

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



Texas Bluebonnets and Prairie Paintbrush

MAINTAIN a safe system

As one of its goals, TxDOT is working to reduce alcohol-related crashes in Texas through prevention and education campaigns including *Holiday P.A.S.S.*, *Faces of Drunk Driving*, and *Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.*

24,407 alcohol-related traffic crashes in 2011

\$17,000 average total cost of a DWI in Texas

I-35W Achieves Commercial Close

On March 1, the Interstate 35W project achieved commercial close and secured an official notice to proceed. According to the contract, NTE Mobility Partners Segments 3 LLC (NTEMP3) will design, build, finance, operate and maintain I-35W from north of I-30 to I-820 (Segment 3A). The \$1.4 billion contract also includes the operation and maintenance of I-35W from I-820 to North Tarrant Parkway (Segment 3B) after TxDOT constructs it. After financial closure is reached in the coming months, design and construction will begin on 3A. Construction on 3B will be under way by late April/early May.

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Energy Industry Safety Campaign

In partnership with oil and gas associations, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and communities across the state, TxDOT has launched its first *Be Safe. Drive Smart.* campaign. Johnson County Judge Roger Harmon and other officials kicked off the event at the Johnson County Courthouse on March 8. To increase safety in high-traffic oil and gas production areas, this partnership will include increased enforcement, Strike Force Teams, and safety tips posted on oil and gas trucks.

SH 360

TxDOT and NTTA have entered into a memorandum of understanding to deliver SH 360 as a public-public partnership. The initial project is defined as a staged toll road extending from the end of the current expressway to Broad Street as a four-lane toll road, and a two-lane (commonly called a Super 2) from Broad Street to U.S. 287. The initial project will also include completion of the remaining frontage road at the south end of the project. The project is currently in the environmental process.

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Texas Trash-Off

On April 6, more than 82,000 volunteers will take part in the 28th Annual Great Texas Trash-Off, one of the nation's largest one-day litter pickup events. Part of the *Don't Mess with Texas* litter prevention campaign, the Trash-Off is organized by TxDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful. In TxDOT's nine-county Fort Worth District, 182 Adopt-a-Highway groups with over 1,000 volunteers help keep our roadways free of litter.

 dontmesswithtexas.org

PARTNERS *in construction*

AWARDED PROJECTS

| | Hwy | Limits | Type of Work | Estimate (millions) | Bid (millions) | Over/Underrun (%) |
|-----|----------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| MAR | FM 1938 (Davis Blvd) | FM 1709 to Starnes Rd | Pavement overlay and repairs | \$2.3 | \$2.2 | -5.8 |
| | I-20 frontage rd | FM 1187 to Lakeshore Dr Parker County | Pavement overlay and repairs | \$2.8 | \$2.4 | -14.3 |
| | US 281 | FM 2256 to 6th St, Mineral Wells | Pavement overlay and repairs | \$0.6 | \$0.6 | -7.1 |

PROJECTED PROJECTS

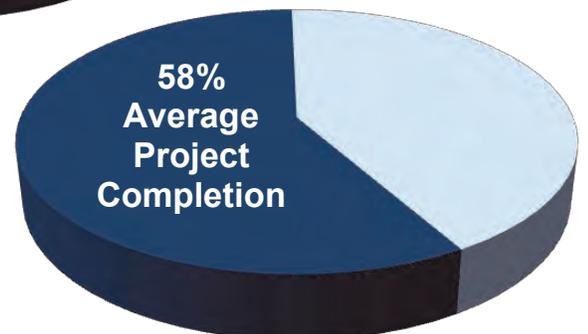
| | Hwy | Limits | Type of Work | Estimate (millions) |
|-------|------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| APRIL | Various roadways | Erath, Palo Pinto and Wise Counties | Pavement overlay and repairs | \$5.5 |
| | I-30 | At Walsh Ranch Pkwy | Construct interchange | \$14.4 |
| | Business 380 | At US 81, Decatur | Intersection improvements | \$0.4 |
| MAY | US 67 and FM 51 | Various locations Johnson and Wise Counties | Pavement overlay and repairs | \$5.2 |
| | I-30 | Cooper St to Fielder Rd, Arlington | Construct westbound auxiliary lane | \$0.7 |
| | FM 3029 | At L D Lockett Rd | Traffic signal | \$0.2 |
| | SH 174 | At FM 916, Rio Vista | Traffic signal | \$0.3 |



\$306 M PROPOSED LETTING



FY 2013 CONSTRUCTION*



TOTAL CONTRACTS \$675 M

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



TxDOT's Cost Savings Program

As TxDOT endeavors to be the best DOT (department of transportation) in the nation, working safely and smartly, creating additional value in the duties we perform, and reducing expenses will be key to our success.

In keeping with the growing continuous improvement culture at TxDOT, we are always seeking opportunities to improve our practices and capture cost savings. Our intent is to then redirect those savings to priority agency tasks in support of the state's transportation system.

Cost Savings Tracker

TxDOT Challenge

During TxDOT's annual Short Course event held in October 2012, Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Austin III championed the cost savings effort and challenged TxDOT employees to find ways to save even more. Thus far, more than \$270 million has been captured in cost savings and cost avoidances.

These cost savings reflect the work of resolute, knowledgeable and collaborative professionals determined to solve our state's toughest transportation challenges and be good stewards of taxpayer money.

Cost Savings Achievements

One cost savings measure is TxDOT's plans to shrink the size of its fleet from 16,000 to 10,000 vehicles. This would improve procurement, and lower operating and maintenance costs by possibly up to \$50 million a year. The agency plans to reinvest the savings in road maintenance. Another cost savings opportunity for TxDOT's fleet will save up to \$1.4 million a year by switching from re-refined conventional oil to synthetic oil, which lasts longer.

Recently TxDOT successfully priced just over \$1.1 billion in State of Texas Highway Improvement General Obligation ("HIGO") Bonds with an overall borrowing cost of 3.37%. This is the first time TxDOT has used the competitive bid process to sell bonds, considered an industry best practice. This will save approximately \$500 million.

These samples of cost saving measures are critical components in the agency's move to modernize and operate more like a business.

For more cost-saving measures, go to:

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Stay Sober — because even “buzzed” driving is drunk driving.

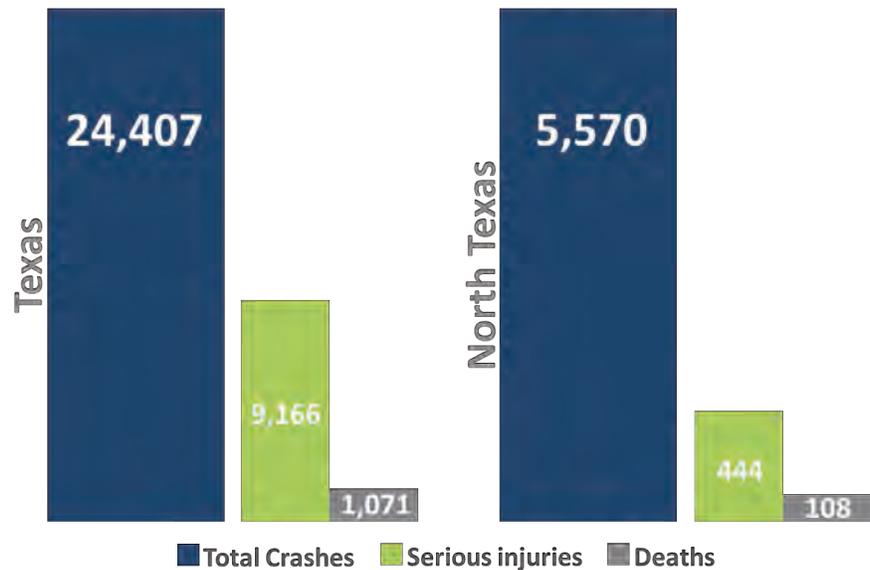
Approximately one out of every three people killed on Texas roadways are killed in an alcohol-related crash. Consuming just a few drinks can still impair a person’s ability to drive. Regardless of blood alcohol content, drivers can be arrested if a law enforcement officer has probable cause, based on the driver’s behavior. In 2011, there were 24,407 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas.

Spring — March 1 through May 31 — marks the most dangerous season on Texas roadways for alcohol-related traffic crashes. That’s why TxDOT is reminding motorists to line up a P.A.S.S. — a *Person Appointed to Stay Sober* — because even “buzzed” driving is drunk driving.

58%

of all
alcohol-related
crashes occur
on a weekend

Alcohol-Related Crashes, 2011



Always plan ahead for a sober ride home.

Line Up a P.A.S.S.: Designate a Person Appointed to Stay Sober *before* you drink. To find a safe ride home, visit soberrides.org.

No Shortcuts: The only effective way to sober up is “time.”

Legal Limit: Driving with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent or higher is illegal. However, drivers can be arrested with a lower BAC based on their behavior.

Consequences: Violators risk killing or injuring themselves and others, jail time, loss of driver license, embarrassment, career prospects, and thousands of dollars in financial costs.

 soberrides.org

FEDERAL *update*

In July 2012, “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.

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