

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



DFW Connector Milestone Event

ENHANCE *our safety*

As one of its goals, TxDOT is working to reduce motor vehicle traffic fatalities in Texas through safety initiatives and education.

Thanks in part to these efforts, Texas has experienced a significant decline in traffic fatalities:

21 percent fewer overall traffic deaths since 2003

19 percent fewer motorcycle traffic deaths since 2008

DFW Connector Milestone

The \$1 billion DFW Connector project recently surpassed the halfway mark, with local, state and federal officials celebrating the milestone. The celebration included a ribbon cutting for the substantial completion of the Main Street bridge. The 8.4-mile project is slated for completion in 2014.

 dfwconnector.com

I-35W

The public hearing for I-35W from I-820 to SH 114 was held Dec. 15 in Roanoke, with a second hearing for the south segment from I-820 to I-30 expected in summer 2012. The corridor is being environmentally cleared for the ultimate configuration which will include up to eight main lanes, plus four to six managed toll lanes. TxDOT applied for a TIGER III TIFIA loan for a North Tarrant Express project that would rebuild the first 10 miles to double its capacity. If all milestones are reached, this interim project could open by 2017.

Mission to Modernize

Based on input from the independent audit firm of Grant Thornton and the Texas Transportation Commission-created Restructure Council, new TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson is implementing 37

modernization projects to make TxDOT more accountable, transparent and collaborative with its employees and stakeholders. The Modernization Plan will serve as TxDOT's road map for the initiative.

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Moncrief Honored as Road Hand

Mike Moncrief was recognized in December as a TxDOT Road Hand for his strong support of transportation during his 30 years of public service. As Fort Worth mayor, he was an advocate of public-private partnerships including the North Tarrant Express and the DFW Connector, and his commitment to advance Chisholm Trail Parkway cleared the way for the North Texas Tollway Authority to begin construction.

Texas Transportation Forum

The seventh annual Texas Transportation Forum in San Antonio Feb. 15-17 will feature a number of notable speakers and expert panelists discussing a range of issues from the *New TxDOT* to *Solving the Transportation Funding Dilemma*. To register, go to:

 texastransportationforum.com

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AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
JANUARY	FM 1189	At Rocky Branch, Hood County	Replace culvert	\$0.2	\$0.1	-9.2
	SH 26	FM 1938 to John McCain Rd	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$4.2	\$4.2	+1.9
	S Stewart St	At Ash Creek, Azle	Replace bridge	\$0.8	\$0.8	+1.3

PROJECTED PROJECTS

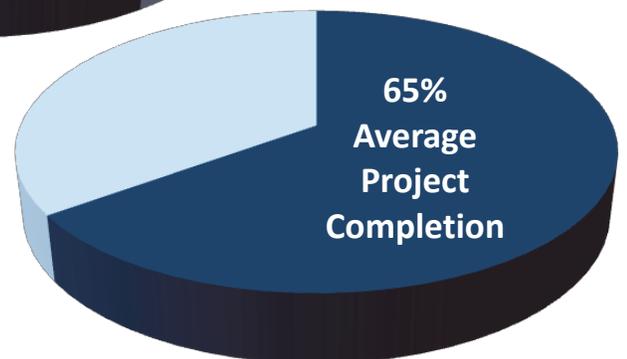
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
FEB	US 180	SH 337 to Brazos River Bridge Palo Pinto County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$0.5
	SH 121	At Haltom Rd, Haltom City	Landscaping	\$0.1
MAR	FM 2738	FM 917 to US 67, Johnson County	Add shoulders	\$2.5
	SH 199	FM 730 to FM 51, Parker County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$9.2
	FM 51	Western Loop to US 180, Parker County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$0.9
APR	I-20	AT FM 5, Parker County	Relocate westbound exit ramp	\$2.0
	Business 67	US 67 to Pendell St, Johnson County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.8



\$161 M PROPOSED LETTING



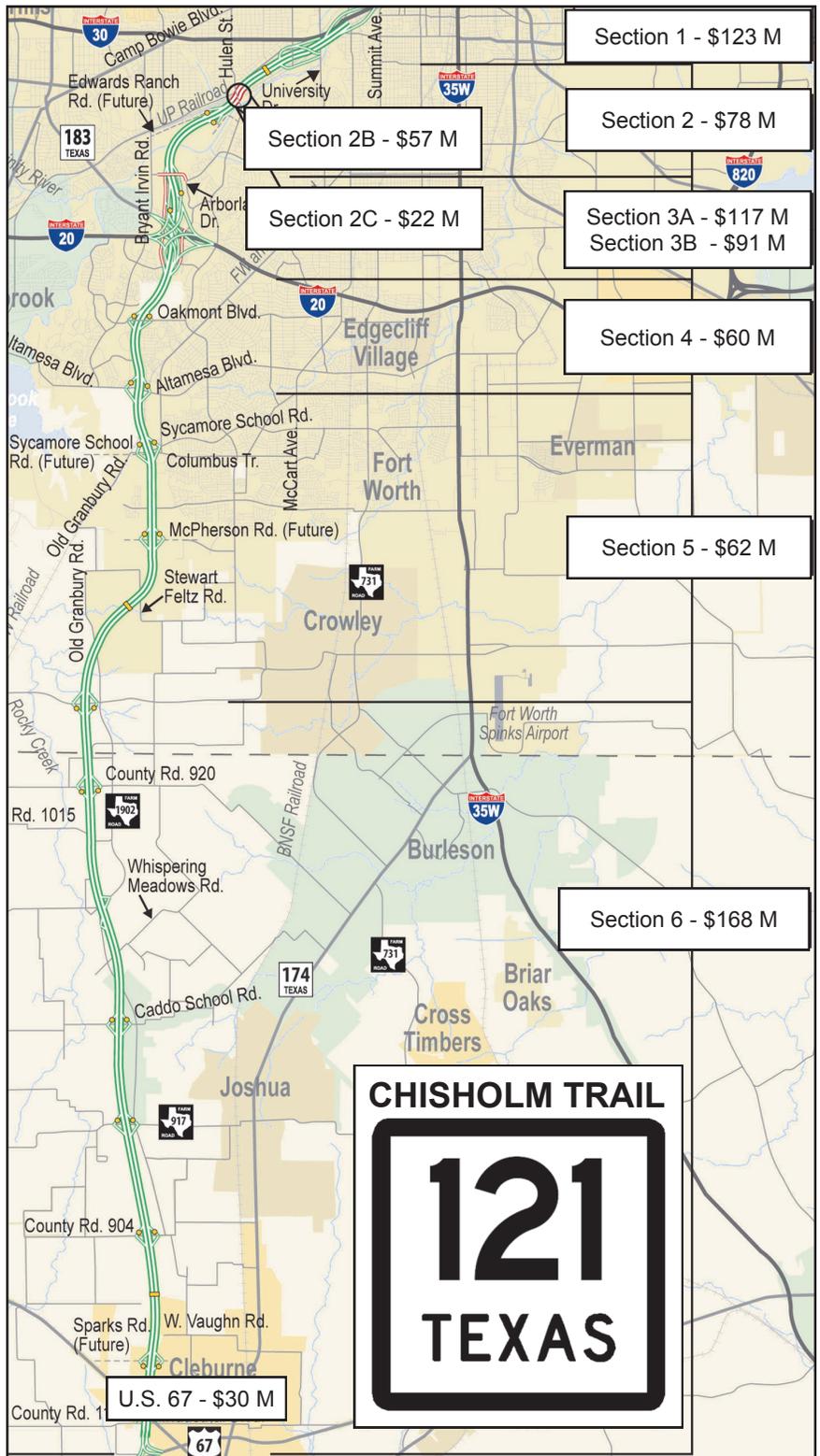
FY 2012 CONSTRUCTION*



TOTAL CONTRACTS \$648 M

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

After a groundbreaking in December, construction is under way on the \$1.4 billion Chisholm Trail Parkway. The 28-mile toll road will offer a continuous route from Fort Worth to Cleburne. Slated to open in 2014, it is being built in 10 contracts as a partnership between the North Texas Tollway Authority, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, TxDOT, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Tarrant and Johnson Counties and the cities of Fort Worth, Cleburne, and Burleson.



Section 1 (I-30 to Rogers Rd)
I-30 interchange and new lanes
Contractor: Williams Brothers Construction

Section 2 (Rogers Rd to Arborlawn Dr)
New lanes and north gantry
Contractor: Webber

Sections 2B and 2C
Union Pacific rail yard, Hulen Street bridge and Rosedale Street connectors
Contractor: Austin Bridge and Road

Section 3A
Mobility improvements at I-20/SH 183
Contractor: Webber

Section 3B (Arborlawn Dr to Overton Ridge Blvd)
I-20/SH 183 interchange and new lanes
Contractor: Texas Sterling Construction

Section 4 (Overton Ridge Blvd to Altamesa Blvd)
New lanes
Contractor: SEMA Construction

Section 5 (Altamesa Blvd to FM 1187)
New lanes and gantry
Contractor: Texas Sterling Construction

Section 6 (FM 1187 to U.S. 67)
New lanes and south gantry
Contractor: Granite Construction

U.S. 67
Mobility improvements
Contractors: Ed Bell Construction and APAC-Texas

*Construction costs for Sections 1-5 and U.S. 67; design-build cost for Section 6.



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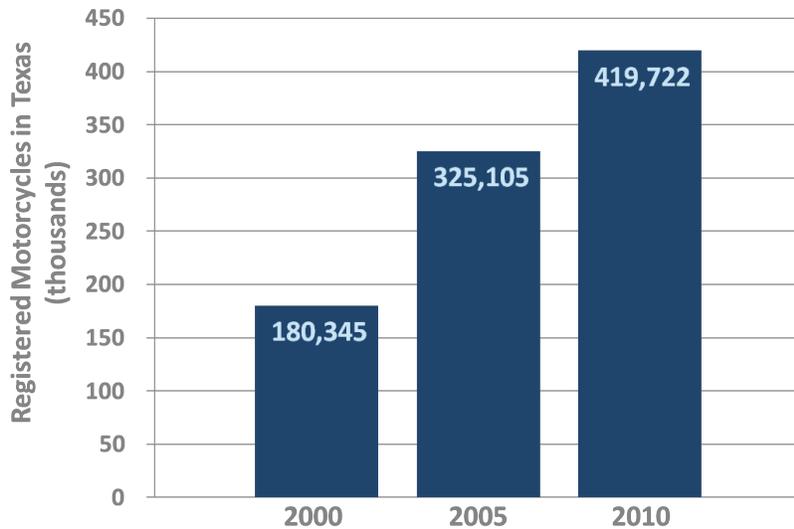
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Share the Road

Although motorcycle traffic deaths are declining in Texas, 429 motorcyclists were killed in 2010, accounting for 14 percent of the state's traffic deaths. TxDOT's statewide *Share the Road* campaign urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles at intersections and when changing lanes, the two places where serious motorcycle collisions commonly occur. Because motorcycles have a much smaller profile than other vehicles, it can be difficult for drivers to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.

The Texas Transportation Institute's Center for Transportation Safety estimates that the state's motorcycle death toll could double by 2015. Triggered by the rising cost of gasoline, the number of motorcycles on Texas roadways has more than doubled to 419,722 in the last decade and is expected to double again in the next four years.



Look twice for motorcycles – because seeing them is saving them.

Do a Double Take: Look twice for motorcyclists at intersections.

Be Respectful: A motorcycle has all of the rights and privileges of any other vehicle.

Give Them Space: Don't follow a motorcycle too closely. A motorcyclist's riding patterns are different from vehicle patterns.

Anticipate Next Steps: Obstructions that you do not notice could prove to be deadly for a motorcyclist. Give motorcyclists plenty of space to react.

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FEDERAL *update*

The SAFETEA-LU bill, which expired on Sept. 30, 2009, is currently operating under an extension through March 31, 2012. The extension funds the first six months of FY 2012 under the original bill's apportionment.

To keep up with the status of the federal transportation bill, visit these sites regularly.

 transportation.org

 transportation.nationaljournal.com

 trans2group.com

 innobriefs.com

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*of motorcycle
crashes injure
or kill the
motorcyclist*