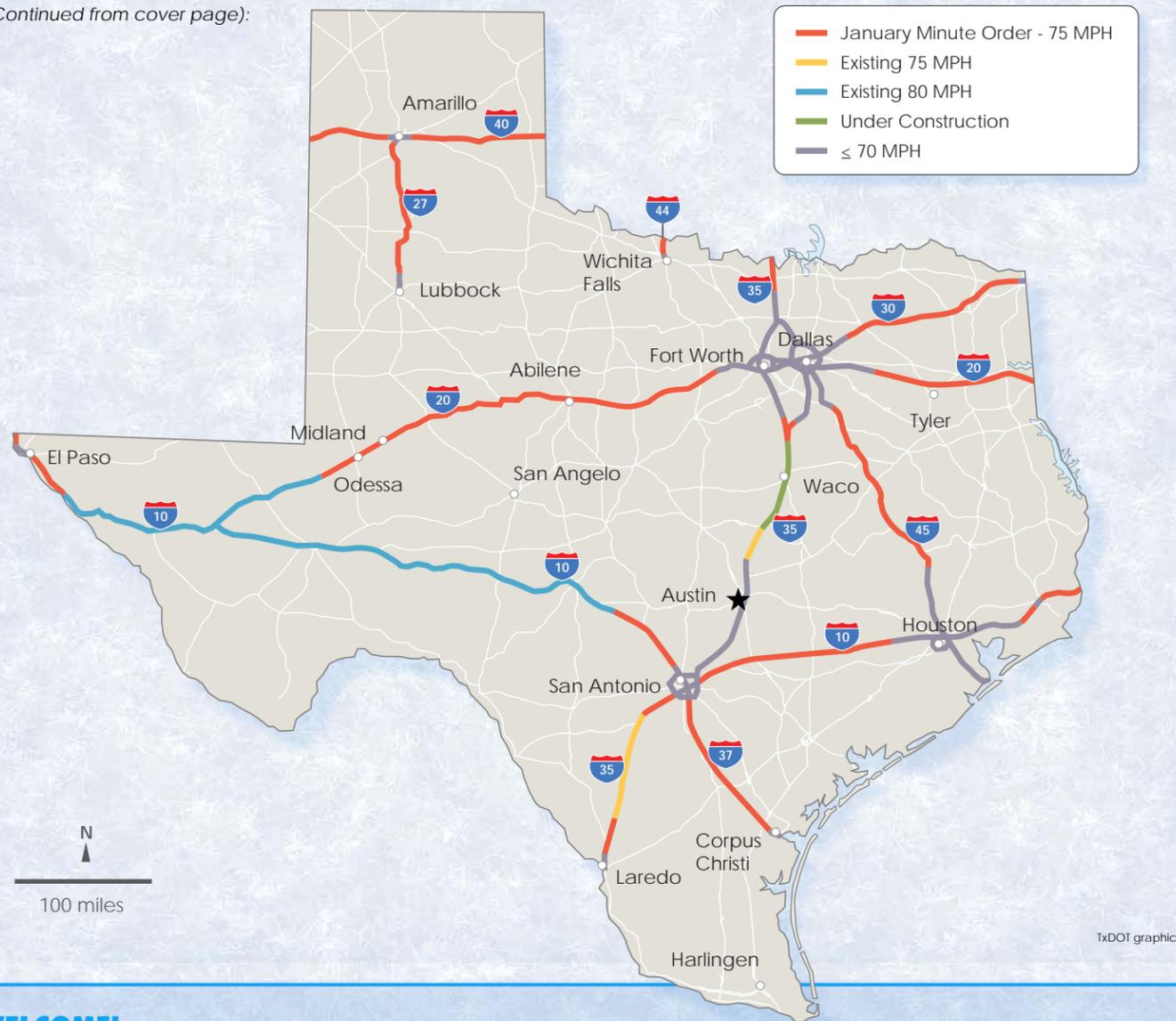


## SPEED LIMITS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN TEXAS

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### WELCOME!

Texas Transportation Commission Chair and TxDOT Executive Director Speak to North Texas Transportation Leaders at Joint meeting of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition.



#### About Ted Houghton:

Ted Houghton is chair of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. Gov. Rick Perry appointed Houghton chair on Oct. 7, 2011. He was originally appointed to the Commission in December 2003 and reappointed in February 2009. A native of El Paso, Houghton is self-employed in the

professional fields of financial services, executive benefits, and estate planning. He is the first resident of El Paso to serve on the Commission.



#### About Phil Wilson:

Phil Wilson is executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation. Under the direction of the Texas Transportation Commission, he manages, directs, and implements TxDOT policies, programs, and operating strategies. He also represents TxDOT before the Texas Legislature and other entities. He is the Department's first executive director since

legislation was passed in 2009 removing the requirement that the position be occupied by a professional engineer.



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# DALLAS DISTRICT PROGRESS

## Only One Texas Interstate in the Dallas District to see Speed Limit Increase

Miles and miles of Texas highway will soon see speed limit increases following Thursday's Texas Transportation Commission action approving 75 mph designations for close to 1,500 miles of interstate.

The speed limit changes span 60 Texas counties making it the largest conversion since a new law was passed last year. The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1353 which allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to establish 75 mph speed limits on Texas highways providing speed studies show it can be done safely.

Since September, the agency has been reviewing existing 70 mph speed limits across the state to determine where a 75 mph limit may be safely posted. Four Central Texas highways were the first to see higher speeds after the new law took effect. Thursday's Commission action brings the number of miles now zoned at 75 mph as a result of House Bill (HB) 1353 to 1,618.

Posting new speed limits on 1,500 miles of interstate highway is a major milestone in implementing the new law, said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division director.

"Texas' economic strength depends on the efficient and safe movement of people and goods," Rawson explained. "These new speed limits increase highway efficiency while maintaining the safety of the transportation system."

### NEW 75 MPH SPEED LIMITS

Interstate highway sections approved for 75 mph limits by Commission, January 2012:

I-10	289 miles across El Paso, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, Bexar, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Gonzales, Fayette, Colorado, Austin, Jefferson and Orange counties
I-20	423 miles across Crane, Ector, Midland, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Palo Pinto, Van Zandt, Smith, Gregg and Harrison counties
I-27	109 miles across Lubbock, Hale, Swisher and Randall counties
I-30	139 miles across Hunt, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Morris and Bowie counties
I-35	106 miles across Webb, Medina, Atascosa, Bexar, Hill and Cooke counties
I-37	130 miles across Nueces, San Patricio, Live Oak, Atascosa and Bexar counties
I-40	166 miles across Deaf Smith, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Donley and Wheeler counties
I-44	11 miles across Wichita County
I-45	143 miles across Walker, Madison, Leon, Freestone and Navarro counties

(See map on back page):

For more information go to [http://www.txdot.gov/safety/speed\\_limit/75mph.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/safety/speed_limit/75mph.htm)

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TxDOT recommended to the Commission that speed limits be raised on segments of I-10, I-20, I-27, I-30, I-35, I-37, I-40, I-44 and I-45 after engineering studies showed that higher speeds could be posted safely. One of those, I-45, is in Dallas District's Navarro County.

It is important to note that motorists must continue to travel at the posted speed until new signs are installed.

"The new speed limit is not official until the signs go up," she added.

TxDOT studies of speeds on U.S. highways, state highways, farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads are still under way.

Prior to HB 1353, Texas had 1,445 miles of 75 mph speed limits and 521 miles of 80 mph speed limits on certain state highways. These speed limits were previously restricted to specific rural counties and highways located mostly in West Texas. Texas now has almost 3,600 miles zoned at 75 mph or higher. \*

SH: State Highway FM: Farm to Market CR: County Road CS: City Street LP: Loop SP: Spur BUS: Business VA: Various locations

Colored numbers located on map at right

### JANUARY 2012 LET PROJECTS

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	(%)	Contractor	
0009-12-074	I-30	Interchange at Erby Campbell Blvd.	Construct interchange at Erby Campbell Blvd.	\$17.41	\$20.00	14.82	Webber, LLC	1
0047-14-073	U.S. 75	At U.S. 380	Landscape development	\$0.39	\$0.36	-8.22	Legends Landscapes LLC	2
0092-12-004	BI 45-H	BI 45-H and FM 813 in Palmer	Mill, repair and overlay	\$1.58	\$2.03	28.69	Peachtree Construction, LTD.	3
0094-03-112	SH 183	Dallas/Tarrant C/L to Story Rd. in Irving	Upgrade existing ISDN to wireless ITS System	\$0.85	\$0.80	-6.73	Highway Intelligent Traffic Systems, Corp.	4
0095-04-064	U.S. 80	At proposed Forney Parkway	Construct new location interchange	\$17.10	\$17.05	-0.28	Haydon Building Corp.	5
0442-02-153	I-35E	Ellis C/L to Glenn Heights North City Limits	Landscape development	\$0.23	\$0.22	-3.56	R.D. Howard LC	6
3000-01-022	SP 408	I-20 to Loop 12	Refurbish ITS	\$0.86	\$0.80	-7.12	Highway Intelligent Traffic Systems, Corp.	7
<b>December 2011 total</b>				<b>\$36.88</b>	<b>\$39.81</b>	<b>7.95</b>		
<b>Accumulative letting total</b>				<b>\$214.95</b>	<b>\$147.90</b>	<b>-31.19</b>		
<b>Dallas District letting cap</b>				<b>\$644.65</b>				

### FEBRUARY 2012 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (Subject to change)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Estimate (millions)	
0009-11-223	I-30	Haskell Ave. to Dolphin Rd.	Resurface highway	\$2.32	1
0047-14-070	U.S. 75	Melissa Rd. to Grayson County Line	Full depth concrete pavement repair and overlay	\$8.03	2
0092-08-016	BI 45-G	I-45 to south of SH 34	Mill, repair and overlay	\$2.20	3
0095-13-034	I-20 EB	I-635 to Kaufman County Line	Full depth concrete pavement repair	\$1.12	4
0172-08-057	U.S. 287	SH 34 to I-45	Mill, repair, resurface	\$2.75	5
0574-01-028	SH 309	At Draw and Two Rush Creek reliefs	Replace bridges and approaches	\$1.37	6
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$17.80</b>	

### COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (From January 1- January 31, 2012)

CSJ number	Hwy	Limits	Type of work	Date completed	Cost (millions)	
0047-14-063	U.S. 75	At U.S. 380	Reconstruct interchange	01/12/12	\$25.66	1
0095-13-030	I-20 WB	I-635 to Kaufman County Line	Full depth concrete repair	01/05/12	\$1.90	2
0364-03-094	BS 121-H	SH 121 south to SH 121 north	Full depth concrete repair	01/23/12	\$0.30	3
3088-01-029	FM 3040	Bus 121-H to I-35E	Full-depth concrete repair	01/23/12	\$0.32	4
0048-08-040	I-35E	FM 329 to Johnston Rd.	Rehabilitate freeway mainlanes	01/30/12	\$62.39	5
0918-22-112	CR	Franks Rd. at Richland Creek and 4 other locations	Replace 5 bridges and approaches	01/05/12	\$1.62	6
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$92.19</b>	

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### DISTRICT PROJECTS

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts at left and show projects that have let in January, are projected to let in February and those that were recently completed.

#### DENTON COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 501,039

\*Population estimate: 662,614

Lane miles: 1,557.68

#### DALLAS COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 1,925,213

\*Population estimate: 2,492,850

Lane miles: 3,373.41

#### ELLIS COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 155,029

\*Population estimate: 155,600

Lane miles: 1,529.54

#### NAVARRO COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 48,077

\*Population estimate: 50,000

Lane miles: 1,191.98

#### COLLIN COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 608,341

\*Population estimate: 786,250

Lane miles: 1,496.26

#### ROCKWALL COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 71,734

\*Population estimate: 82,350

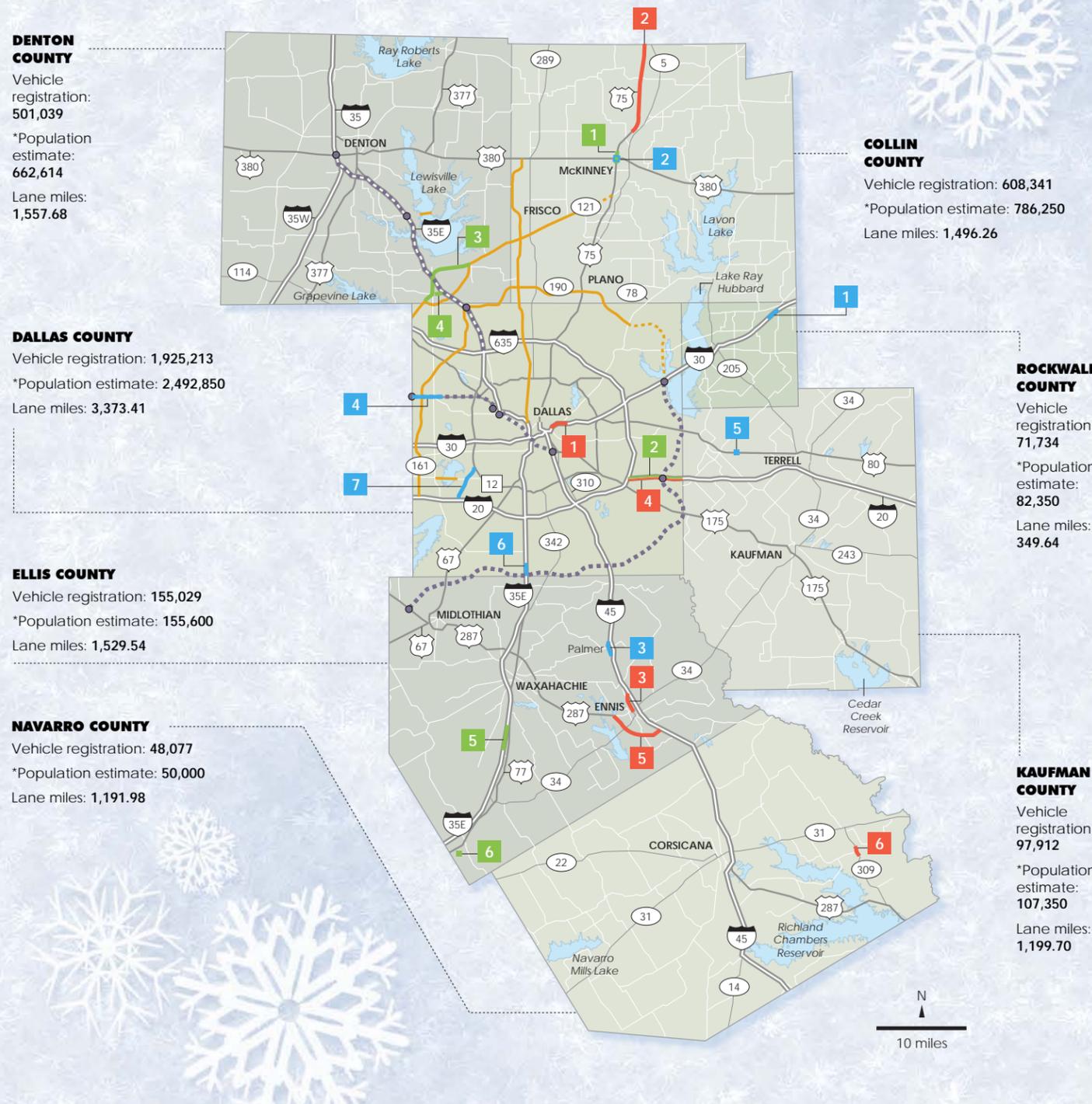
Lane miles: 349.64

#### KAUFMAN COUNTY

Vehicle registration: 97,912

\*Population estimate: 107,350

Lane miles: 1,199.70



#### KEY

- Let
- Projected
- Completed
- Planned
- Toll road
- - - Toll road under construction
- Interstate hwy
- U.S. hwy
- State hwy

#### DALLAS DISTRICT TOTALS

Vehicle registration: 3,446,287  
 \*Population estimate: 4,337,014  
 Lane miles: 10,698.21

SOURCE: TxDOT research. \*POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG.

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