

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



Texas Bluebonnets

MAINTAIN *a safe system*

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

In 2013, there were **3,369** deaths on Texas roads. Of those fatalities:

12 percent were related to distracted driving

28 percent were related to no seat belt use

31 percent were related to DUI-Alcohol

SH 360

On March 11, TxDOT issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) for development of the SH 360 toll road project from south of I-20 to U.S. 287. In February, the Texas Transportation Commission approved an agreement with NTTA and the Regional Transportation Council to develop, finance and construct the project. As part of the agreement, TxDOT will loan \$300 million to the project for design and construction. NTTA will operate the toll road and use the revenue collected to repay the loan. Construction on the interim phase could begin in 2015 with completion in 2018.

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U.S. 377 in Benbrook

Construction begins this summer to widen U.S. 377 to a six-lane divided roadway with raised medians from I-20 to Winscott Road in Benbrook. The approximately \$20 million project is estimated for completion in fall 2016.

NCTCOG's 40th Anniversary

In April, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) celebrates its 40th anniversary as the Dallas/Fort Worth region's metropolitan planning organization. TxDOT applauds its partner agency and looks forward to the continued success of this partnership.

Crash Reports

TxDOT has launched a new Web-based Crash Report Online Purchase System that allows the public to immediately access vehicle crash reports. Filed with TxDOT by law enforcement agencies, these reports often are requested by individuals seeking documentation of a crash. Using the new online purchase system, a person can enter the required information, search for the crash report, pay the \$6-\$8 fee online and then download a copy of the report.

 txdot.gov • crash reports

Barnett Shale

As energy exploration and production continue to boost the state's economy, TxDOT reminds drivers to *Be Safe. Drive Smart.* when sharing the road with increased traffic, work crews and heavy, commercial trucks. In 2013, there were 15,590 traffic crashes in the Barnett Shale region. Fatalities increased by 8 percent over the previous year for the 25-county region in North Texas. The leading causes of crashes in the region were failure to control speed and driver inattention. The most crashes occurred around noon and 5 p.m. For tips on driving in energy zones, go to:

 txdot.gov • drive smart

PARTNERS *in construction*

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
MAR	I-20	Ric Williamson Memorial Highway to Spur 312, Parker County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$2.1	\$2.1	-3.7
	FM 1886	FM 730 to the Tarrant County Line	Add shoulders	\$4.8	\$4.8	+1.3
	US 287	Chambers St to Rosedale St	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$2.2	\$2.0	-11.0

PROJECTED PROJECTS

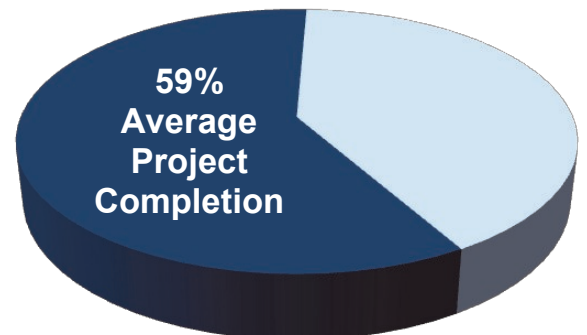
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
APR	SH 6	Dublin to the Comanche County Line, Erath County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.8
	Center St	At I-20, Arlington	Construct new bridge	\$10.8
	US 377	At E Belknap St, Haltom City	Intersection improvements	\$3.8
MAY	US 377	I-20 to Winscott Rd	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$19.6
	SH 199/Bus 287	At Trinity River Bypass	Construct 3 bridges	\$69.7
	FM 1191	US 380 to the Young County Line, Jack County	Add shoulders	\$2.5
	FM 2415	FM 4 to County Rd 401, Johnson County	Add shoulders	\$2.9



\$266 M PROPOSED LETTING



FY 2014 CONSTRUCTION*



TOTAL CONTRACTS \$614 M

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

Chisholm Trail Parkway is scheduled to open in May. The 28-mile toll road extends from west of Fort Worth's business district south to U.S. 67 in Cleburne.

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) began construction on the \$1.4 billion Chisholm Trail Parkway in April 2010 and the project was fully underway by December 2011. TxDOT constructed mobility improvements at the I-20/SH 183 and U.S. 67 interchanges.

Chisholm Trail Parkway is an all-electronic tolling facility where the customer pays a toll from a prepaid credit card-backed account through the TollTag transponder sticker mounted on a vehicle's windshield.

An NTTA TollTag is the least expensive and most convenient way to travel on the Chisholm Trail Parkway and area toll roads. ZipCash users, the NTTA's pay-by-mail customers, pay 50 percent more for tolls reflecting the higher cost of collection.

A new \$20 Starter TollTag is available for infrequent toll road drivers. If a Starter TollTag customer starts driving toll roads more often, the account will be transitioned to a \$40 balance to stay on track with their tolls. TxTags and Houston EZ TAGS also work in Dallas/Fort Worth toll lanes. Review the tolling agency websites for their individual policies.

Toll rate maps and charts are available on the NTTA website including Trip Route Calculator Charts to help drivers determine the total toll charge for a point-to-point route.

To get a TollTag, apply online or visit one of several TollTag retail locations located throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

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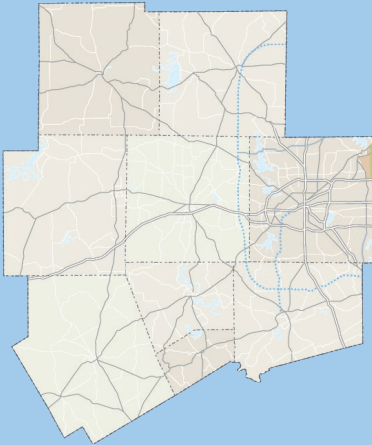
The TCU TollTag will become available in April at no cost online at ntta.org.

The Dallas Cowboys TollTag sells for \$22.99 online at shopcowboys.com.



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Texas Highways magazine celebrates 40th anniversary

Founded as a travel magazine in 1974, *Texas Highways*' mission is to encourage travel to and within the state. According to the Texas Office of the Governor, Texas destinations welcomed 220 million domestic travelers and 8.2 million international travelers in 2012. **Those visitors spent a total of \$65.7 billion; directly supported 568,000 jobs; and generated \$4.4 billion in state and local taxes.**

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, *Texas Highways* is counting down the Top 40 Texas favorite destinations as chosen by its readers. So far this year, four North Texas locations have made the Top 40 list: Glen Rose at No. 35; Dallas/Fort Worth at No. 31; Possum Kingdom Lake at No. 28; and Granbury at No. 25.

Every destination featured in the magazine, whether it made the Top 40 or not, has seen an immediate increase in visitation and sales, following coverage in *Texas Highways*. Today, the publication has 300,000 monthly readers across the United States and around the world.



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The Countdown is on!

Top travel destinations in Texas, as voted on by *Texas Highways* readers:

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| 24. Port Aransas | 33. Marfa |
| 25. Granbury | 34. Amarillo |
| 26. Austin | 35. Glen Rose |
| 27. Lake Fork | 36. Houston |
| 28. Possum Kingdom Lake | 37. Caddo Lake State Park |
| 29. Lockhart | 38. Bastrop |
| 30. Garner State Park | 39. Marble Falls |
| 31. Dallas/Fort Worth | 40. Lubbock |
| 32. Dalhart | |

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