

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



I-30 and Center Street

I-30 Ribbon Cutting

TxDOT and the city of Arlington will host a ribbon cutting in November to celebrate the early completion of the I-30 project. With its signature bridges, landscaping and murals, the project was a true partnership as the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) allocated funding, the city completed the design, right of way and utilities, and TxDOT oversaw construction.

I-35W

A public meeting for I-35W from I-30 to I-820 will be held Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Christian Academy on 1401 Oakhurst Scenic Drive in Fort Worth. Public hearings are expected in 2011. Meanwhile, NTE Mobility Partners and TxDOT are working together to develop an implementation plan for I-35W that would leverage \$237.5 million in public funds for a total of \$1.6 billion in corridor improvements.

Golden Triangle Boulevard

Local and state officials broke ground Sept. 22 on the reconstruction of Golden Triangle Boulevard from I-35W to U.S. 377, a partnership between TxDOT, the RTC, Tarrant County and the city of Fort Worth. The 3.4-mile project will build a four-lane divided roadway. The project is estimated for completion by summer 2012 at a cost of \$19 million.

Safer Highways Contribute to Decline in Texas Fatalities

In 2009, there were 388 fewer fatalities on Texas highways, an 11 percent decrease. TxDOT attributes this in part to highways made safer by \$1.2 billion in Safety Bonds dedicated over the last five years toward safety improvement projects. So far, the Fort Worth District has spent approximately \$52 million on 38 safety projects to widen 100 miles of narrow rural roads, add five left-turn lanes, install 61 miles of concrete and cable barrier in divided highway medians, add traffic signals and a grade separation.

NTTA Accepts SH 121

In August, NTTA voted to exercise its option to develop, construct and operate the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail toll project. NTTA plans to reach financial close by spring 2011, with environmental clearance on Chisholm Trail expected by the end of this year. Construction is under way on four projects in preparation for the corridor at: I-20, U.S. 67 and the Union Pacific Railroad, totaling \$169 million.

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EXPAND
our economic opportunity

As one of TxDOT's goals, here are just a few ways the Fort Worth District and its regional partners are working to expand economic opportunity:

\$454 million in ARRA mobility, preservation and enhancement funds

\$129 million in pass-through financing, pending or under construction

\$32 million in general aviation airport grant funds from 2000-2009

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AWARDED PROJECTS

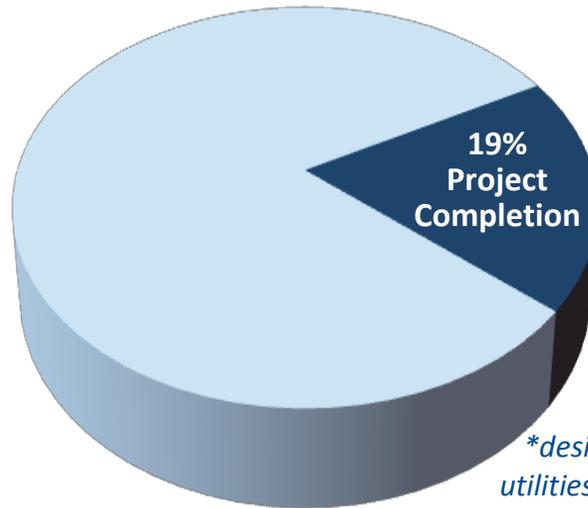
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Underrun (%)
SEPTEMBER	I-820	At Silver Creek Rd	Traffic signal	\$0.2	\$0.1	-41.3
	Spur 347 Weatherford St	West of I-35W	Eastbound bridge replacement	\$6.8	\$6.6	-3.3
	FM 167	At DeCordova Bend in Hood County	Traffic signal	\$0.4	\$0.4	+8.9

PROJECTED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
OCTOBER	Various roadways	Erath, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise Counties	Seal coat	\$10.8
	I-35W frontage rd	At Heritage Trace Pkwy	Traffic signal	\$0.2
	FM 1187	Oak Grove Rd to Exchange Dr	Centerline rumble strips	\$0.1
	FM 1187	At West Cleburne Rd	Traffic signal	\$0.1
NOV	FM 157	At Forest Mill Trail in Mansfield	Traffic signal	\$0.1
	I-35W frontage rd	At SH 170	Traffic signal	\$0.2



DFW CONNECTOR \$1.02 B*



**design, right of way, utilities, and construction*

- \$16 M average monthly payout
- 71% payout of ARRA funds
- Over 60 DBEs committed

north tarrant express

Of Texas' 100 most congested roads, five are included in the North Tarrant Express, a public-private partnership that will rebuild 13 miles of the Interstate 820 and SH 121/183 corridor by 2015 and develop plans for 23 additional miles of connecting highways.

Construction will begin this fall on Phase 1 which will double the existing capacity and address the three worst bottlenecks in North Texas, as defined by traffic researcher INRIX.

An open house will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Hurst Conference Center from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. to kick off construction and inform the public of the project's status.

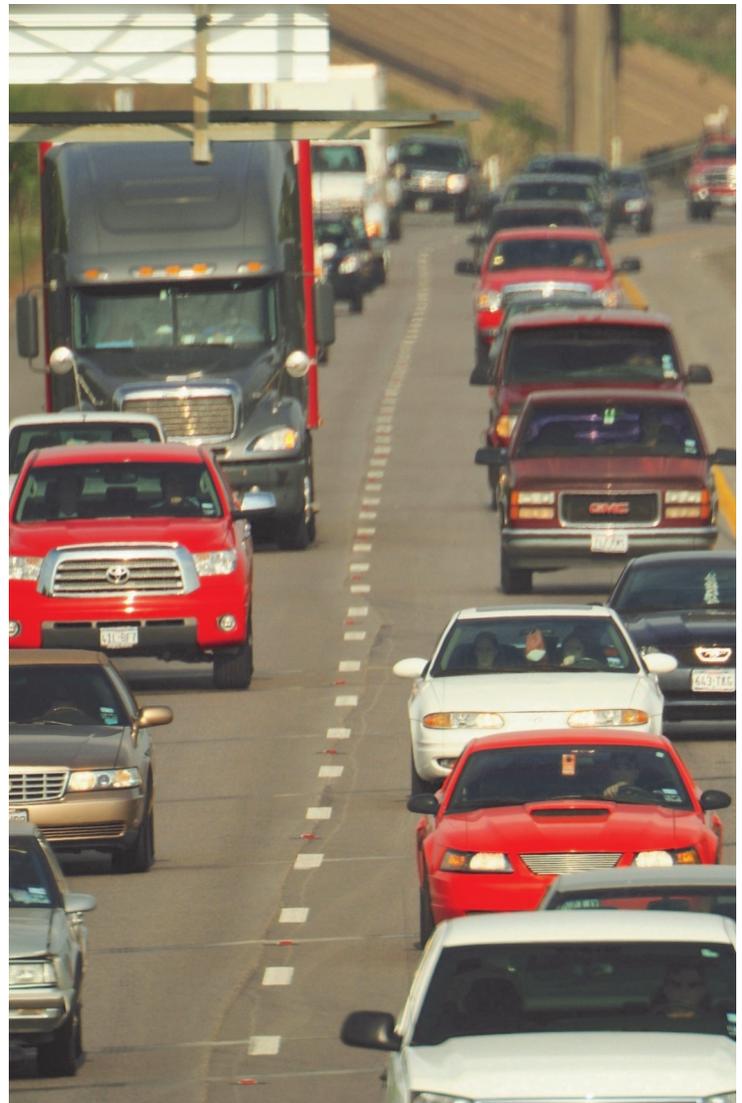
Since May 1, NTE Mobility Partners (NTEMP) has been operating and maintaining the 13-mile corridor, acquiring right of way, conducting noise wall workshops, and reaching out to cities, residents and businesses to prepare them for construction.

As the first comprehensive development agreement (CDA) project signed in North Texas, the North Tarrant Express will leverage a \$573 million TxDOT investment into a \$2.5 billion project that reaches from north Fort Worth to near D/FW Airport. When complete, drivers will choose between the non-tolled main lanes or the tolled managed lanes that will use dynamic pricing to keep traffic moving at 50 mph or greater.

Meanwhile, NTEMP and TxDOT are working together to develop an implementation plan that calls for NTEMP building I-35W from downtown Fort Worth to I-820 including the I-35W/820 interchange at no cost to the public. Under the proposal, TxDOT would deliver

I-35W from just north of I-820 to U.S. 287 as a traditional design, bid, build project. Altogether, the proposed 10-mile plan would leverage \$237.5 million in public funds for a total of \$1.6 billion in corridor improvements. A facility agreement is anticipated to be executed by summer 2011.

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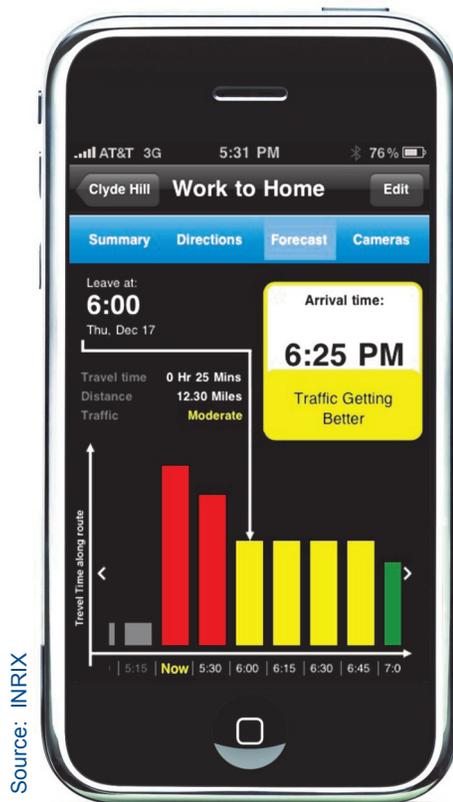
Tarrant . Johnson
Parker . Wise . Hood
Erath . Palo Pinto
Jack . Somervell



Smart Driver Network Drivers join by downloading free app

The INRIX Smart Driver Network acquires real-time and historical data from hundreds of public and private sources – including real-time GPS data from over 1.6 million vehicles and devices. INRIX applies this data to road occupancy and speed measurements gathered from TxDOT and other departments of transportation around the country. Subscribers then have a tool to navigate and make informed driving decisions.

Time is money for companies such as the United Parcel Service and Federal Express who depend on monitoring travel time of their deliveries. These and other long-haul freight trucking companies currently use and constitute about half of the Smart Driver Network. The other half are consumers who participate through the navigation system on their phones. In turn, traffic researcher INRIX collects this data to grow the network. To learn more or download the free app, go to: www.inrixtraffic.com.



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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.

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

 transportation.org

 transportation.nationaljournal.com

 trans2group.com

 innobriefs.com