

# FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



DFW High-Speed Rail Public Meeting in Arlington

## MAINTAIN *a safe system*

As one of its goals, TxDOT is committed to reducing fatalities.

In 2014, there were **3,471** deaths on Texas roads. Of those fatalities:

**13 percent** were related to distracted driving

**27 percent** were related to DUI-Alcohol

**28 percent** were related to no seat belt use

TxDOT remains focused on reducing highway fatalities in 2015.

Source: Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report, Jan. 2015

### **Jordan Honored as Road Hand**

Fort Worth City Councilman and Regional Transportation Council board member Jungus Jordan was recognized in December as a TxDOT Road Hand. A long-time supporter of transportation, Jordan worked closely with TxDOT and the North Texas Tollway Authority to deliver the \$1.4 billion Chisholm Trail Parkway, which opened in 2014, and SH 360 south of I-20, which is scheduled to begin this year. He has also been a strong advocate of public-private partnerships such as the DFW Connector, LBJ Express, and the North Tarrant Express.

### **Environmental Speed Limits**

Based on the 2010 EPA air quality model, environmental speed limits are being lifted in the Metroplex. The new model shows less sensitivity to speed reductions in relation to reducing emissions and takes into account the cleaner, more fuel efficient vehicles on today's roadways. Using the 85th percentile method, various roadways will now have higher speed limits. These changes will provide North Texas motorists consistent speed limits, especially on interstate corridors. The signs are scheduled to be posted by this summer.

### **Reason Foundation**

Texas has been recognized outside the state as having one of the best-performing highway systems for the money spent per mile. According to the Reason Foundation's 21st Annual Report on The Performance of State Highway Systems, Texas claims the spotlight as the top state with the lowest administrative costs per mile out of the 10 largest states. Additionally, Texas was ranked 11th for its highway system's overall performance, despite its higher population.

 [reason.org](http://reason.org) • highway report

### **Don't Mess With Texas**

Keep Texas Beautiful and Don't mess with Texas are encouraging Texas elementary school students across Texas to break out their crayons and paintbrushes in a crusade to keep Texas roadways clean and litter-free. The Don't mess with Texas Elementary School Art Contest, sponsored by H-E-B and Central Market, is looking for the next winning artwork for the 2016 Don't mess with Texas calendar. Students must submit their artwork by April 18. The winning students and their teachers can win prizes and statewide recognition.

 [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org)

# PARTNERS *in construction*

## AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
JAN	US 81	Alvord to Montague County Line Wise County	Add shoulders and pavement overlay	\$3.8	\$3.3	-12.0
	US 81/287	Various locations, Wise County	Intersection improvements	\$5.7	\$5.0	-11.5

## PROJECTED PROJECTS

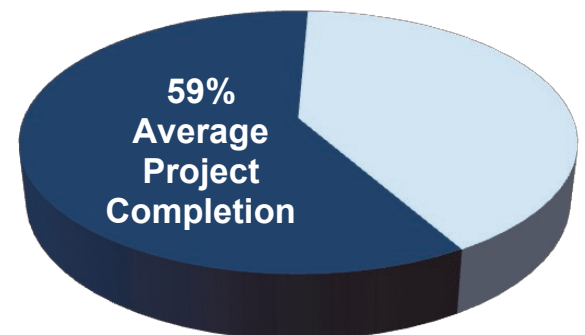
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
FEB	I-30	Horne St to Las Vegas Trail	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$5.2
	S Stewart St	At Ash Creek, Azle	Bridge replacement	\$1.1
	Various roadways	Various locations, Parker County	Bridge replacements	\$3.0
	FM 914	FM 847 to SH 6, Erath County	Add shoulders	\$3.3
MAR	US 281	SH 108 to FM 8, Erath County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.3
	SH 174	Fox Run Rd to Hill County Line, Johnson County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$2.7
	US 377	RM 2871 to Tiger Trail, Benbrook	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$2.9
	SH 114	Loop 373 to FM 51, Wise County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$3.3



### \$408 M PROPOSED LETTING



### FY 2015 CONSTRUCTION\*



**TOTAL CONTRACTS \$824 M**

*\*does not include CDAs, Chisholm Trail or pass-throughs*

**T**xDOT and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) are developing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for possible high-speed rail connecting the Dallas and Fort Worth areas.

To assist TxDOT in advancing this study, the Texas Transportation Commission established a high-speed rail commission for the Dallas/Fort Worth region in January 2014 to advise on the proposed development of inter-city rail corridors, new transportation policies, and funding and procurement strategies related to the implementation of a proposed high-speed rail.

This project presents an innovative opportunity for the state given continued population growth and the increasing congestion on highways and at major airports as part of an interconnected and multimodal transportation system vision.

Funding for the environmental study comes from the April 2011 U.S. High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail program grant; however, there is no funding for construction at this time.

TxDOT, FRA and NCTCOG are

committed to ongoing public outreach throughout this project. The first series of public meetings drew more than 300 attendees in Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington in November 2014.



## COMMISSION FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL

DALLAS/FORT WORTH

[dfwhighspeedrail.com](http://dfwhighspeedrail.com)

## Project Study Area

## Dallas / Fort Worth Core Express Service

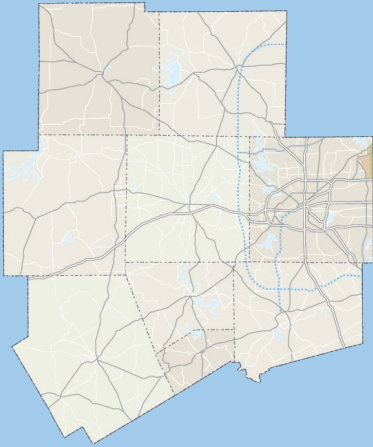


TARRANT COUNTY | DALLAS COUNTY

**LEGEND** █ Interstate 30 Route █ Trinity Rail Express Route

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## Teen Click It or Ticket

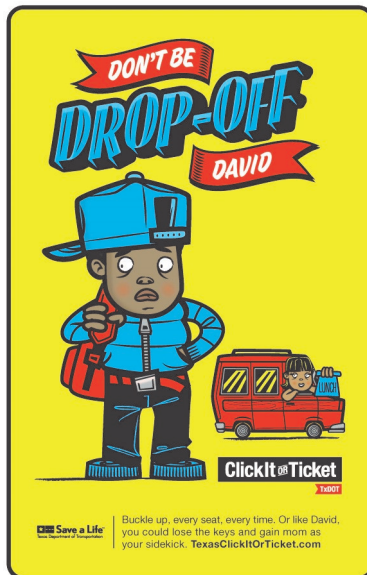
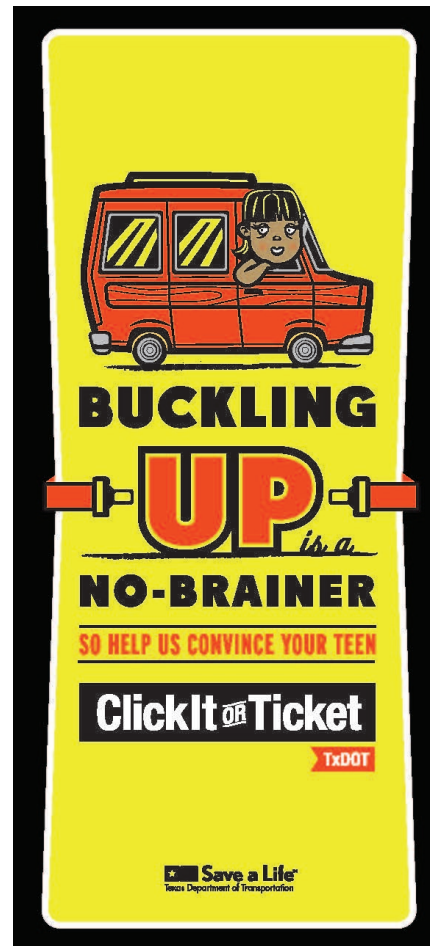
In Texas, teen drivers have the highest incidence of unbuckled fatalities. In 2012, 47 percent of the teen drivers and passengers ages 15-20 killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

It is important that all people in the car "in the front or back seat" remember to buckle up. It is the state law. Drivers not wearing seat belts face fines of up to \$200. Drivers on the Graduated Driver License (GDL) Program could risk license suspension if they receive a seat belt citation.

The Teen Click It or Ticket campaign aims to increase teen seat belt use. Remember, every time you buckle up that seat belt, it is a teachable moment.

### What Parents Can Do





- *Be a role model.* When it comes to buckling up, actions speak louder than words.
- *Make the rules clear.* In Texas, wearing a seat belt is the law for all occupants in the car.
- *Let the risks be known.* Motor vehicle crashes are the number-one killer of teens in America.



 [texasclickitorticket.com](http://texasclickitorticket.com)

## FEDERAL update

Discussions continue on the authorization of the next federal transportation bill. To keep up with its status, visit these sites regularly:

-  [transportation.org](http://transportation.org)
-  [transportation.nationaljournal.com](http://transportation.nationaljournal.com)
-  [trans2group.com](http://trans2group.com)
-  [innobriefs.com](http://innobriefs.com)