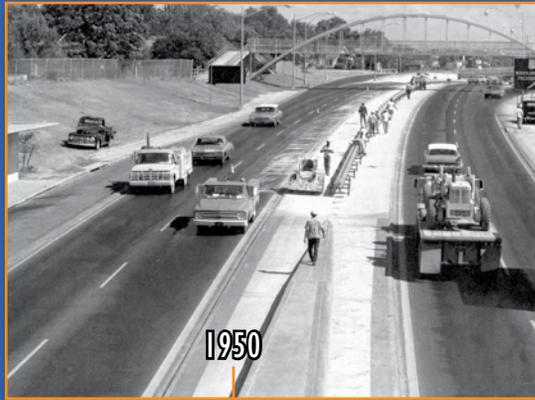




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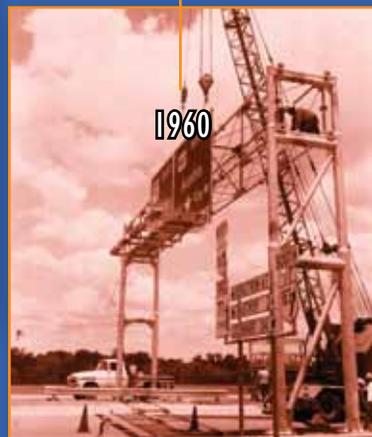
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Regardless of the time ...

Safety is always in mind.



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Work Zone Awareness

At any one time, there are more than **1,000** work zones in operation in Texas. With nearly **80,000 miles** of roadway for TxDOT to take care of, it's important for everyone to understand the need to drive safely in work zones.

Interesting facts:

- 🚧 In 2010, Texas recorded **12,948 crashes and 100 fatalities** in roadway construction and maintenance work zones
- 🚧 In 2010, there were **3,073 distracted driver crashes** in Texas work zones, involving 7,468 vehicles. These distracted driver crashes resulted in **14 fatalities**.
- 🚧 Nationally, every **10 hours** there is a work zone fatality (2.3 a day)
- 🚧 Nationally, every **13 minutes** there is a work zone injury (110 a day)

Did you know?

- 🚧 **4 out of 5** of those killed in work zones are drivers or their passengers
- 🚧 One in three work zone crashes is a **rear-end collision**
- 🚧 **Speeding and inattention** are the most common causes of work zone crashes

Why it matters:

- 🚧 **Men accounted for 61 percent** of all work zone fatalities in 2010
- 🚧 Persons **under the age of 35** account for **45 percent** of all work zone fatalities
- 🚧 More than **60%** of the 100 Texas work zone fatalities were related to **drugs, alcohol, distracted driving**, or a combination of the three.

10 Tips for Driving Safely in Work Zones:

- 🚧 Expect the unexpected
- 🚧 Slow down
- 🚧 Don't tailgate
- 🚧 Steer clear of cones and crews
- 🚧 Pay attention to posted signs
- 🚧 Obey road crew flaggers
- 🚧 Stay alert and minimize distractions
- 🚧 Keep up with the traffic flow
- 🚧 Pre-plan your trip
- 🚧 Be patient and stay calm

Everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians. TxDOT is working to educate and raise awareness of safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones. Don't barrel through work zones. Pay attention and drive safely!

