

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¢

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¢

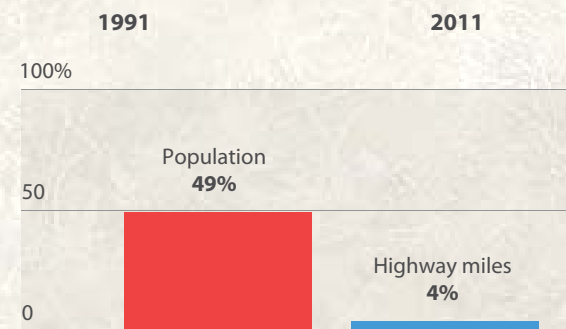
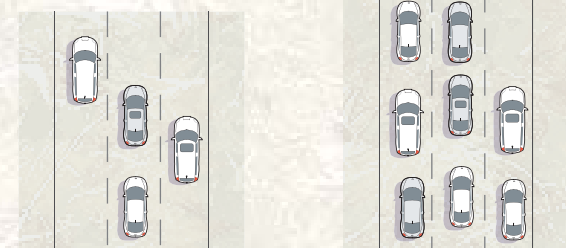
Texas Transit 1.4¢

Texas Highways 20.4¢

ROAD CAPACITY HASN'T KEPT PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH

76,843 (highway miles)

79,994 (highway miles)

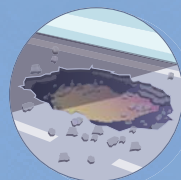


SOURCE: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau. TxDOT graphic



KUDOS! — From Steve R. of Royse City, TX (regarding a traffic signal): "I would like to thank who ever fixed the light at SH 205 and SH 78 in Lavon TX, I reported it a while back and nothing was done (they told me there was no problem.) I'm glad to see it was working when I got back from vacation."

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DRUNK DRIVING: A REALITY CHECK

Guided by our commitment to safe roadways, throughout the month of July, TxDOT will host **Faces of Drunk Driving** events across the state at which safety advocates, law enforcement and victims of drunk driving will share their stories in front of 1,170 Texas flags, representing the number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes in Texas last year. More than 9,400 people also were seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2012.

In an effort to save lives and prevent roadway crashes over the extended Fourth of July weekend, the Texas Department of Transportation introduced its **Faces of Drunk Driving** safety campaign to urge motorists to be smart and drive sober. Like



This international award-winning website features true stories of drunk driving victims. Since the site went live in 2010, more than 309,600 visitors have looked at their photographs and watched their videos. To experience these powerful and moving stories, please visit the website at FacesofDrunkDriving.com.

all holidays, Independence Day ranks among the deadliest times on our roadways, and last year was no exception with 133 alcohol-related crashes in Texas. For information about finding a sober ride home from any event, visit www.soberrides.org.

birthday). Also sharing their story is the family of Aaron Pennywell, 20, who was killed by a drunk driver two years ago in Cypress. These stories, along with those of more than a dozen others impacted by drunk driving, can be found at FacesofDrunkDriving.com.

2012 ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASHES, SERIOUS INJURIES AND DEATHS

City	Crashes	Serious Injuries	Deaths
Austin	1,422	544	33
Dallas	1,379	432	59
El Paso	728	211	15
Fort Worth	619	220	23
Houston	1,670	456	111
Rio Grande Valley/Laredo*	1,517	509	50
San Antonio	2,002	493	56

*16-county region.
SOURCE: TxDOT and Texas Peace Officer's Crash Reports (CR-3). TxDOT graphic

"On average, there is an alcohol-related traffic crash in Texas every 20 minutes," said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. "Drunk driving crashes are 100 percent preventable and so is the pain that comes with each one."

Helping TxDOT deliver this sobering message is 9-year-old Xitclalli "Chilli" Vasquez, who was paralyzed from the chest down after being hit by a drunk driver in Fort Worth on July 9, 2011 (just three days before her eighth

"If the possibility of killing yourself or someone else isn't a good enough reason to not drink and drive, you should know that being arrested for DWI also has longstanding, negative consequences," Wilson said. "DWI penalties include jail time, a suspended driver's license and as much as \$17,000 or more in fines, legal fees and other expenses. You and your family can't afford it, so be smart and safe while celebrating the holiday."

Do yourself and others a favor, don't drink and drive! ■

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JUNE 2013 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	Bid (M)	(%)	Contractor	
0009-11-228	I-30	West of Winslow Ave. to East of Dolphin Rd.	Landscape development	\$0.26	\$0.23	-13.00	All Around Lawn Care, Inc.	1
0163-01-061	SH 31	I-45 to 1.6 miles East of FM 3096	Full depth concrete repair, level-up and overlay	\$15.39	\$11.56	-24.87	Big Creek Construction, Ltd.	2
0581-01-136	LP 12	Bonnie View Rd. to I-45	Concrete full depth repair	\$0.13	\$0.11	-8.69	O. Trevino Construction, LLC	3
0642-05-023	FM 986	Town North Dr. in Terrell to CR 326 (Near Hunt C/L)	Provide additional paved surface width	\$4.93	\$3.87	-21.54	D. L. Lennon Incorporated-contractor	4
June 2013 total				\$20.71	\$15.77	-23.83		
District FY Accumulative Lettings				\$1,007.30	\$997.04	-1.02		
Dallas District letting cap				\$1,240.81				

** 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

JULY 2013 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (Subject to change)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Est. (M)	
0009-12-078	I-30	At FM 551	Reconstruct FM 551 at I-30 interchange	\$26.81	1
0092-07-045	SH 356	Eastbound overpass at the TRE Railroad	Rehabilitate bridge	\$0.29	2
0162-09-035	FM 709	Waco St. near Dawson to 0.7 mile north of FM 2555	Provide additional paved surface width	\$5.10	3
0195-02-066	I-35	I-35 at FM 455 to and FM 1378 at FM 3286	Rehabilitation of traffic signals	\$0.30	4
0364-02-017	SH 121	S. of FM 2499 to N. of BS 121H	Construct eight lane freeway with frontage roads	\$60.60	5
0718-01-051	FM 156	South Hickory Creek to 0.1 MI North of FM 2450	Add 10' shoulders and rehab; replace bridges	\$7.61	6
1159-02-031	FM 879	At Branch of Mustang Creek	Replace bridge and approaches	\$0.94	7
2374-03-081	I-20	West of US 67 to east of I-45	Landscape development	\$0.45	8
2374-04-072	I-20	Tarrant County Line to east of Carrier Parkway	Full depth repair, mill and inlay of mainlanes	\$2.68	9
2679-03-012	FM 2514	Lavon Parkway to Brown St.	Base repair and overlay	\$1.07	10
Total				\$105.85	

COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (From June 1 – 30, 2013)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (M)	
0135-05-023	US 380	Floyd Rd. to Hunt County Line	Widen 2 to 4-lane divided roadway	6/26/13	\$16.56	1
0009-11-210	I-30	Interchange @ Pres George Bush Tollway	Const. Interchange with tollway	6/13/13	\$179.98	2
3000-01-021	SP 408	I-20 to LP 12	Full depth concrete repair	6/12/13	\$3.88	3
0718-01-052	FM 156	FM 2450 to I-35	Add 10' shoulders	6/18/13	\$4.15	4
0172-05-108	US 287	Sardis St. to Parks School House Road	Repair base and overlay	6/21/13	\$5.28	5
0918-00-172*	VA	Dallas District	Small sign refurbishing	6/12/13	\$0.35	
0918-18-102*	VA	Various Locations in Navarro County	Upgrade select intersections to ADA standards	6/28/13	\$2.03	
Total					\$212.23	

*Unmapped.

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

TxDOT graphic

DISTRICT PROJECTS

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

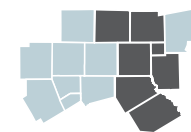
*Population estimate: **152,580**

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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