

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.

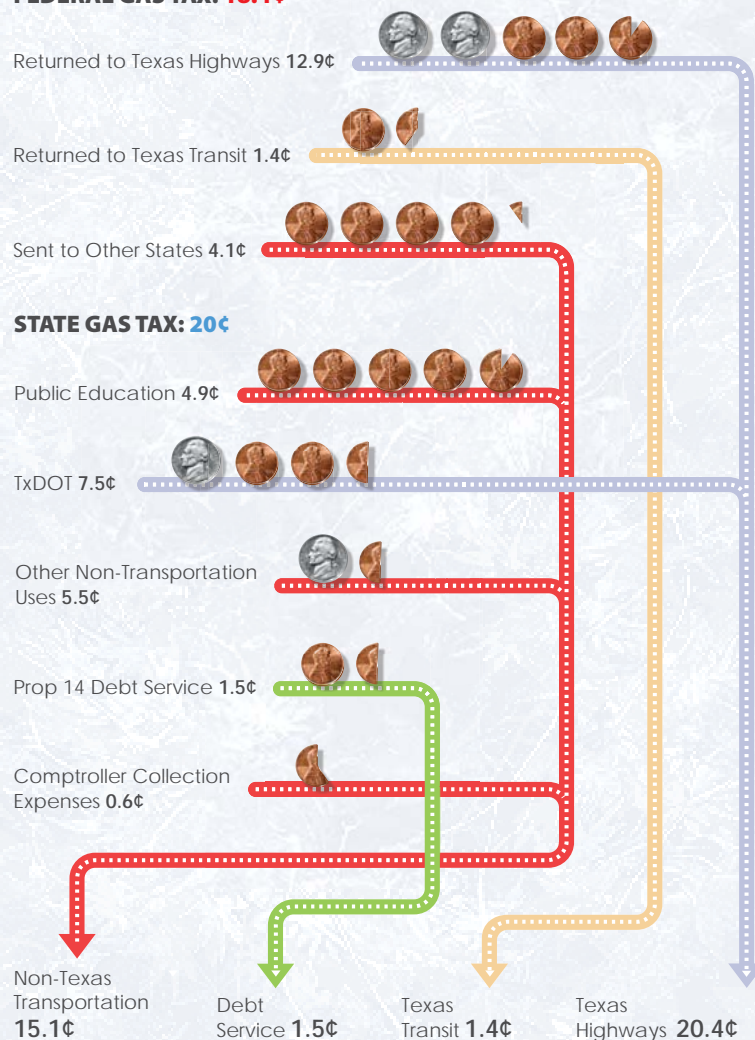
The new lanes, being built adjacent to toll-free lanes on part of LBJ Freeway and the North Tarrant Express, will open in phases, with the first segment, on LBJ, slated to welcome cars in December of 2013. ■

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

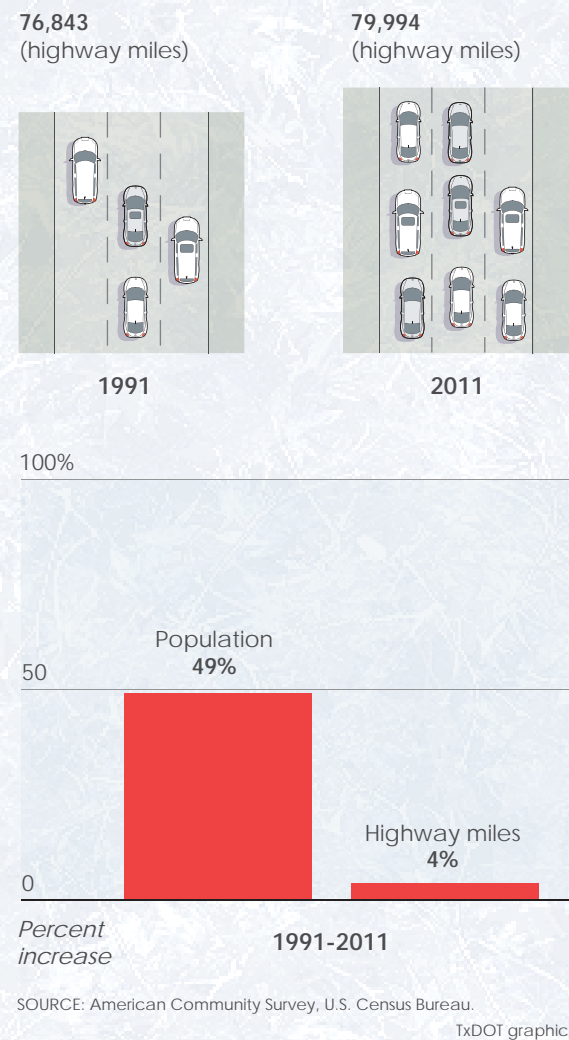
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FEDERAL GAS TAX: 18.4¢



ROAD CAPACITY HASN'T KEPT PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH



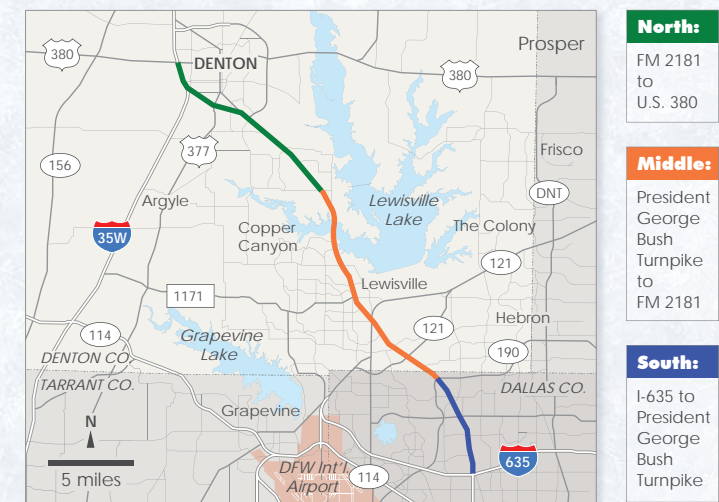
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SELECTS AGL CONSTRUCTORS AS I-35E DEVELOPER (BETWEEN DALLAS AND DENTON)

\$1 Billion Project Will Be Built in Phases from I-635 north to US 380

Traffic relief is on the way for North Texas motorists who rely on Interstate 35E between Dallas and Denton. The Texas Transportation Commission chose Archer Western / Granite / LANE (AGL) Constructors as the developer for much-needed improvements to the 28-mile corridor at their December 2012 meeting. Listed in the Texas Department of Transportation's 100 Most Congested Roadways, this segment of I-35E is traveled by nearly 200,000 vehicles daily. Expanding I-35E will reduce congestion that results in lost work time, increased fuel costs and higher price of goods. The project will improve mobility across Lake Lewisville with construction of a second bridge that will offer more reliability for commuters during major incidents.

The project will improve existing lanes of the interstate, provide continuous frontage roads and construct new, reversible managed toll lanes to keep traffic moving at 50 mph. Currently, there is \$1 billion in funding available for the project with most coming from SH 121 regional toll revenue funds dedicated to Denton County. The ultimate build-out cost for all four phases of the project is estimated to be \$4.8 billion. Future phases will be constructed as funds become available.

"As we continue to face challenges with transportation funding, public/private partnerships such as this one will remain essential components for addressing our state's mobility needs and spurring our economic prosperity," said Texas Transportation Commissioner Bill Meadows. "We are excited to



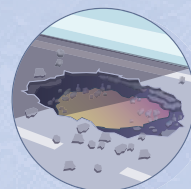
NOTE: Highlighted areas are not to scale. TxDOT graphic.

see momentum on I-35E and hope to provide Texas drivers with some much-needed traffic congestion relief sooner than later."

"Grand Parkway was awarded in September followed by I-35W last month and I-35E now," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT Executive Director. "These projects represent significant milestones in helping build out our infrastructure and providing more options to move people and goods around our great state."

AGL Constructors is a consortium comprised of Archer Western Contractors, LLC, Granite Construction Company, and The LANE Construction Company.

Construction is slated to begin in 2013 with Phase 1 completion in late 2016. Log onto www.keepitmovingdallas.com for detailed information on the project. ■



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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 numbers located on map at right

DECEMBER 2012 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	(%)	Contractor	
0581-01-134	LP 12	SH 78 to SPUR 244	Full depth repair, mill and ACP overlay	\$1.10	\$1.07	-2.63	Apac-Texas, Inc.	1
0581-02-134	LP 12	SPUR 408 to I-30	Installation of high mast illumination	\$1.55	\$1.27	-18.12	Mica Corporation	2
0918-45-844	CS	On Pleasant Run Rd. east of Sunrise Rd. to west of I-45	Widen 2 to 4-lane divided (to 6-lane) with grade separation	\$8.10	\$7.72	-4.72	Ragle Construction, Inc.	3
1068-04-147	I-30	West of north Fielder Rd. to Sylvan Ave.	Construct managed/HOV lane gantries with ramps	\$67.10	\$63.08	-5.99	Austin Bridge & Road, LP	4
December 2012 total				\$77.86	\$73.14	-6.06		
District FY Accumulative Lettings				\$128.87	\$119.49	-7.28		
**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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JANUARY 2013 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (Subject to change)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Estimate (millions)	
0009-02-059	SH 78	Loop 12 to I-635	Full depth repair, mill, ACP overlay and pavement markings	\$1.40	1
0197-02-106	US 175	Lake June Road to I-20	Full depth repair, ACP overlay and pavement markings	\$3.19	2
1091-01-019	FM 740	Ranch Road in Forney to Rockwall County Line	Provide additional paved surface width	\$5.00	3
Total				\$9.60	

SOURCE: TxDOT research.

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COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (From December 1 - 31, 2012)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (millions)	
0047-06-146	US 75	SH 190 (PGBT) to SH 121 (SRT)	Full Depth Repair	12/20/12	\$0.67	1
0008-08-070	SH 180	Tarrant C/L to Loop 12	Full Depth Repair & Overlay	12/17/12	\$3.46	2
0092-07-055	SH 356	SH 183 to Trinity River Bridge in Irving	Landscape Development	12/11/12	\$0.31	3
2681-01-009	FM 2499	FM 407 to FM 2181	Construct 4 Ln Divided Urban Roadway	12/20/12	\$45.83	4
Total					\$50.27	

SOURCE: TxDOT research.

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KUDOS!

Two from Judy G. of Kaufman County: 1: "Hello all. I want to thank you for a very nice mowing job along Hwy. 148 last week." 2: "What a nice surprise I had when I got home yesterday - a nice, smooth, blacktop road, with a very nice entrance to my driveway! If that's the completed stage, it's very smooth! Thanks very much."

DISTRICT PROJECTS

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts at left and show projects that have let in December, are projected to let in January 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

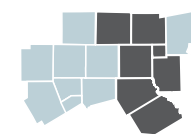
Vehicle registration: 101,285

*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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