

# FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



DMWT Calendar Winning Entry

## MAINTAIN a safe system

As one of its goals, TxDOT works with its partners to keep the area's roadways passable during inclement weather.

After recent flooding, TxDOT led a multi-agency effort to remove brush, trees and debris on Johnson County roads:

**10,000 man-hours of continuous operations**

**Over 4,000 cubic yards of debris removed**

**Zero incidents or accidents**

August 2015

### Proposition 7

The 84th Texas Legislature gave Texas voters an opportunity to vote this November on a constitutional amendment that would guarantee reliable, robust and sustainable revenue for Texas roads and bridges. Dependent on voter approval, the first deposit to the highway fund would occur in fiscal year 2018. As this and other funding becomes available, TxDOT will continue working with local stakeholders and partners to prioritize and accelerate the delivery of critical projects around the state.

### I-30

The public hearing for I-30 from Cooper Street to SH 161 was held June 30 in Arlington. The proposed improvements would increase safety, connectivity and mobility by adding mainlanes and converting the existing concurrent managed toll/HOV lanes to a reversible two-lane managed toll/HOV facility. This includes the new \$254 million direct connect I-30/SH 360 interchange that is scheduled for letting this fall. The ultimate project for I-30 is not currently funded.

### I-20/U.S. 180 in Hudson Oaks

Construction begins in early 2016 to widen and reconstruct the intersections at I-20/U.S. 180/Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks.

The \$7.3 million project is estimated for completion in 2017.

### Don't Mess With Texas Calendar

Keep Texas Beautiful and TxDOT have selected artwork to appear in the 2016 *Don't Mess with Texas* calendar. Selected in the annual *Don't Mess with Texas* Elementary School Art Contest, six of the 13 winning entries are from North Texas. The contest motivates young Texans to keep the state beautiful by not littering and by encouraging others to protect the environment.

 [DontMesswithTexas.org](http://DontMesswithTexas.org)

### Unified Transportation Program

A public hearing will be held Aug. 6 in Austin to accept public comments for the development of the 2016 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). This follows public meetings that were held across the state in July. The UTP is TxDOT's 10-year plan to guide transportation development for future construction projects and related activities. It is approved by the Texas Transportation Commission annually prior to Aug. 31.

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## AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
JUN	FM 1885	US 281 to FM 52 Parker & Palo Pinto Counties	Add shoulders	\$4.6	\$5.6	+21.5
	FM 2201	FM 4 to US 281, Palo Pinto County	Add shoulders	\$3.7	\$4.7	+24.4
	FM 2353	Park Rd 36 to SH 16 Palo Pinto County	Add shoulders	\$4.0	\$5.3	+33.0
	FM 3028	At Rocky Creek, Parker County	Bridge replacement	\$1.4	\$1.6	+15.1
	US 67	At Ice Branch, Somervell County	Bridge replacement	\$0.3	\$0.4	+38.1
	County Rd 2372	At Black Creek, Wise County	Bridge replacement	\$0.4	\$0.5	+11.7
	I-35W	At County Rd 391 and FM 916 Johnson County	Bridge replacement	\$1.1	\$1.3	+17.4
	Various roadways	Tarrant County	Construct curb ramps	\$1.9	\$2.0	+5.2
JUL	US 180	At I-20/Lakeshore Dr, Hudson Oaks	Reconstruct intersection	\$5.8	\$7.3	+26.2
	Business 287	At FM 718 (Avondale Haslet Rd)	Intersection improvements	\$0.6	\$0.8	+28.8

## PROJECTED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
AUG	SH 6	FM 847 to FM 914, Erath County	Add shoulders	\$5.2
	US 281	At SH 6, Erath County	Intersection improvements	\$4.6
	FM 2580	FM 4 to 3 Miles South of Parker County Line Granbury	Add shoulders	\$1.5
	Nolan River Rd	Harlin Dr to Country Club Rd, Cleburne	Hike and bike trail	\$1.2
	FM 1807	FM 1706 to Ellis County Line, Johnson County	Add shoulders	\$6.8
	FM 1902	FM 917 to FM 1187, Johnson County	Add shoulders	\$5.3
	FM 2738	FM 917 to Tarrant County Line, Johnson County	Add shoulders	\$2.6
	Forest Hill Dr	At Village Creek, Forest Hill	Bridge replacement	\$2.2
	Various roadways	Tarrant County	Texturize shoulders	\$0.2

**A**fter two years of construction, the FM 2499 project is 66 percent complete and on target to reach substantial completion in early 2017.

Earlier this year, the new Stars and Stripes Way bridge was opened to traffic, and the south side of the new Grapevine Mills Boulevard bridge was also finished, allowing crews to begin construction on the north side of the bridge.

The \$92 million FM 2499 project is building the mainlanes and rebuilding the northbound frontage road and the bridges over Denton Creek. The roadway is being built 25-30 feet below grade level, which will allow commuter traffic to bypass the intersections of Stars and Stripes Way and Grapevine Mills Boulevard.

Crews continue to perform excavation, drainage and wall work for the lowered FM 2499 mainlanes. Now that traffic has been moved to the new south side of the Grapevine Mills Boulevard bridge, crews are continuing excavation to the north. In 2016, the new mainlanes will open to traffic and work will begin on the frontage road intersections of Stars and Stripes Way and Grapevine Mills Boulevard.

The FM 2499 improvements were originally included in the \$1.6 billion procured scope of the project awarded to NorthGate Constructors, but funds were not available at that time to deliver the entire scope. Since then, other elements of the project, including FM 2499, have been added to the contract.

Also added to the DFW Connector contract were two new ramps to improve access from William D. Tate Avenue to SH 121 and SH 360. Construction began on this \$17 million project earlier this year, and it is estimated for completion in early 2017.

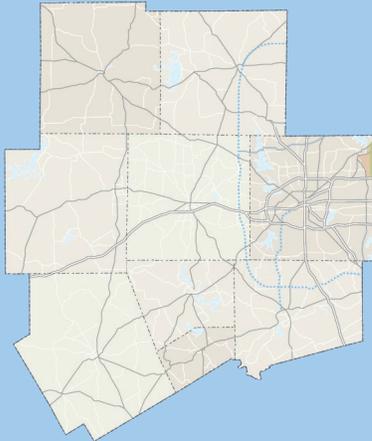
Both the FM 2499 and SH 121/360 projects will further improve mobility and safety for the residents, businesses and traveling public in northeastern Tarrant County.

 [dfwconnector.com](http://dfwconnector.com)



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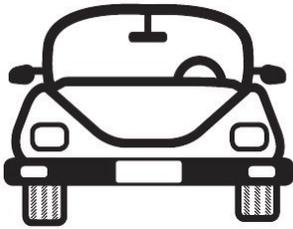


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# Drive Kind Ride Kind



Seven of the fastest growing cities in the U.S. are in Texas. Along with our population growth, there has been a nationwide surge in cycling, particularly in Texas. Studies have shown there is an educational gap between what people perceive to be true about cyclists and the actual laws.

In addition to creating a healthier community that is more social and more physically fit, cycling is an alternative mode of transportation that contributes to congestion relief and improving air quality.

## Bicycle laws from the Texas Transportation Code:

### Cars:

- Yield right of way to a bicycle
- Recognize that bicyclists have the same rights and duties of other vehicles

### Bicyclists:

- Ride as near to the right as practicable
- Ride in the same direction as traffic
- Stop at stop signs and red lights
- Signal while turning and stopping
- Use lights and reflectors for night riding.



Drivers should allow plenty of distance when passing bicyclists



 [DriveKindRideKind.org](http://DriveKindRideKind.org)

## FEDERAL *update*

Discussions continue on the authorization of the next federal transportation bill. To keep up with its status, visit these sites regularly:

 [transportation.org](http://transportation.org)

 [transportation.nationaljournal.com](http://transportation.nationaljournal.com)

 [trans2group.com](http://trans2group.com)

 [innobriefs.com](http://innobriefs.com)