

# FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



Future I-35W/820 Managed Lane Ramp

## ADDRESS *congestion*

As one of its goals to keep Texas moving, every year TxDOT identifies the roadways causing the most delays.

In north Fort Worth, portions of I-35W rank #1 and #11. In 2011:

**4.8 million annual hours of delay on I-35W**

**\$101 million annual cost of delay on I-35W**

October 2012

### **I-35W**

Right-of-way acquisition is under way in preparation for construction on Interstate 35W from I-820 to U.S. 287. The 3.6-mile construction project was let to the Lane Construction Corporation in September for \$123 million. The next 6.5-mile segment from I-820 to I-30 was environmentally cleared by the Federal Highway Administration in August. Both segments are expected to be under construction by mid-2013 and open to traffic by 2018. This project will rebuild the corridor and add four toll managed lanes, auxiliary lanes and some frontage roads. TxDOT announced in August that I-35W north of I-30 is the most congested roadway in Texas.

 [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) • I-35W project

### **FM 1187 in Aledo**

Local and state officials broke ground Sept. 25 on the widening of FM 1187 from I-20 to Oak Street in Aledo, a partnership between TxDOT, Parker County and NCTCOG. The 2.1-mile project will expand FM 1187 to a four-lane divided roadway. The project is estimated for completion by 2014 at a cost of \$11.7 million.

### **FM 1938**

The 2.2-mile FM 1938 north extension first phase opened in August as a four to six-lane

divided roadway from Randol Mill Avenue to SH 114. The \$15 million project is the result of a partnership between the cities of Keller, Southlake, Trophy Club and Westlake, Tarrant County, NCTCOG and TxDOT.

### **TxDOT Efforts to Reduce Fatalities**

In recent years, TxDOT has widened and added shoulders to more than 1,000 miles of rural, two-lane highways — a major safety initiative that is reducing collisions and saving lives. A Texas Transportation Institute analysis shows fatalities on two-lane highways were reduced from 200 to 67 and injuries were reduced from 2,030 to 1,135 over a three-year period. Although fatalities are on the decline, over 1,800 traffic deaths have occurred statewide so far in 2012. As a somber reminder to drivers that driving deserves their full attention, TxDOT is displaying the year-to-date number of traffic deaths in Texas one week every month on more than 700 message signs.

### **November Commission Meeting**

North Texas will host the Nov. 15 TxDOT Commission Meeting at the Ballpark in Arlington Hall of Fame Theater. The meeting convenes at 9 a.m. More details to come.



# PARTNERS *in construction*

## AWARDED PROJECTS

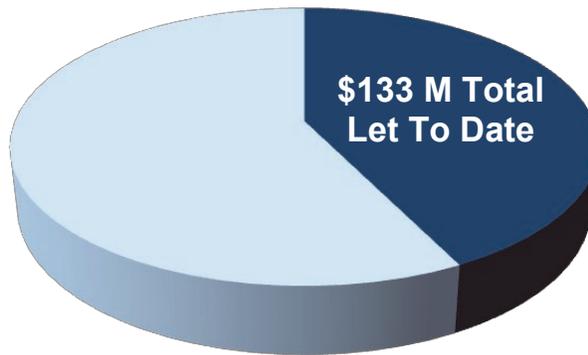
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
SEPTEMBER	I-35W	I-820 to US 287	Reconstruct and widen from 4 to 8 lanes	\$132	\$123	-6.7
	I-20	FM 157 to the Dallas County Line	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$4.5	\$5.3	+18.8
	I-30	I-20 split to Linkcrest Rd	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.6	\$1.5	-7.7
	FM 2280	FM 3048 to FM 917	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$0.9	\$0.8	-7.1
	FM 3048	SH 174 to FM 2280	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$1.4	\$1.5	+7.6
	SH 144, FM 56 and FM 205	Various locations Somervell County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$0.7	\$0.7	-1.0

## PROJECTED PROJECTS

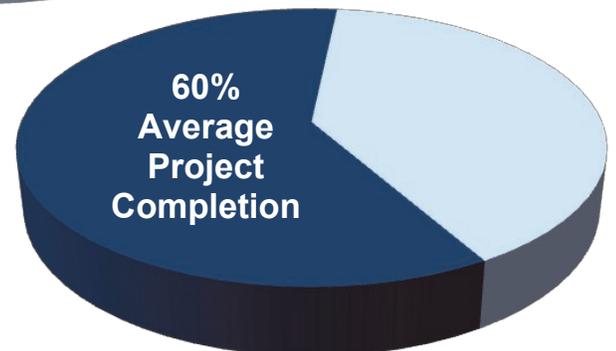
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
OCT	Various roadways	Districtwide	Seal coat	\$10.8
NOV	SH 199 (Henderson St)	At bypass channel near the Trinity River	Construct bridge at new location	\$19.9
	FM 1709	Pearson Ln to SH 114	Sidewalks and pedestrian improvements	\$1.3



### \$312 M PROPOSED LETTING



### FY 2013 CONSTRUCTION\*



**TOTAL CONTRACTS \$818 M**

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



## CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE CHECKLIST

Bridges	Finish
Southbound International Parkway bridges north of DFW Airport	✓
Eastbound SH 114 to northbound SH 121 direct connector	✓
William D. Tate Avenue	✓
Westbound SH 114 main lanes and frontage road over SH 26	✓
Northwest Highway/FM 1709	✓
First half of Texan Trail	✓
Main Street Bridge	✓
Main Street Bridge connections	2012/2013
Northbound SH 121 to westbound SH 114 direct connector	2013
Eastbound SH 114 to southbound SH 121 direct connector	2013
Second half of Texan Trail	2013
Paving	Finish
Eastbound SH 114 from Main Street to International Parkway	✓
Westbound SH 114 from Main Street to FM 1709	✓
Westbound SH 114 from International Parkway to Main Street	2013
Eastbound SH 114 from FM 1709 to Main Street	2013
DFW Airport	Finish
Southbound International Parkway bridge over SH 114	✓
Eastbound SH 114 to southbound International Parkway ramp	✓
Northbound International Parkway to eastbound SH 114 ramp	✓
Westbound SH 114 to southbound International Parkway	✓

*The DFW Connector will be 85 percent complete by the end of 2012; construction will be finished approximately one year ahead of schedule.*



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## Energy Sector Impacts Texas Roadways

Texas' energy sector is of tremendous value to the state both in economic impacts and quality of life. Increasing demand for energy resources and evolving exploration techniques have resulted in a surge in the energy industry. **Over the next 30 to 50 years, oil, gas and wind production will infuse billions of dollars into the Texas economy.**

A multi-agency Task Force on Texas' Energy Sector Roadway Needs has been formed to study the impact of these activities on our state's roadways. The task force priorities are: safety, innovation and prevention, public awareness, and funding. As a down payment, the TxDOT Commission recently awarded \$40 million to address critical safety needs. **Since 2007, the Fort Worth District has dedicated \$276 million for improvements to roadways impacted by the Barnett Shale.**

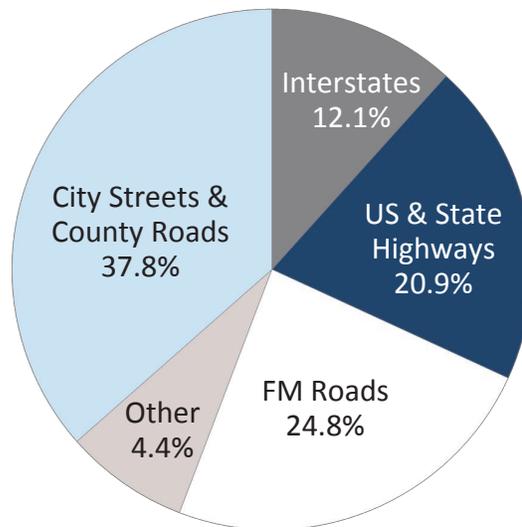
"TxDOT will continue partnering with industry and government leaders to build a longer term sustainable strategy," said Executive Director Phil Wilson.

The Barnett Shale has over 16,000 gas wells with a projected average life up to 30 years. In a gas well's first year, 396 truckloads of saltwater must be hauled to one of only about 34 active disposal wells in the Barnett Shale area.

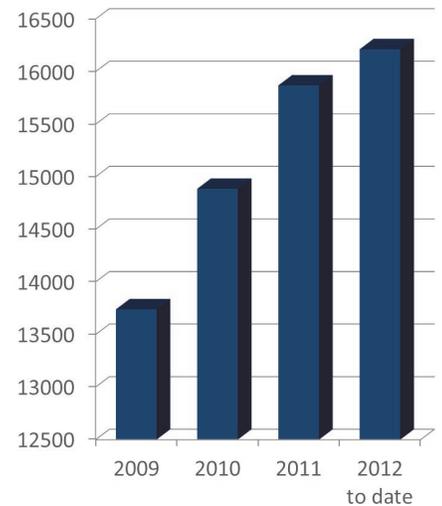
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**MILLION**

*Estimated number of cars equal to 1,200 loaded trucks needed to bring just one gas well to production*

### Barnett Shale



Saltwater Disposal Traffic



Well Count

For more information on the task force, visit:



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[txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) • [energy](#)

## FEDERAL *update*

In July, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21), was signed into law. The bill authorizes funding for highway and transit projects through FY 2014. Funding in

the bill was held static; however, there are multiple policy changes in the law that will assist states in moving projects ahead in a quicker and more cost-efficient manner.