Additional Public Comments Related to Mobility 2040

At 3:50 pm, Wednesday, March 9, 2016, the North Central Texas Council of Governments received a packet of more than 715 letters opposing the inclusion of TEX Rail in Mobility 2040.

The majority of the letters reference a Tarrant County city in the signature area.

The content of each letter is identical; therefore, staff has summarized the cities represented and number of letters from each city. Also included for your review and consideration, is a copy of the packet cover letter and the letter template used by each individual.

Finally, for your reference staff prepared a summary of TEX Rail funding amounts and sources.

Attachments:

- Cover letter
- Sample of the 717 letters with different typed signature lines
- Summary of zip code locations
- City of Colleyville resolution of support for rail quiet zone in Colleyville
- RTC Consideration

Wednesday March, 9th, 2016

Honorable Members of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council 616 Six Flags Drive Arlington, TX 76005

RTC Chair Mark Riley, Vice Chair Ron Jensen, and RTC Members:

In response to your repeated requests for public input, please find attached more than six hundred and eighty (680) letters from Tarrant County constituents regarding the \$1 billion TexRail proposed line, a project contained within the former 2035 and current 2040 transportation plans under your direct jurisdiction.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Ross Kecseg

Director, Metroplex Bureau Texans for Fiscal Responsibility

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Honorable Members of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council 616 Six Flags Drive Arlington, TX 76005

TexRail plans to divert \$1 billion (and rising) federal, state, county, and local tax dollars away from new road projects. Even worse, the government's own data says the diesel trains will not reduce air pollution or traffic congestion. In fact, increased rail usage will make traffic worse at busy intersections. Due to its poor outlook, several cities have already opted out of TexRail, while affected communities with fiscal, safety, and congestion concerns have been largely ignored.

Not only should county and city officials stop TexRail, but transportation officials at the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) should remove it from their 2040 Transportation Plan.

Respectfully,

Vince Brancato Arlington, Texas 76016

Cc: The Honorable Glen Whitley and the Tarrant County Commissioners Court 100 E. Weatherford Fort Worth, Texas 76196

Summary of All Letters by City

City	State	Number of Letters
Aledo	TX	1
Arlington	TX	44
Bedford	TX	23
Benbrook	TX	2
Burleson	TX	2
Carlsbad	TX	2
	TX	1
Cleveland		
Colleyville	TX	396
Coppell	TX	3
Copper Canyon	TX	1
Crowley	TX	4
Dallas	TX	3
Earlier (sic)	TX	
Eastland	TX	1
Euless	TX	21
Fairland	TX	1
Flower Mound	TX	1
Fort Worth	TX	67
Frisco	TX	1
Gainesville	TX	1
Garden Ridge	TX	1
Garland	TX	1
Grand Prairie	TX	2
Grapevine	TX	29
Haltom City	TX	29 7
Haslet	TX	2
Helotes	TX	5
Honey Grove	TX	5 2
Hurst	TX	20
Irving	TX	1
Keller	TX	2
Lucas	TX	1
Magnolia	TX	2
Mansfield	TX	5
McQueeney	TX	3 5 1
No Address	TX	4
North Richland Hills	TX	28
Rio Vista	TX	1
Roanoke	TX	1
Rowlett	TX	1
Sedro-Woolley	WA	1
Southlake	TX	13
Trophy Club	TX	1
Valley View	TX	1
Watuaga	TX	6
White Settlement	TX	1
Wills Point	TX	1
Wylie	TX	1
. - 	Total	717

RESOLUTION R-12-3519

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY COUNCIL ACTION UNDER CONSENT ITEMS AT THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2012

WHEREAS, City Council has taken action on certain items on the agenda under Consent Items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEYVILLE, TEXAS:

- Sec. 1. THAT the agenda decisions approved by City Council action under Consent Items as follows are hereby adopted:
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 17, 2012
 - b. Approval and adoption of the 2012 certified tax roll
 - c. Approval of a contract with Pattillo, Brown and Hill, L.L.P., for audit services for fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, in the amount of \$43,725
 - d. Approval of an interlocal agreement between the City of Grapevine and the City of Colleyville for the operation and maintenance of the southbound Heritage Avenue school zone flasher, south of Hall-Johnson Road
 - e. Approval of an interlocal agreement between the City of Keller, City of Southlake, and the City of Colleyville for the regionalization of the administration and operation of animal control services
 - f. Approval of an interlocal agreement between the City of Colleyville and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) for the design and construction of quad gates at three locations on the Cotton Belt Rail Corridor in Colleyville

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ATTEST:

Cynthia Singleton, TRMC, CMC City Secretary

CITY OF COLLEYVILLE

David Kelly Mayor

RTC Consideration

1) Not a diversion away from roadways

Revenue sources are not eligible for roadways:

- FTA 5309 New Start grant -- \$498 million
- The T sales tax -- \$214 million
- Grapevine -- \$113 million
- 2) Project is already under construction creating potential legal risk (\$400 million to date)
- 3) Significant previous RTC support and funds to advance project
- 4) Significant public support from others to build project
- 5) Significant portion of the region does not have a driver's license or a vehicle available



RESOLUTION APPROVING IH 35E/IH 635 Y CONNECTION REVENUE SHARING PRINCIPLES (R16-02)

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2013, the RTC adopted R13-05, Resolution Approving the Funding Strategy for IH35E Options that included a Y Connection (sometimes referred to as the "Wishbone Connection") in the IH 35E/IH 635 Interchange; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of the Y Connection is approximately \$45 million, which is being funded with Regional Toll Revenue funds pending approval and receipt of the IH 35E Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovative Act loan; and,

WHEREAS, the Y Connection is designed to allow IH 35E/LP 12 managed lane users to continue through the IH 35E/IH 635 Interchange on a continuous managed lane facility as opposed to exiting the managed lanes, mixing with general purpose traffic through the interchange, and reentering the managed lanes after the interchange; and,

WHEREAS, the Y Connection increases revenue to the LBJ Project and the LBJ Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) provides for the allocation of increased revenue in such projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the LBJ Infrastructure Group (LBJIG) have been in discussions concerning the appropriate allocation of the increase in revenue to the LBJ Project; and,

WHEREAS, TxDOT is requesting RTC staff to assist TxDOT and LBJIG in developing a fair revenue sharing position; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the RTC's interest to assist TxDOT and LBJIG in developing a fair revenue sharing position for the Y Connection, and the RTC desires to establish the principles to facilitate a resolution of this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. In response to TxDOT's request, the Regional Transportation Council approves the following principles to assist TxDOT and the LBJ Infrastructure Group develop a fair revenue sharing position with respect to the increase in revenue to the LBJ Project due to the Y Connection:

a. Any proposed revenue sharing position should recognize that TxDOT and LBJIG are still in the early phase of their long-term, on-going contractual relationship. This may be one of many instances where TxDOT and LBJIG are negotiating



- revenue issues during the term of the CDA, and the resolution of the Y Connection should be used to further establish the excellent working partnership between TxDOT and LBJIG;
- Although TxDOT and LBJIG have specific contractual remedies that may be exercised. Aany proposed revenue sharing position should minimize the risk of an all-or-nothing approach and should reflect a mutually beneficial (i.e, win-win) position for the parties;
- Any proposed revenue sharing position should be adjusted to appropriately account for the source funds used to construct the Y Connection. There are various scenarios that could be developed to incorporate this principle;
- d. Although TxDOT and LBJIG have specific contractual interests in the outcome, any proposed revenue sharing position should also incorporate the interests of the Dallas-Fort Worth region;
- e. To the extent possible, any revenue sharing position should streamline the implementation of other RTC policy interests (e.g., high-occupancy vehicle discounts, traveler rebates, toll tag utilization rates, etc.).
- The RTC volunteers RTC staff to be available to TxDOT and LBJIG to facilitate the negotiation and resolution of the Y Connection revenue sharing issue consistent with the principles outlined herein.
- Section 3. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT Executive Director, TxDOT Dallas District Engineer, and the LBJ Infrastructure Group.
- **Section 4.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mark Riley, Chair Regional Transportation Council County Judge, Parker County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on March 10, 2016.

Rob Franke, P.E. Secretary Regional Transportation Council Mayor, City of Cedar Hill

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Monthly Report on Dallas District Projects and Topics

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NEW I-30 MANAGED LANES TO OPEN IN APRIL

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DALLAS — A \$63 million transition to managed lanes on Interstate 30 (I-30) between Dallas and Arlington is expected to ease congestion starting this April.

The contractor, Austin Bridge and Road, began work in 2013 on the 18.7mile stretch of I-30 from Sylvan Avenue in Dallas County to just west of Center Street in Tarrant County. The project features managed lanes, also known as TEXpress lanes. These lanes provide drivers an option. They can take the main lanes at no cost or pay to use the managed lanes, which keep traffic moving at least 50 mph. Traffic speeds are maintained though dynamic pricing meaning the price fluctuates based on congestion in the lane. (See pricing details chart on back page). Pre-declared HOV drivers will receive a 50 percent discount on weekdays during peak times. To declare, drivers need to visit www.driveontexpress. com or download the "Drive On TEXpress" mobile app.

"This project is another way we are working to ease congestion on highways in North Texas," said Dallas District Engineer Kelly Selman. "Drivers that choose to use the managed lanes will have a more predictable travel speed and will free up capacity for those that choose to take the main lanes."

The new lanes will feature improved access including direct-connect ramps and upgraded connections to and from the frontage road as well as eight entrance ramps and eight exit ramps. This benefits both drivers and emergency responders.



I-30 (West Tom Landry Freeway) Managed Lanes Toll Road from west of Center St. to east of Sylvan Ave.

ENTRANCE | EXIT LOCATIONS

EASTBOUND (Entrances)	EASTBOUND (Exits)	WESTBOUND (Entrances)	WESTBOUND (Exits)
Baird Farm Rd. ramp	PGBT	Baird Farm Rd. ramp	Belt Line Rd.
Near Collins St.	Loop 12	Near Beckley Ave.	PGBT
Baird Farm Rd.	Westmoreland Rd.	Near Westmoreland Rd.	Baird Farm Rd
PGBT	Beckley Ave.	Near Loop 12	Collins St.
Near Belt Line Rd.		Near SH 360	

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

TxDOT graphic

"We begin each project with the goal of creating a safer and more efficient transportation system," Selman said. "And we think this project has done just that."

For the first six months, the managed lanes will feature scheduled pricing that changes at set times of day. After six months of operation, the lanes will rely on technology that monitors travel times and adjusts prices accordingly.

The I-30 managed lanes will have one lane in each direction from west of SH 161 to Center Street. Two reversible lanes from west of SH 161 to near Sylvan Ave. will change directions depending on peak traffic.

The new lanes are expected to open with the start of baseball season easing traffic to Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys games. The new I-30 managed lanes from west of SH 161 to near Westmoreland Rd. are expected to open in April. The remaining portion, from west of Westmoreland Rd. to west of Sylvan Ave., will open when the Horseshoe project is complete in mid-2017. ■

See I-30 MANAGED LANES on back page

SH: STATE HWY. | FM: FARM TO MARKET | CR: COUNTY RD. | CS: CITY ST. | SL: STATE LOOP | SP: SPUR | BUS: BUSINESS | VA: VARIOUS | LET | PROJECTED | COMPLETED

FEBRUARY 2016 LET PROJECTS

CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. (M)	BID (M)	(%)	EST. TOTAL COSTS (M) **	CONTRACTOR	
0009-12-072	I-30	At FM 3549	Reconstruct interchange	\$29.80	\$32.88	-10.34	\$39.64	Sema Construction, Inc.	1
0197-02-122	US 175	East of Bexar St. to I-45	Extend US 175; Reconstruct interchange w/ SM Wright	\$100.03	\$103.89	3.85	\$126.47	Webber, LLC	2
1068-04-148	I-30	NW 7th Street to Beltline Road	Construct 0 to 2/3 lane eastbound frontage road and ramp modifications	\$7.57	\$7.99	5.61	\$10.10	Austin Bridge & Road Services, LP	3
**Est. Total Proj. C	Costs includes	s actimated DE	FEBRUARY 2016 TOTAL	\$137.40	\$144.76	5.35	\$176.21		
ROW, E&C, Indirect Order Costs at the t	Costs and Po	otential Change	ISTRICT FY ACCUMULATIVE LETTINGS	\$721.81	\$694.99	-3.72			
NOTE: Subject to Cl	hange		DALLAS DISTRICT LETTING CAP		\$826.54				

MARCH 2016 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. (M)	
0009-04-061	SH 66	0.1 mile west of FM 1141 to Hunt County Line	Provide additional paved surface width	\$18.92	1
0047-04-024	SH 5	SH 121 To CR 422	Mill, base repair and overlay	\$4.12	2
0095-02-119	US 80	West Of Gross Rd to east of Gross Rd.	Depress roadway	\$2.99	3
0495-01-070	I-20	I-635 to Van Zandt County Line	Bridge rail upgrades and median cable barrier	\$3.43	4
			TOTAL	\$29.46	

COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (FROM FEBRUARY 1 – 29, 2016)

CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	DATE COMPLETED	COST (M)	
0095-02-114	US 80	East of Town East Blvd. to Kaufman County Line	Install protection	02/26/16	\$0.94	1
0353-04-098	SP 348	SH 114 to SL 12	Full depth concrete repair	02/22/16	\$0.68	2
0718-01-051	FM 156	South of Hickory Creek to North of FM 2450	Add 10 foot shoulders and replace bridges	02/15/16	\$7.73	3
0047-14-067	US 75	South of Bloomdale Rd. in McKinney to Telephone Rd.	Reconstruct and widen four lane to eight lane and three lane frontage roads	02/22/16	\$68.11	4
1392-01-040	FM 1378	0.2 mi south of Forest Grove Rd. to City of Lucas	Base repair and overlay	02/15/16	\$2.70	5
2056-01-045	FM 2551	FM 544 to FM 2514	Reconstruct and widen two lane to six lane urban divided	02/15/16	\$15.78	6
0261-01-037	US 67	Overlook Dr. to west of Eighth St.	Construct new frontage roads over UP RR	02/19/16	\$8.96	7
1394-02-023	FM 1387	West of Kensington Dr. to east of Walnut Grove in Midlothian	Realign existing highway	02/12/16	\$4.09	8
				TOTAL	\$108.00	-

SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

TxDOT graphic

DALLAS DISTRICT PROJECTS MAP

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





DALLAS DISTRICT TOTALS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION | 3,806,303 *POPULATION ESTIMATE | 4,461,760 LANE MILES | 10,493.628

A. DENTON COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 603,332 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 734,940 LANE MILES: 1,488.733

B. | COLLIN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 729.624 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 868,790 LANE MILES: 1,373.829

C. DALLAS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 2,064,783 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 2,454,880 LANE MILES: 3,366.158

D. ROCKWALL COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 82.515 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 87.290 LANE MILES: 346.368

E. | ELLIS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 165,813 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 161,010 LANE MILES: 1,523.910

F. KAUFMAN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 109,180 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 109,300 LANE MILES: 1,201.810

G. NAVARRO COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **51,056** *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 48,550 LANE MILES: 1,192.820

I-30 MANAGED LANES TOLL RATES (DURING SCHEDULED FIXED PERIOD)

Daviad	Contin	Lasation	Divertion	Two-Axle		Three-Axle	
Period	Gantry	Location	Direction	ETC	Video	ETC	Video
	MLG 1	Between Center St. and Baird St.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.67 \$0.73	\$1.01 \$1.10	\$1.34 \$1.46	\$2.01 \$2.19
AM Off-Peak Period (5:00 am - 6:30 am,	MLG 2	Between SH 161 and Belt Line Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.56 Closed	\$0.84 Closed	\$1.12 Closed	\$1.68 Closed
Mon-Fri) 9:00 am - 11:00 am,	MLG 3	Between Belt Line Rd. and Loop 12	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.52 Closed	\$0.78 Closed	\$1.04 Closed	\$1.56 Closed
Mon-Fri)	MLG 4	Between Loop 12 and Westmoreland Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.43 Closed	\$0.65 Closed	\$0.86 Closed	\$1.29 Closed
	MLG 1	Between Center St. and Baird St.	Eastbound Westbound	\$1.37 \$1.49	\$2.06 \$2.24	\$2.47 \$2.98	\$4.11 \$4.47
AM Peak Period	MLG 2	Between SH 161 and Belt Line Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	\$1.14 Closed	\$1.71 Closed	\$2.28 Closed	\$3.42 Closed
6:30 am - 9:00 am, Иоп-Fri)	MLG 3	Between Belt Line Rd. and Loop 12	Eastbound Westbound	\$1.06 Closed	\$1.59 Closed	\$2.12 Closed	\$1.18 Closed
	MLG 4	Between Loop 12 and Westmoreland Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.89 Closed	\$1.34 Closed	\$1.78 Closed	\$2.67 Closed
	MLG 1	Between Center St. and Baird St.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.67 \$0.73	\$1.01 \$1.10	\$1.34 \$1.46	\$2.01 \$2.19
Mid-Day Period	MLG 2	Between SH 161 and Belt Line Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Mon-Fri)	MLG 3	Between Belt Line Rd. and Loop 12	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
	MLG 4	Between Loop 12 and Westmoreland Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
	MLG 1	Between Center St. and Baird St.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.67 \$0.73	\$1.01 \$1.10	\$1.34 \$1.46	\$2.01
PM Off-Peak Period 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm,	MLG 2	Between SH 161 and Belt Line Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed \$0.45	Closed \$0.68	Closed \$0.90	Closed \$1.35
Mon-Fri) 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm,	MLG 3	Between Belt Line Rd. and Loop 12	Eastbound Westbound	Closed \$0.47	Closed \$0.71	Closed \$0.94	Closed \$1.41
Mon-Fri)	MLG 4	Between Loop 12 and Westmoreland Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed \$0.49	Closed \$0.74	Closed \$0.98	Closed \$1.47
	MLG 1	Between Center St. and Baird St.	Eastbound Westbound	\$1.37 \$1.49	\$2.06 \$2.24	\$2.47 \$2.98	\$4.11
PM Peak Period	MLG 2	Between SH 161 and Belt Line Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed \$0.93	Closed \$1.40	Closed \$1.86	Closed \$2.79
(3:00 pm - 6:30 pm, Mon-Fri)	MLG 3	Between Belt Line Rd. and Loop 12	Eastbound Westbound	Closed \$0.96	Closed \$1.44	Closed \$1.92	Closed \$2.88
	MLG 4	Between Loop 12 and Westmoreland Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed \$1.00	Closed \$1.50	Closed \$2.00	Closed \$3.00
	MLG 1	Between Center St. and Baird St.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.67 \$0.73	\$1.01 \$1.10	\$1.34 \$1.46	\$2.01
Remaining Hours	MLG 2	Between SH 161 and Belt Line Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed
8:00 pm - 5:00 am, Mon-Fri)	MLG 3	Between Belt Line Rd. and Loop 12	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
	MLG 4	Between Loop 12 and Westmoreland Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
	MLG 1	Between Center St. and Baird St.	Eastbound Westbound	\$0.67 \$0.73	\$1.01 \$1.10	\$1.34 \$1.46	\$2.01
	MLG 2	Between SH 161 and Belt Line Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
Weekends	MLG 3	Between Belt Line Rd. and Loop 12	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed
	MLG 4	Between Loop 12 and Westmoreland Rd.	Eastbound Westbound	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed

NOTES: (1) ETC Rates shown for Single Occupancy Vehicles with a Valid Tag (Surcharges apply to vehicles without a valid tag). (2) Two-Axle Vehicles and Motorcycles with Valid Tags, that enroll and activate their HOV2+ status online (valid during Peak Period only), shall receive a 50 percent discount to the ETC rate shown in the table, as per the Regional Transportation Council's Managed Lane Policy. (3) A 50 percent surcharge over the ETC rate is applied to the Video Rate. (4) Trucks over 1 ton and towed trailers prohibited on I-30 Managed Lanes. (5) Scheduled fixed pricing for first six months, and dynamic pricing thereafter.

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REPORT A POTHOLE:

A Monthly Report on NTTA Topics and Projects

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The Best Kind of Transparency

Transparency is a top priority for NTTA. Through numerous recognitions by the State Comptroller and enhanced reporting to its member counties and online reporting accessibility, NTTA has worked hard to demonstrate transparency to its stakeholders.

NTTA was created to ensure local toll revenues remain local to support mobility projects here in North Texas. Prior to NTTA's formation, local toll dollars collected in North Texas were being diverted by the State to projects and feasibility studies outside of the region. NTTA does not select which roads will be tolled but rather develops toll facilities as identified through the Metropolitan Planning Organization and working in conjunction with TxDOT. NTTA's primacy extends only to its four founding member counties.

NTTA roads are not a part of the state highway system and receive no



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direct tax funding. NTTA has issued over \$9 billion in debt to accelerate mobility projects within the North Texas area with repayment of that debt solely from NTTA system toll revenue.

As elected officials charged with oversight of NTTA, the NTTA's four member county commissioners courts have actively engaged in ongoing cooperation with NTTA in reviewing its financial and operational performance to ensure NTTA's viability and accountability as the region's local toll

road provider. NTTA also undergoes an independent financial audit and operational audit each and every year. All of these reports are supplied to the member counties, in addition to posting online access for public and legislative review their monthly Board meetings, annual budgets, system financial metric reports, monthly check register, bond notifications, traffic and revenue reports, interlocal agreements and related project information. Learn more at NTTA.org.

Graduating ROAD Program Class Heads Into Construction World

NTTA congratulates its 2014-16 Relationships and Opportunities Advancing Diversity program class members as they prepare to graduate. This ROAD Program class is made up of 15 teams – more than

twice the number of NTTA's 2010 pilot ROAD Program.

The ROAD program provides opportunities for new and emerging disadvantaged minority and/or woman-owned business enterprises to

partner with established firms in a mentor/protégé model. The program fosters expanded access to resources, a broader scope of services, deeper technical knowledge and improved business management and operation processes.

The ROAD program is aimed at enhancing the capacity of D/M/WBEs. It also provides guidance to increase industry and technical knowledge. The ROAD program is

fully supported by the NTTA Board of Directors and NTTA's Business Diversity Advisory Council.

In the 2014-16 class, one consultant that previously participated

in the ROAD Program as a protégé served as a mentor, the ideal path of a ROAD program participant.

Learn more in March Driving Forward at NTTA.org.





Here's a look at where some of your toll money goes. Impressive tour this morning of NTTA's Safety Operations Center. Incredible facility!



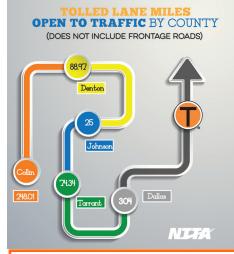


This man was a God send. I thank you for sending him and him for coming. A blowout is tough to deal with when you are 81 years old."

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Diect Updates in Pictures





Stay in your lane: Keep yourself in a \$20 Stater TollTag

The Starter TollTag is designed for

drivers that don't drive toll roads often. This could be your collegeaged student, stay-at-home spouse or an elder relative.



How does the \$20 Starter Toll-Tag account work?

The Starter TollTag has a lower rebill amount of \$5 versus the standard TollTag account rebill of \$10. Once the account balance drops below the \$5 rebill amount, your debit or credit card is automatically charged the initial \$20 to ensure the account does not become negative.

How not to transition to a Standard TollTag?

Monitor your usage: drivers who accumulate an average toll bill of \$40 or more for three consecutive months will automatically be upgraded to a standard TollTag account. With a standard TollTag account, the rebill amount increases to \$40 when the account balance goes below \$10.

All TollTag customers – both standard and starter – can manage and update their accounts with Tollmate, NTTA's free mobile app.

TAKING DOWN TENNYSON PARKWAY BRIDGE TO MAKE ROOM FOR DNT FOURTH LANE

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Tennyson Parkway bridge demolition to begin this spring.

NTTA ONE STEP CLOSER TO STARTING WORK ON SOUTH SECTION OF DNT IMPROVE-MENTS PROJECT

Learn more about improvement and widening projects on the PGBT, DNT and SRT at ProgressNTTA.org.



Keep Luck on Your Side This March: Designate O' DriverRemember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

With Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day festivities right around the corner, NTTA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration want to remind drivers to celebrate responsibly.

According to NHTSA, March 17 has become one of the nation's deadliest holidays. NHTSA data shows that more than a quarter (28 percent) of all motor vehicle crash fatalities involved impaired drivers during the 2014 St. Patrick's Day holiday period (March 16-18).

NHTSA also reminds drivers to keep an eye out for pedestrians who might have had too much to drink. Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention and coordination puts impaired pedestrians at risk of being hit by a vehicle.

Remember, not only is drinking and driving a crime that could land you with a hefty court bill and jail time, you put yourself and others at risk. The consequences are often fatal. If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local police when it's safe to do so. You could save a life.

For more information, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



designate a sober driver

