well as toll fees collected from SH 121. The second phase will be constructed when funding becomes available.

"This is an exciting time for Denton county residents," said Denton County Judge Mary Horn. "The I-35E expansion represents the beginning of the one project that links every major roadway



Denton County Commissioners break 'ceremonial' ground to mark the start of construction on I-35E in Denton and Dallas counties.

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in Denton County. Roadways like FM 1171, FM 2181, FM 407, FM 2499 are all being constructed, expanded and/or refurbished as a result of the incredible partnership we've had with our federal, state and regional partners. The I-35E project will not only improve mobility within the county, but also within the region as well."

The first phase of construction is scheduled for later this month and includes the addition of north and southbound general purpose lanes, reversible managed lanes and the expansion, reconditioning or reconstruction of multiple bridges. Phase I construction is expected to be completed by early 2017. ■

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT INCLUDE:

- Construction of a new southbound bridge across Lake Lewisville and the addition of frontage roads and a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists
- Widening of the bridges at Post Oak Road and Corinth Parkway
- Reconstruction of the bridges at Garden Ridge Boulevard and FM 407
- Additional direct connect ramps at the I-35E – Sam Rayburn Tollway interchange
- Reconstruction of the Belt Line Road interchange

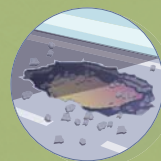
**NOTE:** 35Express construction is managed by AGL Constructors, a joint venture between Archer Western Contractors L.L.C., Granite Construction Incorporated and The Lane Construction Corporation. Their website is: [www.35express.org](http://www.35express.org)



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## OCTOBER 2013 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	Bid (M)	(%)	Est. Total Proj. Costs (M)***	Contractor	
0549-03-023	SH 121	1.65 miles west of FM 455 to Fannin County Line	Base repair, mill and overlay	\$3.33	\$3.04	-8.84	\$3.62	Austin Bridge & Road, LP	1
0048-01-062*	SH 342	Various locations in Dallas district	Seal coat and pavement markings	\$8.52	\$7.85	-7.82	\$8.99	Clark Construction of Texas, Inc.	
<b>October 2013 total</b>				<b>\$11.85</b>	<b>\$10.89</b>	<b>-8.10</b>	<b>\$12.62</b>		
*Unmapped. ** District FY 2014 Letting Volume Cap includes the following: 1) The SH 183 Managed Lanes Project for \$837 million. *** Est. Total Project Costs includes estimated PE, ROW, E&C, Indirect Costs and potential Change Costs at the time of bid.									
District FY Accumulative Lettings				<b>\$48.58</b>	<b>\$48.32</b>	<b>-0.54</b>			
<b>**Dallas District letting cap</b>							<b>\$1,384.34</b>		

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

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	
0549-03-018	SH 121	SH 5 to 1.65 miles west of FM 455	Widen 2-lane rural to 4-lane divided urban	\$38.76	1
1047-03-063	FM 1382	New Clark Road to west of Straus Rd. in Cedar Hill	Intersection improvements	\$2.41	2
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$41.18</b>	

## COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (From October 1 - 31, 2013)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (M)	
0047-14-065	US 75	North of US 380 to South of Bloomdale in McKinney	Reconstruct and Widen to 8 Lanes with 3 In FRTG Rd,	10/10/13	\$24.89	1
0091-03-024	SH 289	N of Bus 289-C to Grayson County Line	Base Repair, Underseal & Overlay	10/10/13	\$0.77	2
0261-02-072	US 67	Ellis Co. Line to Wheatland Rd.	Full Depth Conc Repair & Hmac Overlay	10/25/13	\$0.54	3
0442-02-150	IH 35E	US 67 to IH 30	Full Depth Repair of Main Lanes	10/11/13	\$6.15	4
0581-01-134	LP 12	SH 78 to Spur 244	Mill, Full Depth Repair & Overlay	10/09/13	\$1.07	5
0918-46-180	CR	Fish Hatchery Rd.	Replace Bridge	10/09/13	\$0.75	6
0095-03-086	US 80	@ FM 740 & FM 688	Rehabilitation of Traffic Signals	10/22/13	\$0.25	7
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$34.42</b>	

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 October are projected to let in November 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**

### COLLIN COUNTY

Vehicle registration: **680,383**

\*Population estimate: **804,390**

Lane miles: **1,563.69**

### ROCKWALL COUNTY

Vehicle registration: **79,075**

\*Population estimate: **80,270**

Lane miles: **346.35**

### KAUFMAN COUNTY

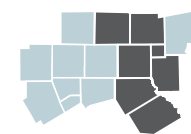
Vehicle registration: **103,929**

\*Population estimate: **104,600**

Lane miles: **1,191.95**

### 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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