

Managed Lanes to Offer Initial '2-plus'

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

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

in each vehicle to qualify for the lower rate.

Policymakers determined the new managed lanes, to be called **TEXpress Lanes**, will initially require 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.

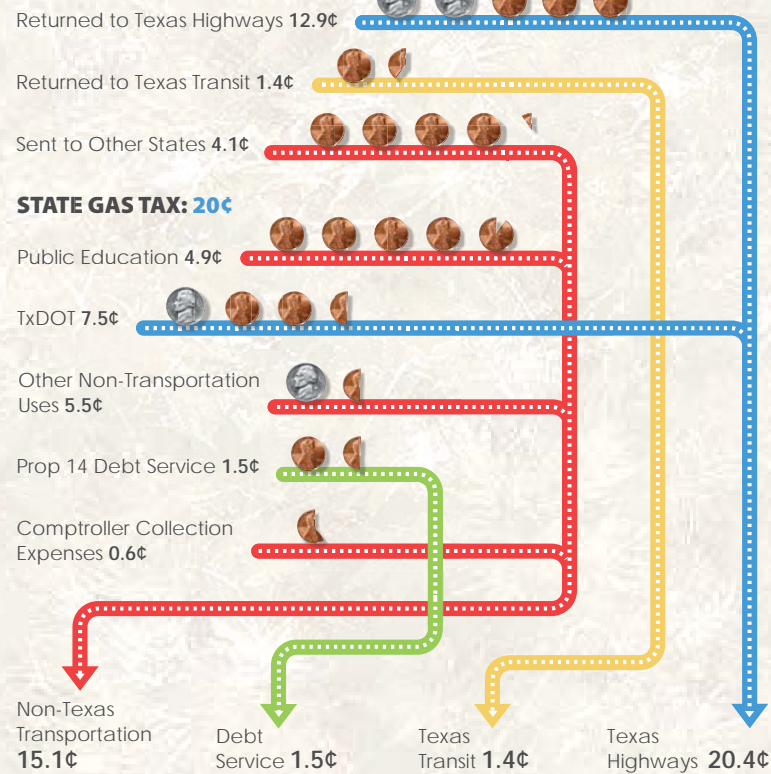
By 2016, vehicles will be required to carry three or more people, including the driver, to receive the discount during rush hour. The transition could take place sooner, if data supports a change, according to the policy.

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. ■

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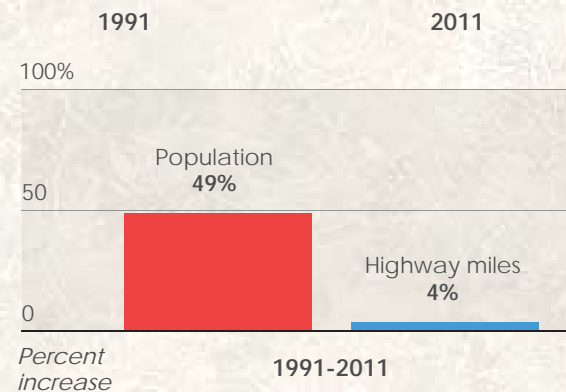
WHERE DOES THE 38.4¢ GAS TAX GO?

FEDERAL GAS TAX: 18.4¢



ROAD CAPACITY HASN'T KEPT PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH

76,843 (highway miles) 79,994 (highway miles)



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

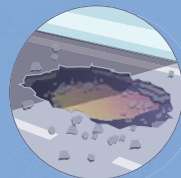


KUDOS! — From Tina M. of Dallas (regarding graffiti concerns near US 75 and Edd Road):
"Thanks, TxDOT, the graffiti has been taken care of and painted over."



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PERSON APPOINTED TO STAY SOBER

Know When to P.A.S.S.



Summertime is just around the corner. Folks are making their plans to enjoy fun in sun at the beach, backyard barbecues and pool parties or lazy days at local lakes.

TxDOT wants to encourage folks to also make plans for a Summer **P.A.S.S.** — **Person Appointed to Stay Sober.** No matter where your destination is we want everyone to arrive safely!

Unfortunately, summertime drinking is a serious problem in Texas. Did you know that from 2008 to 2012 summer alcohol-related fatalities increased by more than 10% (10.3%) between June 1 and August 21? Here are a few other sobering statistics from the summer of 2012:



We know that drinking and driving can be a deadly combination. Impaired drivers risk killing, disabling, disfiguring and injuring themselves and others, and many times this includes their own families or friends! In addition to that, violators can also face significant personal and financial costs including jail time, loss of driver's license, attorney fees and other associated fines and fees, higher insurance rates and lost time at work.

We want to remind people that not only is summertime drinking a serious problem with serious consequences but it is one that can easily be avoided! If your summertime activities involve alcohol, remember to include plans to include a person that is appointed to stay sober. All 50 states have established a threshold making it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. So instead of guessing whether or not you are in the legal limit to drive make that commitment now to line up a **P.A.S.S.** — **Person Appointed to Stay Sober.**

We want everyone to enjoy a fun and safe summer! Be safe, plan ahead and know when to **P.A.S.S.** ■



Illustration by Dean Hollingsworth

MAY 2013 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	Bid (M)	(%)	Contractor	
0009-02-060	SH 78	Garland Ave to First St	Concrete full depth repair	\$0.92	\$0.72	-22.72	O. Trevino Construction, LLC	1
0047-05-052	SH 5	US 380 to CR 275	Base repair and overlay	\$1.33	\$1.35	1.08	Austin Bridge & Road, LP	2
0048-01-060	SH 342	W 8th St to Wintergreen Rd	Full depth concrete pavement repair	\$0.77	\$0.55	-28.54	Winding Road Construction, LLC	3
0091-06-049	SH 289	On SH 289 (Preston) at Royal Lane	Intersection improvement	\$0.56	\$0.72	27.85	Rebcon, Inc.	4
0095-05-056	US 80	At Ninth St. and SP 87(Dellis St) in Terrell	Rehabilitation of traffic signals	\$0.22	\$0.18	-15.01	Siemens Industry, Inc	5
0173-05-032	SH 34	US 80 to North Frances Street in Terrell	Rehabilitation of existing road	\$2.08	\$1.98	-4.90	Ed Bell Construction Company	6
1567-01-035	FM 720	FM 423 and FM 720 junction in Little Elm	Landscape development to include tree and shrub planting	\$0.58	\$0.52	-10.34	Legends Landscapes, LLC	7
2054-02-016	FM 2181	West of FM 2499 (Barrel Strap Rd.) to west frontage road of I-35E in Corinth	Widen 2-lane rural roadway to 6-lane divided urban	\$23.74	\$23.60	-0.56	J.D. Abrams, LP.	8

** 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 I-35E at FM 407 Interchange Project for \$30 million which has been incorporated into the I-35E Design Build - tentatively scheduled for May letting.

May 2013 total	\$30.20	\$29.62	-1.94
District FY Accumulative Lettings	\$984.38	\$980.01	-0.44
**Dallas District letting cap	\$1,240.81		

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JUNE 2013 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (Subject to change)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	
0009-11-228	I-30	West of Winslow Ave to East of Dolphin Road	Landscape development	\$0.26	1
0163-01-061	SH 31	I-45 to 1.6 miles East of FM 3096	Full depth concrete repair, level-up and overlay	\$16.12	2
0581-01-136	LP 12	Bonnie View Road to I-45	Concrete full depth repair	\$0.14	3
0642-05-023	FM 986	Town North Dr in Terrell to CR 326 (Near Hunt C/L)	Provide additional paved surface width	\$5.37	4

Total \$21.89

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

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (M)	
0619-01-022	FM 6	SH 78 to Hunt County Line	Base Repair and Overlay	05/17/13	\$4.38	1
1014-04-012	FM 1777	SH 66 to FM 6	Base Repair and Overlay	05/17/13	\$1.58	2
1311-01-051	FM 1171	Shiloh Rd. to Garden Rd. in Flower Mound	Landscape Development	04/30/13	\$0.63	3
0197-01-011	SH 352	Ash Ln. to Spring Ave.	Full Depth Concrete Repair	05/06/13	\$0.17	4
0442-02-151	I-35E	Beckley Ave. to Colorado Blvd.	Full Depth Repair, Overlay of FRTG RDS & Ramps	05/23/13	\$0.69	5
0918-45-816	CS	On Gus Thomasson frontage road Town East to N. Mesquite	Right Turn Ln, Sidewalk, ADA Ramps & Signal	05/16/13	\$0.35	6
1139-01-042	FM 813	FM 983 to FM 878	Add 3 Foot Paved Shoulders	05/08/13	\$4.66	7

Total \$12.46

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SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts at left and show projects that have let in May are projected to let in June 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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