

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



Future I-35W Lanes Over Belknap Street

MAINTAIN *a safe system*

As one of its goals, TxDOT is encouraging parents to ensure their children are properly buckled in the correct safety seat.

In a recent TTI study, nearly 14,000 children were observed in Texas cities. In **Fort Worth**, 4 out of 10 children were not properly restrained:

25 percent incorrectly buckled

16 percent not restrained at all

81 children killed on Texas roads in 2014

SH 360 South Groundbreaking

Local and state officials will break ground Oct. 21 on the SH 360 South project. TxDOT, the North Texas Tollway Authority and the North Central Texas Council of Governments will host a ceremony at 3 p.m. in Grand Prairie. The \$300 million project will add two toll lanes in each direction from south of I-20 to U.S. 287. It is estimated for substantial completion in late 2017.

 drive360south.com

Texas Ranks High for Business

CNBC's 2015 Top States for Business study results are out and Texas ranked No. 1 in the infrastructure and transportation category and No. 2 overall as the best state to do business. To read the full report or see the overall rankings of all states, visit:

 cnbc.com/id/102570433

North Tarrant Express Honor

TxDOT recently won a 2015 America's Transportation Award for delivering the North Tarrant Express under budget. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), AAA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce recognized the North Tarrant Express as one of the top 10 projects in the U.S. for its cost-saving and

project efficiency efforts during its funding and construction.

I-35W

The Interstate 35W corridor is at the height of construction in north Fort Worth with the estimated completion for Segment 3B in 2016 and Segment 3A in 2018. This \$1.6 billion project is rebuilding and widening I-35W from I-30 to U.S. 81/287.

Safety Projects

Twenty-six projects in the Fort Worth District were selected this year for \$19 million in federal funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program. For Tarrant County, this includes traffic signal and intersection improvements on Glenview Drive, Mayfield Road, McCart Avenue, FM 156, FM 3029, SH 10 and U.S. 377.

High-Speed Rail

The Regional Transportation Council recently approved \$4.5 million for planning, design, project development and preliminary engineering over the next three years to assist with a regional high-speed rail line to link Dallas/Fort Worth to Houston. Texas Central Partners, a private, Texas-based company, is working to deliver this regional corridor by 2021.

 dfwhighspeedrail.com

PARTNERS *in construction*

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
SEP	SH 114	William D. Tate Ave to Main St Grapevine	Landscaping	\$1.0	\$1.1	+14.2

PROJECTED PROJECTS

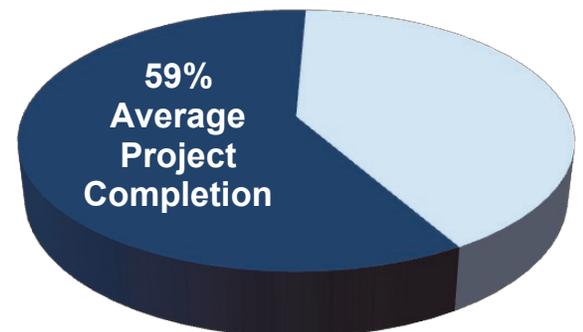
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
OCT	SH 10	Holder Dr to Bell Spur Rd	Landscaping	\$0.4
	Various roadways	Districtwide	Seal coat	\$10.9
	FM 3391	At Stone Rd, Burleson	Traffic signal	\$0.2
NOV	I-30	At SH 360, Arlington	Construct interchange	\$231.9
DEC	Various roadways	Districtwide	Concrete pavement repairs	\$1.5
	Rufe Snow Dr	Mid-Cities Blvd to Ridgetop Rd North Richland Hills	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$13.1
	Rosedale St	Miller Ave to I-820	Reconstruct existing 4 lanes, add center median	\$20.0



\$582 M PROPOSED LETTING



FY 2016 CONSTRUCTION*



TOTAL CONTRACTS \$1.01 B

**does not include CDAs, Chisholm Trail or pass-throughs*

Safety is TxDOT's first priority. The department continually looks for ways to improve the safety of roadways. This year, TxDOT commissioned and funded a study by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) on how to reduce the number of wrong way crashes.

The results of the study were used to develop a \$600,000 pilot program of countermeasures to be funded by the North Central Texas Council of Governments and implemented by the end of 2016.

According to the study, most drunk drivers focus on the pavement directly in front of the car, so most of the countermeasures have been developed with that

understanding. They include a combination of reflective pavement arrows, LED warning signs with radar detection, lowered wrong way signs and other measures.



The study analyzed seven traffic corridors and selected 172 intersections in the Tarrant County area. The type of countermeasure used will depend on the history of wrong way crashes in each location.

TTI's study also shows that the majority of wrong way wrecks involve drunk drivers who were on average more than twice the legal limit and driving at night. TxDOT can implement various engineering enhancements to provide safer roads, but motorists hold the key to driving safely.

Priority Corridors & Wrong Way Driving Countermeasures Plan





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Need to get your safety seat checked?

In 2014, crashes on Texas roads killed 81 children younger than 8 years of age. In 2013, that number was 67. Texas law requires all children under 8 years old—unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches—to be in a child safety seat whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle.

Texas is doing its part by requiring that every passenger in each vehicle wears a safety belt. If a rider is not buckled in, they will receive a citation. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket up to \$250.

To schedule a free child safety seat check with a nearby TxDOT traffic safety specialist, text the word “seat” and your ZIP code to 876526. To learn if a child should be in a rear-facing seat, forward-facing seat or booster seat, visit:

 savemewithaseat.com

71%

*Reduction
 in the risk for
 death to infants
 when using a
 safety seat*

Source:
 Centers for Disease
 Control & Prevention

What seat is right for your child?

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Up to 1 year old	1-3 years	4-7 years	8+ years
REAR-FACING SEATS Up to 35 pounds	FORWARD-FACING SEATS 20 to 40 pounds or more	BOOSTER SEATS Up to 4' 9" tall	SAFETY BELTS Over 4' 9" tall
 	 	 	 

Five Things You Should Know About Child Safety

1 Children younger than 13 should always ride in the back seat.

3 To choose a safety seat that's appropriate for your child's age, weight and height, always refer to the safety seat manufacturer's instruction manual.

4 If the safety seat moves more than 1 inch forward or side to side, tighten it up because it's too loose.

2 Never install a rear-facing child safety seat in front of an active air bag – if the air bag deploys, the impact could kill your child.

Buckle Up
Save a Life™
 Texas Department of Transportation

5 Harness straps should lie flat and shouldn't sag. Straps should fit snugly against your child's body.