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Roadside billboard art for the 2021 "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign, which focuses on staying alert out there on the highways and byways.

The "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign outlines five key steps drivers can take to safely navigate a work zone:

SLOW DOWN	PAY ATTENTION	WATCH OUT FOR ROAD CREWS	DON'T TAILGATE	ALLOW EXTRA TIME
Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions. Unsafe speed is one of the main causes of crashes in work zones.	Avoid distractions, keep your mind on the road and put your phone away.	The only protective gear they wear is a vest, a hardhat and safety boots. Remember, they want to get home safe, too.	Give yourself room to stop in a hurry if you need to. Rear-end collisions are the most common kind of work zone crashes.	Road construction can slow things down. Count on it, and plan for it.

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

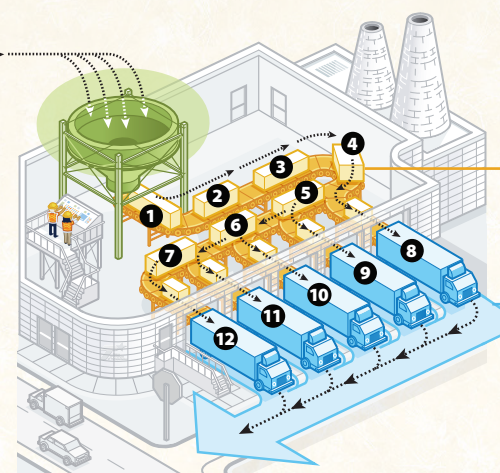
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Traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000. Failure to heed the Move Over/Slow Down law can also result in a \$2,000 fine. State law requires drivers to move over a lane or reduce their speed to 20 mph below the posted speed limit when approaching a TxDOT vehicle, emergency vehicle, law enforcement, tow truck or utility vehicle stopped with flashing lights activated on the roadside. ■

A factory-themed metaphorical take on the business of how TxDOT builds roadways:

I. FUNDING SOURCES

- Motor Fuel Taxes
- Vehicle Registration Fees
- Prop 1/Prop 7
- Federal Reimbursements



II. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Public Involvement
- 2. Feasibility Analysis
- 3. Environmental
- 4. Engineering
- 5. Right of Way
- 6. Utility Adjustment
- 7. Contractor Procurement

III. MOBILITY AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

- 8. Connectivity
- 9. Preservation
- 10. Safety
- 11. Mobility
- 12. Roadway Maintenance

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation

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DALLAS DISTRICT PROGRESSES

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TxDOT CALLS FOR SAFER DRIVING AS WORK ZONE TRAFFIC DEATHS RISE DURING PANDEMIC

Unsafe Speed Is One Of The Main Causes Of Crashes In Work Zones

STATEWIDE – Even with less traffic during the pandemic, Texas work zone fatalities increased 9% in 2020 compared to 2019. That's why TxDOT is calling on drivers to make safety their number one priority at all times and especially when passing through active construction and maintenance work zones on the roadway. Last year, there were more than 22,000 traffic crashes in Texas work zones with 186 people killed, including four road workers.

"We know driving through work zones can be challenging," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "There can be extra congestion, slow-moving heavy equipment, temporary barriers, and vehicles that make sudden stops. We can't stress enough how important it is to give driving your full attention and slow down—for your own safety and that of the people who work alongside the road."

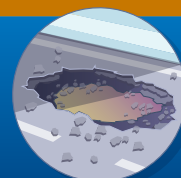


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Poster for the 2021 "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign, which reminds habitual speeders of the dangers and consequences involved if driving at high speeds in work zones.

Drivers and their passengers account for the majority of those who have died in work zone crashes. In 2020, 147 motorists and vehicle passengers were killed in Texas work zones, along with 35 pedestrians and bicyclists and four road workers.

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APRIL 2021 LET PROJECTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	COST EST. (M)	BID (M)	(%)	EST. TOTAL COST (M) ³	CONTRACTOR	
1-8	0918-47-212	VA	Various locations in Dallas	Improve traffic signals/add sidewalks	\$2.03	\$2.04	0.69%	\$2.43	Durable Spec., Inc.
				EST. APRIL 2021 TOTALS	\$2.03	\$2.04	0.69%	\$2.43	
				DISTRICT FY ACCUMULATIVE LETTINGS	\$448.41	\$406.32			
				²DALLAS DISTRICT FY LETTING VOLUME CAP	\$1,451.35 M¹				

¹District FY 2021 Letting Volume Cap includes the IH 35 Phase II project for \$708,268,750.

²District Volume Cap subject to change pending final FIN Division Approval.

³Est. Total Project Costs includes est. PE, ROW, E&C, Indirect Costs and Potential Change Order Costs at the time of bid.

MAY 2021 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)	
* 0918-47-290	Various	On Wintergreen Rd. at New Clark Rd.	New signal improvement including retiming	\$0.35	
2 0009-02-067	SH 78	At Gaston Ave.	Reconfigure intersection with sidewalk improvements	\$5.30	
3 0047-06-170	US 75	Dallas County Line to Valley Creek Trail	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.50	
4 0047-14-086	US 75	Valley Creek Trail to Grayson County Line	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.09	
5 0091-04-066	SH 289	Eldorado Parkway to FM 455	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.09	
6 0091-05-078	SH 289	Dallas County Line to Eldorado Pkwy.	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.20	
7 0135-02-066	US 380	Lake Forest at US 75	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.05	
8 0135-03-054	US 380	SH 5 to Airport Rd.	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.03	
9 0135-05-029	US 380	CR 608 to Hunt County Line	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.02	
10 0135-12-030	FM 3537	SH 289 to FM 2478	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.02	
11 0281-01-035	SH 78	N of BS 78G South to FM 6	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.02	
12 0281-02-074	SH 78	Dallas County Line to N of BS 78G South	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.10	
13 2056-01-052	FM 2551	McWhirter Rd. to FM 2514	Full Depth Concrete Repair	\$0.02	
* 0135-02-063	US 380	N Stonebridge Dr. to W of SH 5 to in McKinney	Improve traffic signals	\$0.97	
16 0135-03-051	US 380	W of SH 5 to Airport Dr. to in McKinney	Improve traffic signals	\$0.18	
17 2250-01-028	SL 288	S of US 377 in Denton to E McKinney St. in Denton	Improve traffic signals	\$0.12	
* 2250-02-019	SL 288	Kings Row to S of US 377 in Denton	Improve traffic signals	\$0.51	
* 0918-00-326	Various	Various locations	DMS rehabilitation	\$1.12	
* 0918-00-361	Various	Various intersections	Upgrade traffic signal controller cabinets	\$1.70	
21 0995-01-026	FM 637	At Cedar Creek (S of FM 2859)	Replace bridge and approaches	\$1.36	
* 1393-01-015	FM 308	At Draw (0.3 mile NW of I-35E)	Replace bridge and approaches	\$1.03	
23 2374-03-074	I-20	At Bonnie View Rd. in Dallas	Improve approach, widen bridge to add turn lanes, & replace traffic signal system	\$2.37	
				ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$16.18 M

*Unmapped.

COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (FROM APRIL 1-30, 2021)

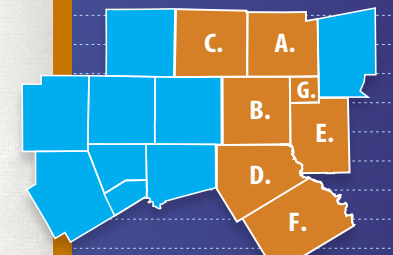
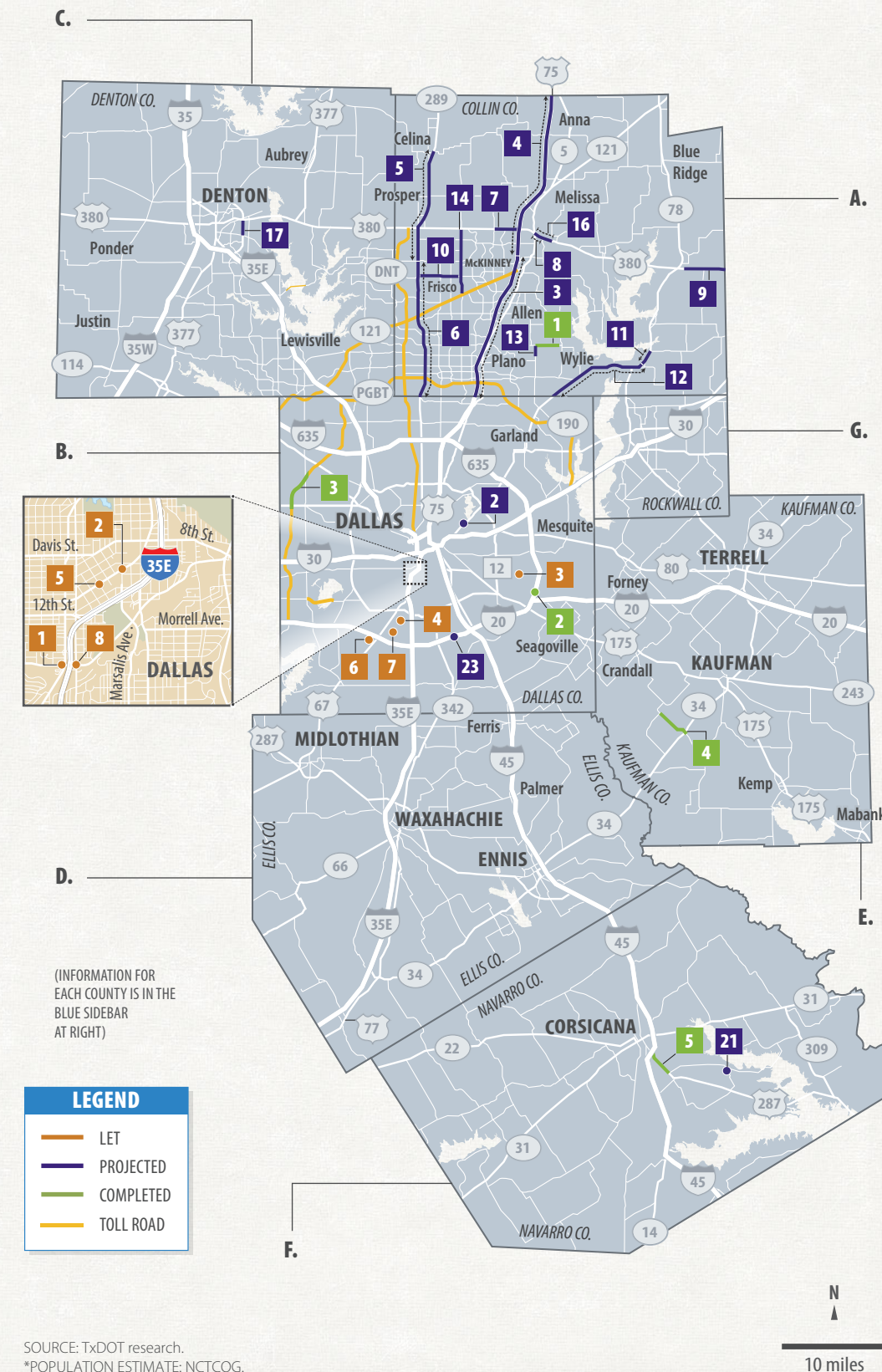
CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)	COMPLETED DATE
1 2679-02-008	FM 2514	FM 2551 to West of FM 1378	Reconstruct 2 lane rural to 4 lane urban divided	\$19.08	04/27/2021
2 2374-02-147	I-635	At Seagoville Rd.	Replace bridge deck	\$9.21	04/15/2021
3 2964-01-048	SH 161	South of SH 183 to north of Beltline Rd.	Widen/constr. 4 (6 lns during peak travel) to 6/8 GPLs	\$20.93	04/15/2021
4 0751-02-026	FM 148	FM 1390 to SH 34	Reconstruct existing pavement and add shoulders	\$7.82	04/15/2021
5 0122-01-043	US 287	I-45 to FM 637	Pavement repair, overlay and pavement markings	\$2.79	04/22/2021
				ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$59.83 M

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

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DALLAS DISTRICT PROJECTS MAP

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts on page 2 and show projects that have let in April, are projected to let in May, or have recently been completed.



2021 DALLAS DISTRICT ESTIMATE TOTALS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION | 4,451,460
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE | 5,046,435
 LANE MILES | 10,945,063

A. | COLLIN COUNTY
 VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 815,746
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,033,046
 LANE MILES: 1,554,718

B. | DALLAS COUNTY
 VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 2,006,193
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 2,647,576
 LANE MILES: 3,374,238

C. | DENTON COUNTY
 VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 694,485
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 886,563
 LANE MILES: 1,665,964

D. | ELLIS COUNTY
 VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 665,303
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 188,464
 LANE MILES: 1,541,650

E. | KAUFMAN COUNTY
 VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 128,716
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 135,410
 LANE MILES: 1,207,916

F. | NAVARRO COUNTY
 VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 47,117
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 52,013
 LANE MILES: 1,252,710

G. | ROCKWALL COUNTY
 VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 93,900
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 103,363
 LANE MILES: 347,867