

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



“Talk, Text, Crash” Campaign Launch at Sundance Square Plaza

MAINTAIN *a safe system*

As one of its goals, TxDOT is committed to reducing work zone accidents, injuries and fatalities.

In 2013, there were **17,266** work zone crashes in Texas resulting in:

115 fatalities

3,522 serious injuries

5,570 minor injuries

42 percent were drug, alcohol or distracted driving related

DFW Connector TEXpress Lanes

TxDOT began collecting tolls July 7 on the DFW Connector’s TEXpress lanes. For six months, the single-occupancy passenger vehicle rate will range from 67 cents to \$1 for the entire segment when using a TollTag. At the end of the six-month review period, tolls could fluctuate according to traffic volume and rate of speed. HOV discounts can be obtained by pre-registering at DriveOnTEXpress.com. Part of the \$1.1 billion DFW Connector project completed last year, the TEXpress lanes run parallel to fully reconstructed main lanes and frontage roads from just west of SH 26 to east of International Parkway.

 texpres lanes.com

TxDOT Rated High in Survey

A recent customer service survey by the Texas Legislative Council showed an overall 92 percent satisfaction rate for work performed by TxDOT. Distributed to 6,200 external customers and 19 service areas within the agency, the survey collected feedback on the public’s satisfaction with TxDOT functions including communications, timeliness of service, and staff.

 txdot.gov • customer survey

SH 174 Project Reduces Crashes

In conjunction with the city of Burleson, TxDOT is nearing completion on a \$4 million project that added 2.7 miles of raised curb medians on SH 174. The Burleson Police Department has seen a nearly 40 percent reduction in overall crashes since prior to constructing the raised curb medians. The severity and accidents with injuries have also been reduced along with incapacitating injuries by 67 percent. The project also reconstructed two intersections to make them more accessible to pedestrians. This will help to maintain a safe system for SH 174.

TxDOT College Challenge

TxDOT will launch its second College Challenge in August which provides Texas college and university students the opportunity to compete for prizes and statewide recognition by coming up with innovative solutions to transportation challenges. The Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association will award \$500 grants to each member of the winning student team. Contest guidelines will be available at:

 txdot.gov • college challenge

PARTNERS *in construction*

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
JUNE	FM 167	FM 51 to FM 3450, Hood County	Add shoulders	\$1.9	\$2.1	+7.2
	FM 2738	Lillian to Tarrant County Line, Johnson County	Seal coat	\$1.7	\$1.8	+1.0
	SH 16	SH 337 to SH 254, Palo Pinto County	Pavement repairs and seal coat	\$4.2	\$4.2	-0.4
	FM 1187	FM 5 to US 377, Parker County	Rehabilitate roadway and add shoulders	\$5.4	\$6.8	+26.1

PROJECTED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
AUGUST	Crossland Rd	Moments in Time Phase 2, Granbury	Construct hike and bike trail	\$0.8
	US 380	Jacksboro to Young County Line, Jack County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$3.8
	Joshua Station Blvd	At BNSF Railroad, Joshua	Construct park and ride facility	\$1.5
	FM 916	SH 171 to FM 4, Johnson County	Rehabilitate roadway and add shoulders	\$5.7
	US 281	At Brazos River, Palo Pinto County	Construct new NB bridge; rehab SB bridge	\$6.7
	FM 1187	At I-20, Parker County	Widen bridge to 4 lanes	\$5.0
	FM 51	SH 199 to Wise County Line, Parker County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.1
	FM 1189	Young Bend Rd to Hood County Line Parker County	Add shoulders and pavement overlay	\$5.5
	East Loop I-820	At I-20	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.1
	Business 287	I-20 to Eden Rd, Kennedale	Construct hike and bike trail	\$0.9
	William D. Tate Ave	Western Oaks Dr to 1 mile north of Stone Myers Pkwy, Grapevine	Construct sidewalk	\$0.4
	FM 1938	FM 1709 to Randol Mill Ave Keller and Southlake	Construct 4-lane roadway	\$19.7
	FM 157	At Mitchell St, Arlington	Pavement repairs and traffic signal	\$5.2
	River Park Trailhead	Fort Worth	Construct hike and bike trail	\$1.7
	Rapp Rd	Keller	Construct hike and bike trail	\$0.4
	Various county roads	Jack & Wise Counties	Bridge replacements	\$1.6

Note: The August letting currently includes 21 projects estimated at a total of \$64 million.

The Trinity River Vision is no longer a vision, it is a reality. For several years, work along the Trinity River has been ongoing preparing for this project milestone. The signature bridges are a collaborative effort between the Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA), the city of Fort Worth, TxDOT, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Tarrant County.

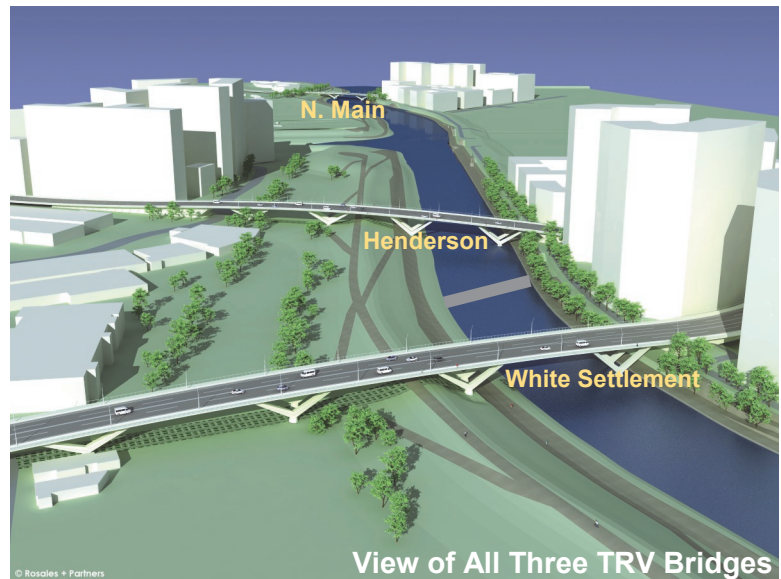
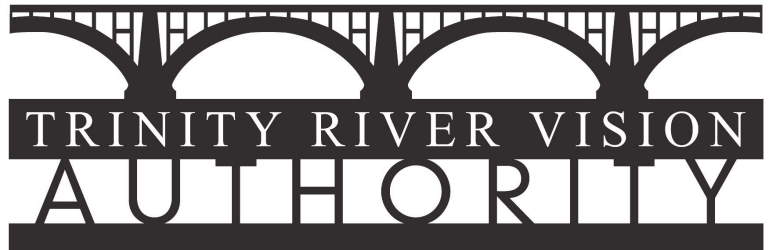
Positioned along the realigned Trinity River, the three signature bridges will begin construction this fall for \$66 million. Serving as the gateways to Panther Island, the bridges will create the foundation for a unique, urban waterfront community. The project includes the use of modern roundabout intersections on Henderson Street and White Settlement Road that will include a sculpture as its centerpiece.

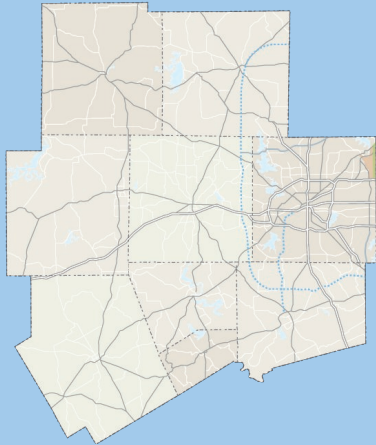
A team of city-led engineers, architects and planners have collaborated with partners from around the community to develop an innovative bridge design that also stays within budget. This project will enhance the area with three unique V-Pier bridges, 10-foot pedestrian-lit sidewalks, bicycle facilities, reduced vehicular traffic delays, enhanced landscaping and enhanced opportunities for future transportation.

During construction, methods have been identified to minimize the impact to traffic. This fall, traffic will be rerouted either on newly constructed detour roads or by utilizing existing streets. On Henderson Street and North Main Street a detour will be in place directly next to the existing roadway to ensure little to no traffic interruption.

The project is scheduled for completion in 2018. The project partners will utilize multiple methods to keep residents and business owners informed including fact sheets and a mobility coordinator. To sign up for e-alerts, go to:

 trinityrivervision.org • trvbridges





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When driving, put your phone away



1 in 5

*Vehicle crashes
in Texas
involve
driver
distraction*

TxDOT's "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign targets safe driving

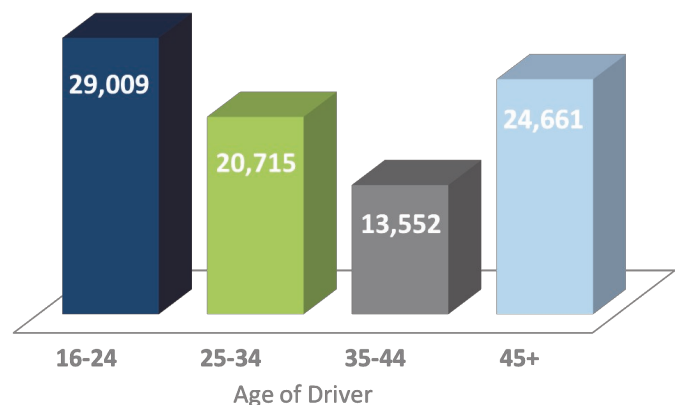
As part of TxDOT's "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign, the agency has hosted events across the state featuring a car-sized, 750-pound crashed phone as the backdrop for guest speakers who offer insight about loved ones they have lost due to talking and texting while driving.

This traffic safety campaign reminds drivers to put away their phones and give the road their full attention. Last year in Texas, more than 19,000 people were seriously injured and 505 people were killed in distracted driving crashes. Overall, driver distractions caused more than 95,000 traffic crashes last year in Texas.

Driving requires 100 percent undivided attention

- Put the phone away—or turn it off—before getting behind the wheel.
- Pull off the road entirely before texting or talking on the phone.
- Tell friends and coworkers you will not respond to calls or texts when driving.
- Use a smartphone app that sends auto-reply texts when you are behind the wheel.





Distracted Driving Crashes, 2013



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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
-  transportation.nationaljournal.com
-  trans2group.com
-  innobriefs.com