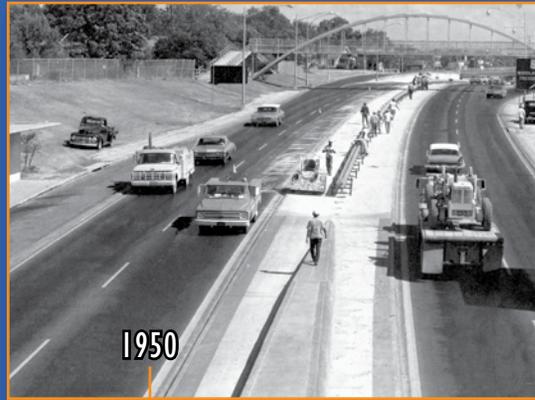




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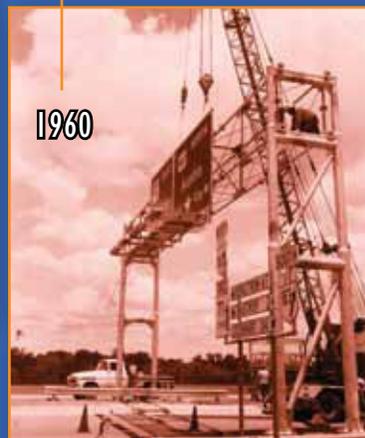
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Some things never change...

Safety's one of them!



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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 2007, Texas recorded **20,298 crashes and 147 fatalities** in roadway construction and maintenance work zones
-  Nationally, in 2007 there were **835 work zone fatalities** - this represents 2% of all roadway fatalities for that year
-  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?

-  **Four** out of every five work zone fatalities are **motorists**
-  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 are 2.7 times more** likely than women to be killed in a work zone crash
-  Persons **under the age of 25** account for 30 percent of all work zone fatalities
-  **One** in three work zone fatalities is **drug or alcohol-related**

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. Drive safe to be safe.

