

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



Fort Worth Groundbreaking at Future SH 121

ENHANCE our safety

As one of TxDOT's goals, here are just a few ways the Fort Worth District and its regional partners have worked to enhance safety from 2005 to 2010:

\$10 million for 68 traffic signals

\$18 million for 117 miles of median barrier

\$49 million for 51 safety bond projects

Texas Completes ARRA Obligation

TxDOT and the Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations have now obligated all of the \$2.25 billion Texas received for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) transportation projects. The TxDOT Fort Worth District received and obligated \$443 million: \$43 million for 35 maintenance projects, \$6 million for three hike and bike trails, \$144 million for SH 121 Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail (MPO allocation) and \$250 million for the DFW Connector. Through the end of 2009, Texas transportation contractors reported more than 2 million payroll hours for workers working on projects funded with ARRA dollars. This translates to approximately 4,000 full-time employees.

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Texas Transportation Plan

The Fort Worth District will hold open house public meetings for the statewide Texas Transportation Plan at its regional training center from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 6 and Aug. 3. Updated every five years, it is the blueprint for a multimodal, statewide, transportation system. Citizens

will have an opportunity to review the plan and express their vision for transportation in Texas. A public hearing will then be held on Oct. 6 in Austin. The plan will be the backbone of the state's transportation planning activities for the next 25 years and will not allow TxDOT to commit to more than the available funding resources.

 txdot.gov • transportation plan 2035

FM 1938

Construction begins this spring to extend Farm to Market Road 1938 along the existing routes of Randol Mill Road and Precinct Line Road. The first phase will construct a four to six-lane divided highway from SH 114 to the Westlake/Keller city limits for \$15 million. The second phase from the city limits to Farm to Market Road 1709 is presently being developed. The Texas Transportation Commission approved the new highway designation after a successful partnership with Tarrant County and the cities along the route funded the design, right of way and utility adjustments.

PARTNERS *in construction*

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Underrun (%)
MARCH	US 67	Business 67 to east of FM 4	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	\$18.2	\$17.5	-3.9
	US 287	Walnut Creek Dr to Broad St Mansfield	Construct frontage roads	\$12.9	\$10.8	-16.2
	Business 287	Bailey-Boswell Rd to Bonds Ranch Rd	Median barrier	\$0.9	\$0.6	-34.4
	FM 1709	US 377 to SH 114	Intersection improvements	\$4.0	\$3.8	-3.0
	FM 1187	Newt Patterson Rd to Business 287 Mansfield	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	\$10.2	\$6.9	-28.1

PROJECTED PROJECTS

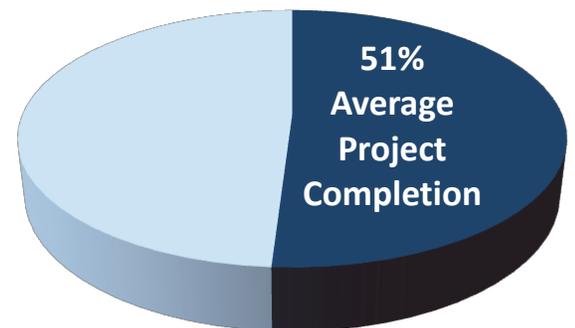
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
APRIL	Various roadways	Hood, Jack, Parker and Tarrant Counties	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$7.1
MAY	Business 287 (North Main St)	At the Trinity River	Bridge rehabilitation	\$4.6
	SH 199	Denver Trail to Hangar Cut-Off	Upgrade main lanes	\$9.6



\$311 M PROPOSED LETTING



FY 2010 CONSTRUCTION*



TOTAL CONTRACTS \$668 M

**does not include CDAs*

After recent groundbreakings in Fort Worth and Cleburne, initial construction is beginning along the SH 121 Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail corridor. The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) is starting a project at the Union Pacific Railroad to accommodate the future estimated \$1.7 billion roadway, while TxDOT is overseeing construction for \$144 million in mobility improvements at I-20/SH 183 in Fort Worth and U.S. 67 in Cleburne.

After reaching an initial agreement with TxDOT in February, NTTA will take the preliminary steps to build the 28-mile Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail toll road.

Both the Tarrant and Johnson County portions of SH 121 were initially cleared through the environmental process. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, environmental reevaluations are required of the projects to address any modifications such as adding electronic tolling or changing the construction phasing. The reevaluation in Tarrant County was completed in 2009. The reevaluation in Johnson County will be complete later this year.

SH 121 is moving forward thanks to a partnership between TxDOT, NTTA, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Tarrant and Johnson Counties and the cities of Fort Worth, Cleburne, Joshua and Burleson.

Ultimately, the SH 121/Southwest Parkway project will be a four to six-lane divided toll road from Fort Worth to Cleburne. Initially, the Chisholm Trail project will build a two-lane roadway with passing lanes.

 txdot.gov • Southwest Parkway
Chisholm Trail



Cleburne Groundbreaking



SH 183 Will Be Lowered at Future SH 121

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Traffic Fatalities Reach Record Low

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that national traffic fatalities continued to decrease in 2009. The preliminary highway death count of 33,963 represents the lowest national total since 1954. Texas traffic fatalities were 2,984, down from 3,468 the previous year.

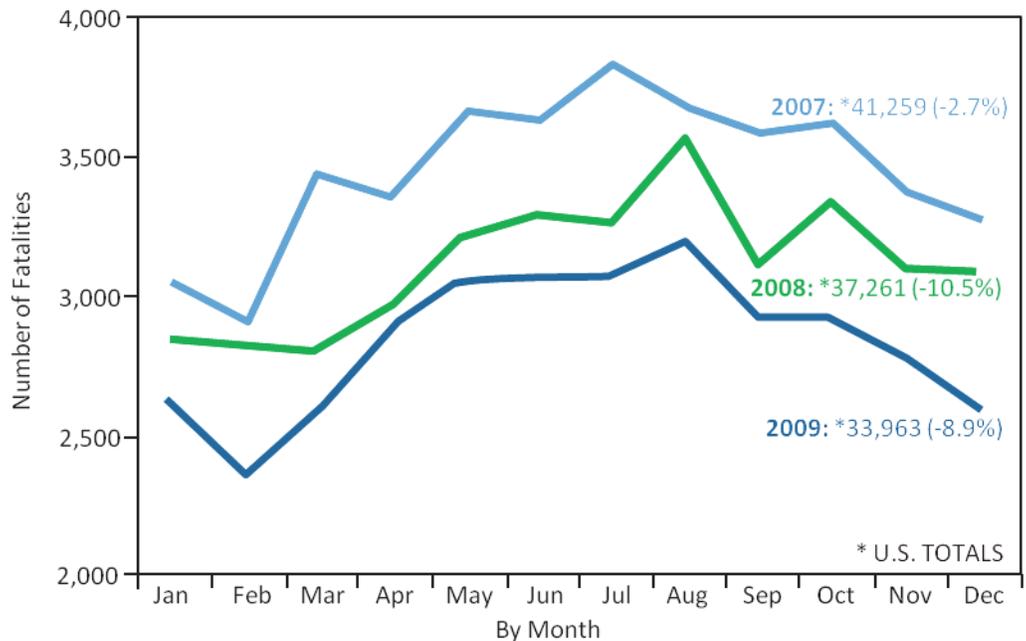
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) attributes the decline to the four E's: law enforcement, engineering, education and emergency response. High visibility campaigns like *Click It or Ticket* and *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* have increased seat belt use and helped enforce safer driving. Improved highway design, such as less steep curves, more visible and legible signs, and better safety devices like wire rope median barrier have all contributed to the downward trend in traffic fatalities. NHTSA also credits safer vehicles, the influx of ARRA transportation funds, and fewer cars on the road during the economic recession.

14%

*Decrease in
Texas
vehicle traffic
fatalities from
2007 to 2009*

Source: NHTSA

U.S. DOT Reduction in Fatalities, 2007—2009



FEDERAL *update*

The SAFETEA-LU bill, which expired on Sept. 30, 2009, is currently operating under an extension through Dec. 31, 2010. The extension funded FY 2010 and the first quarter of FY 2011 under the original bill's apportionment and refunded the Sept. 30, 2009 rescission that took over \$720 million off of the planning books in Texas.

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

 transportation.org

 transportation.nationaljournal.com

 trans2group.com

 innobriefs.com