

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



PRESERVING *the value of our transportation assets*

As one of its goals, TxDOT is maintaining our existing infrastructure.

Estimated district funding for 2012-2015:

\$273 million for preventative, routine, and rehabilitative maintenance

August 2011

Speed Limits

The 82nd Texas Legislature enacted two bills that allow TxDOT to raise speed limits on state highways if found reasonable and safe through an engineering study. House Bill 1353 requires TxDOT to review speed limits on all existing 70 mph sections of state highway to determine where a 75 mph speed limit may be safely posted, although there are no speed limits to review in the Metroplex because of the existing environmental speed limits. This bill also eliminates the 65 mph nighttime speed limit and all truck speed limits, which will affect 700 signs in the Fort Worth District. House Bill 1201 allows for an 85 mph speed limit to only those highways that were originally built with a design speed of 85. TxDOT estimates the evaluation and posting of new speed limits should be complete by August 2012.

Rescissions

The FY 2011 federal budget approved in April included a nationwide rescission of unobligated balances of apportioned funds in the amount of \$2.5 billion. The Texas share of this rescission amount is approximately \$201 million. In cooperation with the metropolitan planning organizations and other stakeholders, TxDOT applied the entire rescission to the Interstate Maintenance Program.

Proposition 12 Bonds

The 82nd Texas Legislature has given TxDOT approval to issue the remaining \$3 billion in Proposition 12 bonds. TxDOT and the North Central Texas Council of Governments are working collaboratively to schedule projects for an estimated \$856 million allocated for the Fort Worth and Dallas Districts. Their proposed plan is due to the Texas Transportation Commission by September. TxDOT's goal is to let one-half of the program in each of the next two years.

Preventative Maintenance

In June, TxDOT released a YouTube video explaining the benefits of seal coats as work begins to improve several roadways in Tarrant County including SH 10, SH 199, U.S. 377, Business 287, Spur 341, FM 156 and FM 730. TxDOT's seal coat program is the department's most cost-effective means of maintaining the Texas highway system. A seal coat can double or even triple a road's life expectancy. To view the video, go to:

 youtube.com/watch?v=5cMLAOCGMfA

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Underrun (%)
JULY	FM 8	FM 988 to the Eastland County Line, Erath County	Seal coat	\$1.3	\$1.0	-19.5
	US 281	At Lost Creek, Jack County	Bridge replacement	\$2.2	\$2.2	+2.3
	FM 51	At Pojo Road, Springtown	Traffic signal	\$0.2	\$0.1	-19.2
	I-820, SH 10 and US 287	Various locations Tarrant County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$7.6	\$7.3	-4.3
	I-820	At Marine Creek Pkwy	Traffic signal	\$0.2	\$0.2	-14.6
	US 380	At Devon Gas Plant Wise County	Intersection improvements	\$0.5	\$0.4	-10.5
	SH 114	At FM 730 North, Wise County	Traffic signal	\$0.2	\$0.1	-12.2

PROJECTED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
AUGUST	Business 287	At FM 917, Mansfield	Traffic signal and left turn lane	\$0.4
	US 67	At Spur 102, Keene	Traffic signal and left turn lane	\$0.3
	Park Rd 21	At Camp Creek, Johnson County	Bridge replacement	\$0.5
	FM 730	At Lake Weatherford, Parker County	Bridge replacement	\$2.4
	SH 183	Commerce St to Nichols St	Bridge replacement	\$10.1
	SH 26	Brumlow Ave to John McCain Rd Colleyville	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$10.4
	Bowman Springs Rd	At Tributary to Village Creek	Bridge replacement	\$1.8
	Lake Ridge Pkwy	Honey Suckle Dr to Great Southwest Pkwy, Grand Prairie	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$7.3
	RM 2871	At Mary's Creek	Bridge rehabilitation and widening	\$1.5
	SH 114	At FM 51 South, Wise County	Construct bridge	\$3.4
	FM 2123	At Salt Creek and Cottonwood Creek, Wise County	Bridge replacements	\$2.1

Note: The August letting currently includes 21 projects estimated at a total of \$54 million.

Several milestones have been reached so far this year for SH 121/Chisholm Trail Parkway as drivers in southwest Fort Worth and Johnson County look forward to traveling on the 28-mile toll road that the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) is expected to open to traffic in early 2014.

The Johnson County segment received environmental clearance in May after the project was reevaluated to address modifications. This clearance allows the entire SH 121 project to advance to the next stages of the NTTA's development process.

In July, the NTTA Board of Directors approved construction contracts for the section from Altamesa Boulevard to FM 1187, the final portion of the project to be let. NTTA estimates that construction will begin this fall.

New Rosedale Street connector bridges at I-30 were opened to traffic in July as work continues at the Union Pacific Railroad and on the Hulen Street bridge to accommodate the estimated \$1.4 billion roadway.

Meanwhile, TxDOT is making steady progress on \$147 million in mobility improvements at I-20/SH 183 in Fort Worth and U.S. 67 in Cleburne which will accommodate the future interchanges. The first of two projects on U.S. 67 opened in April, with the second project scheduled to open in spring 2012. The I-20/SH 183 improvements will open by 2013.

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, SH 121 will be a four to six-lane divided toll road from Fort Worth to Cleburne. Initially, the Johnson County segment will be a two-lane roadway with passing lanes.

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CHISHOLM TRAIL



Rosedale Street Connectors Over Vickery Boulevard



Mobility Improvements on U.S. 67 for Future SH 121

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TxDOT to issue \$3 billion in Prop 12 bonds

The 82nd Texas Legislature has given TxDOT approval to issue the remaining \$3 billion in voter-approved Proposition 12 bonds with a requirement that these planned funds be used for five specific programs: bridges, metro and urban mobility, rehab and safety, statewide connectivity, and project development. TxDOT and NCTCOG are working collaboratively to schedule projects utilizing this criteria to meet our local objectives. The Fort Worth and Dallas Districts will receive an estimated \$856 million. NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is developing a plan for allocating Proposition 12 funds in the region. East-West equity will also be addressed in the plan.

63%

Margin of
Texas voter
approval for
Proposition 12

Proposition 12 Bond Distribution

Fort Worth and Dallas District Allocations

\$321 million for Bridges.

\$181 million for Metro and Urban Mobility projects distributed using the new Category 2 funding formulas for on- or off-system highway work.

\$236 million for Rehab and Safety projects distributed using the Category 1 Rehabilitation formula for eligible rehabilitation and safety projects.

\$118 million for Preliminary Engineering, Environmental Assessment, Design and Right-of-Way Acquisition for projects that will have the greatest impact on reducing congestion in metropolitan areas.

RTC's Draft Fort Worth District Proposition 12 Projects

TARRANT

I-30 at Walsh Ranch Interchange
(potentially funded with other TxDOT revenues)
I-30 HOV/Managed Lane - Tarrant County Section
Tarrant County On-System Thoroughfare Program
including Trinity River and Chapel Creek Bridges
Tarrant County Freeway/Toll Road Program

JOHNSON

Johnson County
portion of
U.S. 377/Cresson
Bypass (benefits
Johnson and Hood
Counties)

HOOD

U.S. 377
and on-system
rehab and safety
projects

PARKER

FM 1187 from I-20
to Bailey Ranch Rd
and on-system
rehab and safety
projects

WISE

Add funding to existing \$5M New
Boundary County commitment
(e.g., U.S. 380/U.S. 287, on-
system rehab and safety projects)

* Subject to change and to RTC approval

FEDERAL update

The SAFETEA-LU bill, which expired on Sept. 30, 2009, is currently operating under an extension through Sept. 30, 2011. The extension funded FY 2011 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