

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



West 7th Street Bridge Ribbon Cutting

MAINTAIN *a safe system*

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

TxDOT reminds drivers to stay alert and obey traffic laws.

13 years of daily roadway fatalities since Nov. 7, 2000

45,000 people have been killed on Texas roadways since Nov. 7, 2000

Barth Named District Engineer

On Nov. 1, Brian Barth, P.E., was promoted to Fort Worth District Engineer. Barth will oversee planning, designing, building, operation and maintenance for the Fort Worth District in his new role. He has served as the Fort Worth District's deputy district engineer since 2009. As deputy district engineer, Barth provided joint oversight and development of over \$6 billion in improvements for the DFW Connector, North Tarrant Express, I-35W, SH 360, I-30, Chisholm Trail Parkway and all other aspects of construction and maintenance.

SH 121

As part of the SH 121/Chisholm Trail Parkway project, the I-20 eastbound exit ramp to River Ranch Boulevard opened in southwest Fort Worth on Nov. 11. This new exit now provides motorists with enhanced access between Bryant Irvin Road and South Hulen Street in time for the holiday season. The new exit ramp complements the I-20 eastbound entrance ramp to River Ranch Boulevard that opened earlier this year. The \$117 million access improvement project has constructed several new bridges, access ramps and new Chisholm Trail Parkway frontage roads as well as lowered and rebuilt the SH 183 main lanes.

Safety Projects

The Fort Worth District will add shoulders to 44 centerline miles of highway in 2014 as part of TxDOT's safety initiative to reduce collisions and save lives. Highways soon under construction are FM 1220 in Tarrant County; FM 2331 in Johnson County; FM 1886 and FM 3325 in Parker County; FM 51 in Somervell County; and FM 718 and FM 920 in Wise County for \$31 million. Fatalities on two-lane highways were reduced by 60 percent in recent years as TxDOT widened and added shoulders to over 1,000 miles of rural highways.

Dublin Loop

Construction began in November on the second half of the Dublin Loop from SH 6 to U.S. 67. The first half of the loop is estimated for completion in spring 2014 with the second half estimated to open in summer 2015 at a total construction cost of \$21 million.

Business 81 in Decatur

Construction begins this winter on a four-lane overpass on Business 81 at U.S. 81/287 in Decatur. The \$12 million project is estimated for completion in fall 2015.

PARTNERS *in construction*

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
OCT	US 67	At County Rd 810, Alvarado	Traffic signal	\$0.1	\$0.1	-3.1
	Various roadways	Tarrant County	Construct curb ramps	\$1.8	\$1.8	+3.0
	Various roadways	Districtwide	Seal coat	\$8.3	\$7.0	-15.7
NOV	US 281	At Brazos River, Palo Pinto County	Bridge repairs	\$0.4	\$0.5	+14.8

PROJECTED PROJECTS

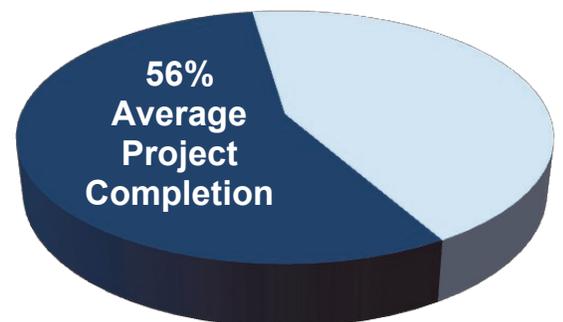
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
DEC	Squaw Mountain Rd	At Trinity River, Jack County	Bridge replacement	\$0.4
JAN	US 67	FM 2331 to Somervell County Line, Johnson County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$3.6
	RM 2871	US 377 to UP Railroad, Benbrook	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$2.2
	FM 1709	At US 377	Intersection improvements	\$0.9
FEB	I-30	I-820 to Cooper St	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$5.2
	US 377	I-820 to Winscott Rd, Benbrook	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$15.6



\$231 M PROPOSED LETTING



FY 2014 CONSTRUCTION*



TOTAL CONTRACTS \$603 M

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

Under an autumn moon on Nov. 15, Fort Worth celebrated the opening of the West 7th Street bridge, and Mayor Betsy Price flipped the switch to light up the city's new architectural landmark.

Walking on the newly illuminated bridge and sampling gourmet food from some of the city's finest chefs, over 700 people celebrated and danced to the music of Johnny Reno and the Lounge Kings. Then at 10 p.m., a fireworks finale burst into the sky, colorfully reflected off the Trinity River and cityscape.

The world's first pre-cast network arch bridge is the culmination of a decade of planning and coordination between TxDOT, Fort Worth business leaders, Historic Fort Worth, and Streams & Valleys.

In an historic effort, the arches and other bridge pieces were designed in a 3-D computer model and built on the banks of the Trinity River before being transported and set on columns located beside the old bridge before it was removed. After only four months, the bridge was reopened to traffic.

The brainchild of TxDOT Design Engineer Dean Van Landuyt, the \$26 million West 7th Street bridge features lighted arches that rise more than 20 feet above the roadway, making it architecturally interesting and a natural fit for this popular thoroughfare connecting Downtown and the Cultural District.

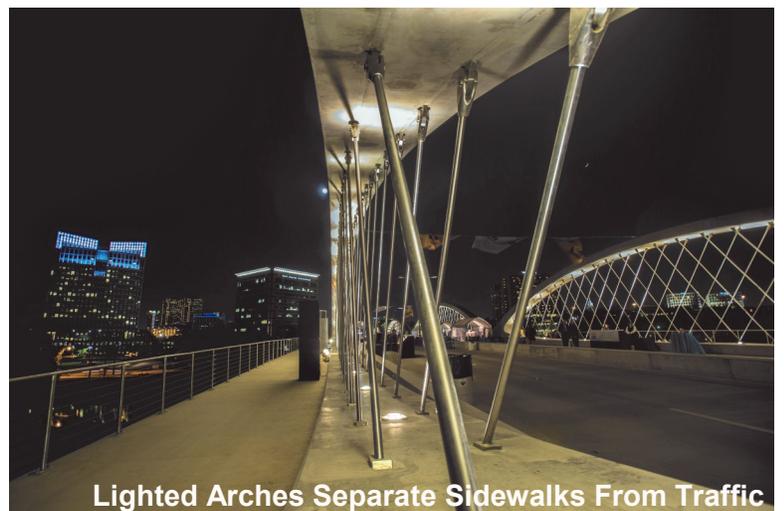
The next day, the celebration continued with a parade over the bridge which included the Fort Worth longhorn herd, horses and classic cars. In tribute to the bridge's pedestrian and bicycle paths, Mayor Price arrived by pedicab to cut the ribbon.

"This has resulted in a state-of-the-art improvement to our infrastructure and a landmark gateway," said Mayor Price. "It's going to be a beautiful asset for the city."

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Fireworks Burst Over the West 7th Street Bridge



Lighted Arches Separate Sidewalks From Traffic



Tarrant . Johnson
Parker . Wise . Hood
Erath . Palo Pinto
Jack . Somervell



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Pledge to ride sober

The daily death toll from drunk driving crashes during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period is significantly higher than during the rest of the year. **Traffic crashes always increase during holiday periods, especially in December.**

During last year's Christmas and New Year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2012 to Jan. 1, 2013), there were 776 DWI-alcohol traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 239 serious injuries and 78 fatalities, a 21.8 percent increase in fatalities compared with the prior Christmas and New Year's holiday season.

A DWI can cost you up to

\$17,000

HERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU COULD PURCHASE INSTEAD

- 1 GETTING A TREE FOR CHRISTMAS?**
YOU COULD BUY **354** REAL CHRISTMAS TREES
-OR- **170** ARTIFICIAL TREES¹
- 2 GOING HOME TO SEE THE FAMILY?**
Airfare from **HOUSTON TO AMARILLO** could cost about **\$300**
You could bring **-53-** of your friends home to enjoy MOM'S FAMOUS PECAN PIE.²
- 3 SPREAD THE HOLIDAY CHEER**
by decorating for and hosting a holiday party at **84 homes.**³
- 4 THERE MIGHT NOT BE A MORE FUN WINTER TIME ACTIVITY THAN SLEDDING.**
You could buy a Flexible Flyer Sled FOR **185 KIDS!**⁴
- 5 HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY ACROSS THE COUNTRY?**
YOU COULD BUY ENOUGH **CARDS AND STAMPS** to send holiday greetings to **13,255 people!**⁵
- 6 31 adults** could give gifts to people on their **HOLIDAY LIST.**⁶
- 7 ICE SKATING IS \$15 for admission & skate rental.**
YOU AND **1,133** of your closest friends could go skating.⁷
- 8 HELP YOUR CHILD BE THE COOL KID ON THE BLOCK** with a top toy this year. YOU COULD BUY **314 FURBYS** -or- **566 CABBAGE PATCH KID DOLLS.**⁸

¹ Christmas Tree Association

³ Christmas Tree Association

⁵ Wal-Mart

⁷ Ice at The Galleria

² American Airlines

⁴ Amazon

⁶ National Retail Federation

⁸ Toys R Us

