**DFW CONNECTOR**

**OVERVIEW**

The initial $1 billion DFW Connector project simultaneously designed and built 8.4 miles in Grapevine, Southlake and Irving, and it doubled the size of the existing highway system around the north DFW International Airport entrance. Funding constraints required some original DFW Connector segments to be deferred. However, in 2013, TxDOT was able to identify funding for the FM 2499 section, in 2014, funding for new SH 121/360 ramps and in 2016, funding for the SH 121/360 interchange.

FM 2499 work included rebuilding the mainlanes of FM 2499 from SH 121 to Denton Creek. The lanes were built below grade level allowing commuters to bypass two intersections.

The SH 121/360 ramps project constructed new on-ramps from the southbound SH 121 frontage road (William D. Tate Avenue) to SH 121 and SH 360.

The SH 121 project from SH 114 to Hall Johnson Road will reconstruct the SH 121/360 interchange.

**PROJECT HISTORY**

- **March 2006** – Texas Transportation Comm. authorized request for CDA proposals.
- **March 26, 2009** – CDA conditionally awarded to North Gate Constructors.
- **Oct. 6, 2009** – CDA executed.
- **Jan. 2013** – TxDOT identified $90 million in funding for FM 2499.
- **Aug. 2013** – FM 2499 construction began.
- **Sept. 2014** – TxDOT signs $17 million contract for the SH 121/360 ramp project.
- **Feb. 2016** – SH 121/360 interchange project approved for congestion relief funding.
- **Aug. 30, 2016** – SH 121/360 interchange groundbreaking held.

**FM 2499 PROGRESS**

- All lanes of traffic were opened and in its final pattern in summer 2016, six months ahead of schedule.

**SH 121/360 RAMP PROGRESS FROM WILLIAM D. TATE AVE.**

- The new ramps from southbound William D. Tate Avenue to SH 121 and SH 360 opened to the public on Nov. 12, 2015, more than a year ahead of schedule.

**SH 121/360 INTERCHANGE PROGRESS**

- Bridge foundations and columns are 100% complete.
- Deck placement is complete on the new northbound SH 360 to SH 121 bridge.

**SH 121/360 PROJECT FACTS**

- **COST**: $17 million
- **CONSTRUCTION DATES**
  - Construction start: Nov. 2015
  - Completed: Nov. 2015

**FM 2499 PROJECT FACTS**

- **COST**: $92 million (FUNDED ENTIRELY BY TxDOT)
- **CONSTRUCTION DATES**
  - Construction start: Aug. 2013
  - Completed: Summer 2016

**ORIGINAL PHASE DFW CONNECTOR PROJECT FACTS**

- **LENGTH**: 8.4 miles
- **NON-TOLL LANES (WIDEST POINTS)**
  - 6 to 8 WB, 6 EB between William D. Tate Avenue and International Parkway
  - 4 to 7 NB and 3 to 6 SB at SH 121 near DFW Airport’s north entrance
- **TEXPRESS LANES**
  - Four miles, two in each dir. on SH 114
  - **COST**: $182 million (Prop. 14 funds)
- **CONSTRUCTION DATES**
  - Construction started: Feb. 2010
  - Final acceptance: March 2014