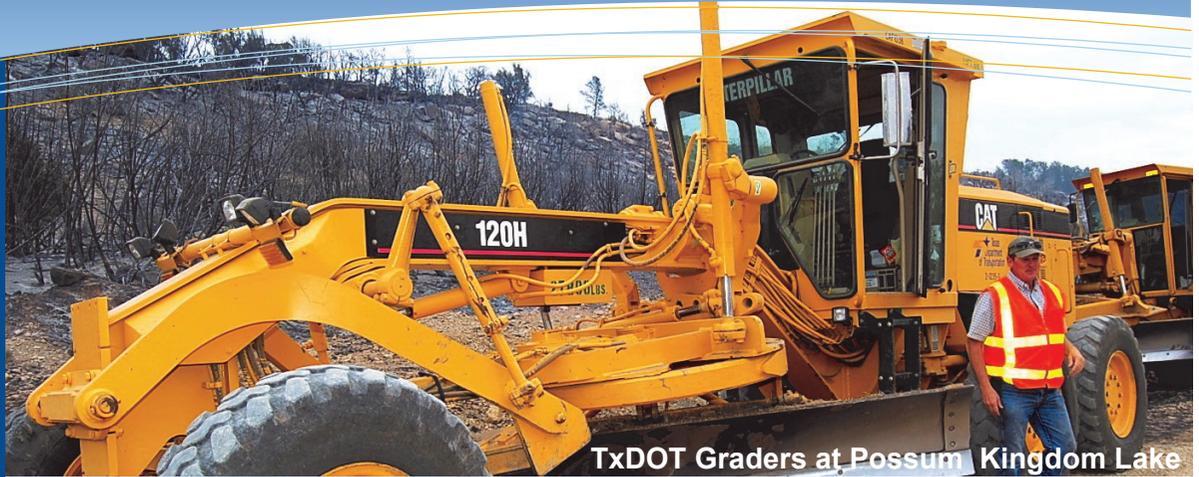


FORT WORTH DISTRICT **PARTNERS**



TxDOT Graders at Possum Kingdom Lake

IMPROVE
our air quality

As one of its goals, TxDOT is improving air quality by reducing its fleet-based greenhouse gas emissions by increasing its use of alternative fuel. From 1998 to 2010:

11,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide reduced by converting to equipment that is alternatively fueled, environmentally friendly and fuel-efficient

Fire Response

Since November, state and local fire agencies have responded to 10,555 fires that have burned 2.7 million acres. According to the Texas Forest Service, over 18,000 structures were saved. TxDOT has assisted with several major fires across the state. Locally, the Fort Worth District dispatched bulldozers, fuel trucks, graders and crews to assist near Possum Kingdom Lake where wildfires burned over 126,000 acres, including 90 percent of the state park.

Pass-Through Finance Program

In May, the Texas Transportation Commission approved 17 projects estimated at \$173 million to be funded by TxDOT's pass-through finance program, pending final negotiations. This included three local projects: the I-20/Western Loop interchange in Weatherford, the U.S. 377/SH 171 intersection in Cresson, and the SH 199 (Henderson Street) bridge near White Settlement Road in Fort Worth.

High Speed Rail

Texas will receive \$15 million in federal funds for preliminary engineering and environmental studies to advance the proposed Houston to Dallas/Fort Worth High Speed Rail Line, a corridor that would connect two of the nation's most populated metropolitan areas. Proposed

speeds would be up to 150 mph. The study will begin later this year and last 24 to 30 months.

Additional UTP Funding

In April, the Commission allocated an additional \$425 million in Unified Transportation Program (UTP) funding after adjustments and savings from the FY 2011 budget. The Fort Worth District has developed a list of rehabilitation and safety projects that will be ready to let in July. Totalling \$22 million, the projects include pavement overlays on I-20, I-820, SH 10, U.S. 287 and FM 1938. The North Central Texas Council of Governments and TxDOT's Fort Worth and Dallas districts are working together on the region's \$31 million allocation. These additional funds were primarily the result of projects paying out slower than originally projected which allowed for adjustments in cash forecast and commitment of more letting dollars. A smaller portion of the \$425 million was due to savings resulting from low interest rates and Build America Bonds subsidies in the Proposition 14 program.



PARTNERS *in construction*

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Underrun (%)
MAY	FM 2580	At Robinson Creek, Hood County	Bridge replacement	\$0.9	\$1.1	+24.9
	Various roadways	Districtwide	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$4.3	\$3.9	-9.8
	SH 26	Reeves St to I-820, Richland Hills and North Richland Hills	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.1	\$1.1	-5.2
	Business 1187 (Main St)	At Deer Creek, Crowley	Bridge replacement	\$0.7	\$0.8	+15.5
	SH 360	At Trinity Blvd	Intersection and traffic signal improvements	\$0.1	\$0.1	-12.0

PROJECTED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
JUNE	Northeast Loop 567	FM 51 to Business 377, Granbury	Construct two-lane road on new location	\$5.2
	West 7th St	At the Trinity River	Bridge replacement	\$25.7*
	SH 199	At Ohio Garden Rd	Traffic signal	\$0.1
	FM 1187	I-35W to Oak Grove Rd	Widen from two to four lanes	\$3.6
	FM 1655	At Brushy and Sandy Creeks Wise County	Bridge replacement	\$4.9
	US 380	At Business 380, Decatur	Traffic signal	\$0.1

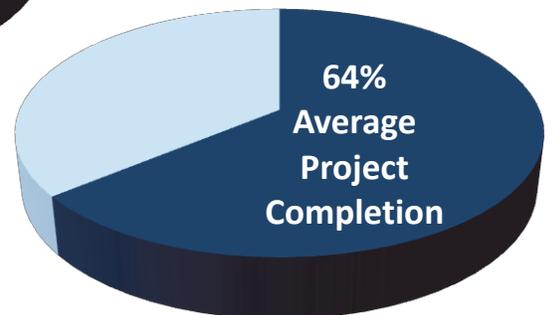
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\$147 M PROPOSED LETTING



FY 2011 CONSTRUCTION*



TOTAL CONTRACTS \$669 M

**does not include CDAs, SW Parkway or pass-throughs*

As more people move to North Texas, local partnerships are crucial in meeting these growing populations. In Parker County, TxDOT and the local community are working on an ambitious transportation program that includes pass-through financing and local bonding.

In Weatherford, TxDOT and the city are in the midst of the state's second pass-through funding agreement to construct nine projects along I-20, FM 51, FM 2552 and SH 171 for \$52 million by 2013. Parker County has also submitted and received approval by the Texas Transportation Commission for another pass-through finance project at the I-20/Western Loop interchange.

In nearby Hudson Oaks, construction could begin by 2013 on a pass-through financed project that will build an interchange at U.S. 180 and I-20 for \$13 million.

Created by the legislature in 2004, the pass-through financing program allows local communities to fund upfront costs for constructing a state highway project. The state then reimburses a portion of the cost to the community over time by paying a fee for each vehicle that drives on the new highway.

More construction is under way on the northwest quadrant of the Weatherford Loop, a potential 12-mile route that will connect eight state highways around the city. Based on a 2004 TxDOT feasibility study recommendation, the six-mile western segment was funded by Parker County voters as part of the 2008 Transportation Bond Program. This project is estimated for completion by 2013 as a two-lane road from I-20 to FM 51.

With a total of 30 projects, the \$80 million transportation bond package will build upon the state highway system to relieve the county's current and impending mobility problems. TxDOT is doing everything it can to help the county expedite these projects.

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WEATHERFORD PASS-THROUGH PROJECT

PARKER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BOND



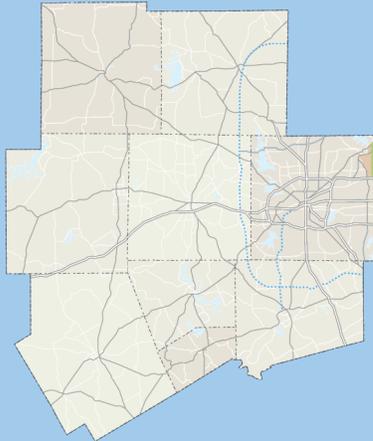
New FM 2552 Bridge in Weatherford



Western Weatherford Loop Ground Breaking

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I-30 Emergency Contract

TxDOT aggressively pursues work and reopening

Less than three weeks after a fuel tanker fire damaged the I-30 westbound bridge near Beach Street, an emergency contract was issued by TxDOT to replace four steel beams and reconstruct a portion of the bridge's substructure and concrete deck for a total of \$677,000.

Work began on April 17 and will take an estimated three months to complete the repairs, a month less than expected due to refurbishing some of the steel elements and other measures.

Est. July Opening

Impact minimized...

- Two lanes of traffic maintained during most of the work

Project expedited...

- Aggressively completed design plans
- Bids awarded based on best price and shortest time of construction
- Steel supports refurbished saved three to four weeks
- Steel beams purchased directly from manufacturer

UPPER LEFT: TxDOT inspects bridge damage on March 28. UPPER RIGHT: Contractor Gibson and Associates makes good progress after one week of construction. LOWER RIGHT: Temporary braces support the bridge until new columns can be constructed.



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