

# FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



## MAINTAIN *a safe system*

As one of its goals, TxDOT is working together with its partners to maintain our existing infrastructure for the traveling public and energy industry.

**345,428 Texas energy sector jobs in 2011, a 174 percent increase since 2006**

**1,200 loaded trucks are needed to bring just one gas well into production**

**\$1 billion estimated annual impact to Texas farm-to-market roads**

August 2012

### **Energy Industry-Impacted Roads**

The Texas Transportation Commission has approved \$40 million for 19 maintenance and safety improvement projects for roadways used frequently by the energy industry. These include five local projects all beginning this summer: FM 1220 in Tarrant County, FM 3048 in Johnson County, FM 3325 in Parker County, SH 254 in Palo Pinto County and FM 730 in Wise County. Earlier this year, TxDOT formed the Task Force on Texas' Energy Sector Roadway Needs to develop long-term funding strategies and plans to address infrastructure concerns well into the future. In July, the task force of industry and government leaders met in Cleburne, their first assembly outside of Austin.

 [roadsfortexasenergy.com](http://roadsfortexasenergy.com)

### **\$548 Million Allocated to DFW**

Of the \$2 billion in additional funding identified earlier this year, \$548 million has been allocated to the DFW Metroplex. Fort Worth will receive \$130 million for I-35W from I-30 to I-820. Dallas will receive \$418 million for SH 31, SH 183 and I-35E. TxDOT partnered with metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation organizations and districts to identify projects that focus on safety, congestion, maintenance, and statewide connectivity.

### **I-35W**

A public hearing for I-35W from I-30 to I-820 was held on June 12. TxDOT is environmentally clearing the ultimate corridor which will widen I-35W up to eight main lanes plus four toll managed lanes. Concurrently, TxDOT and the region are proposing to fund interim improvements through a \$1.6 billion public-private partnership to rebuild 10 miles of I-35W from north of I-30 to U.S. 287 to double the existing capacity by adding four toll managed lanes, auxiliary lanes and some frontage roads. If all milestones are reached, this interim project could be complete by 2018. To view the visualization, go to:

 [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) • IH 35W

### **Texas Number One Again**

CNBC's 2012 Top States for Business study results are out and Texas is on top. In addition to its overall No. 1 ranking, Texas maintained the top spot in the infrastructure and transportation category for the second year in a row. To read the full report or see the overall rankings of all states, visit:

 [cnbc.com/id/46413845](http://cnbc.com/id/46413845)

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## AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
APRIL	Business 67	US 67 to Pendell St, Johnson County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$2.1	\$2.1	+1.0
	Spur 312	At Western Loop, Weatherford	Traffic signal	\$0.2	\$0.1	-30.9
	Old Airport Rd	At Burgess Creek, Parker County	Bridge replacement	\$1.4	\$1.3	-6.6
	Business 377	At Resort Conference Center, Granbury	Traffic signal	\$0.1	\$0.1	+1.0
MAY	SH 199	FM 730 to FM 51, Parker County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$6.6	\$5.8	-11.6
	FM 1187	I-20 to Oak St, Aledo	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	\$12.6	\$11.7	-6.8
	US 180	At Western Loop, Weatherford	Construct intersection	\$1.5	\$1.3	-11.7
	US 67	At County Road 209, Alvarado	Traffic signal	\$0.1	\$0.1	-6.9
	FM 2738	At Mountain Creek, Johnson County	Bridge replacement	\$1.4	\$1.3	-6.9
	Holdings Chapel Rd	At Dry Creek, Parker County	Bridge replacement	\$0.7	\$0.7	-7.6
JUN	I-20	At FM 5, Parker County	Relocate exit ramp	\$2.0	\$2.0	-1.0
JUL	US 377	I-20 to Winscott Rd, Benbrook	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$16.1	\$15.6	-2.8

## PROJECTED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
AUGUST	SH 267	SH 6 to 1.5 miles north of FM 219, Dublin	Construct relief route	\$10.2
	FM 1884	B.B. Fielder Blvd to end of FM 1884, Parker County	Add shoulders	\$6.6
	SH 174	I-35W to FM 731, Burleson	Pavement overlay and center median	\$4.0
	FM 2135	FM 4 to SH 171, Johnson County	Add shoulders	\$2.6
	I-35W	Hill County Line to Alvarado, Johnson County	Pavement overlay and repairs	\$4.3
	I-20, I-35W and I-820	Various locations, Tarrant, Johnson, Parker and Palo Pinto Counties	Pavement repairs	\$1.5

To improve safety and traffic flow, TxDOT is reconstructing and widening the SH 26 corridor from four lanes to a six-lane divided roadway with raised medians. The project is being done in segments as funding becomes available.

Construction began in April 2010 on the Grapevine segment from SH 114 to Pool Road. Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, this \$12 million project is scheduled for completion in spring 2013. Motorists were recently shifted to the new northbound lanes to allow construction on the southbound lanes.

In July, construction began on the next segment in Colleyville from Pool Road to John McCain Road for \$11 million. It is estimated for completion in summer 2014. Construction will proceed south to Hall-Johnson Road in 2015 when approximately \$11 million in federal funds is scheduled to become available. These segments are a partnership between the city of Colleyville, Tarrant County, NCTCOG and TxDOT.

SH 26 from Hall-Johnson Road to Cheek-Sparger Road is not funded for construction, but design is 90 percent complete and all but one parcel is clear for right of way. This segment may be considered for pass-through financing. SH 26 south of Cheek-Sparger Road is also currently not funded.

Meanwhile, TxDOT must maintain the existing pavement for the traveling public. These pavement improvements are necessary to accommodate traffic switches and detours during the expansion project. In April, work began to resurface SH 26 from John McCain Road to FM 1938. It will be reduced to one lane each way in two-mile phases during daytime off-peak hours to minimize the inconvenience to the traveling public. This \$4 million project is estimated for completion by this fall.



SH 26 in Grapevine



SH 26 Visualization of Six Lanes



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Parker . Wise . Hood  
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The Adopt-a-Highway program began in Texas in 1985 to give citizens an opportunity to help keep our roadways clean and beautiful. The program currently has more than 4,500 groups across the state. **Volunteers clean about 9,000 miles each year in the Adopt-a-Highway program — saving Texas taxpayers \$4.5 million a year.**

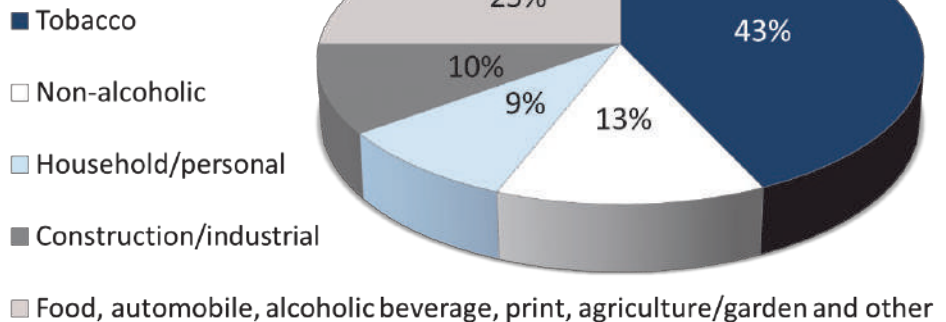
Demonstrating the value of a successful public-private partnership, the Texas-born grassroots movement now involves nearly 90,000 groups in 49 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and Mexico.

The program continues to grow. In the last year, the TxDOT Fort Worth District has had a 38 percent increase in volunteers for its nine counties. In 2012, 2,937 volunteers from 157 groups adopted 351 miles. To become involved, contact Mary Hobson at 817-370-6534.

# 1.3 MILLION

*Adopt-a-Highway  
volunteers  
nationwide,  
27 years after  
TxDOT pilot  
program*

### Litter Items Found on Texas Roadways



### Adopt-a-Highway: [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org)

**Two Miles:** Adopt a two-mile stretch of highway for a minimum of two years.

**Pick Up Litter:** Agree to pick up litter four times per year (more in some areas due to traffic count).

**Supplies:** Adopt-a-Highway will provide your volunteers with safety vests, litterbags and safety training.

**Recognition:** Adopt-a-Highway signs will be posted with your group's name at your adopted section. *Bask in the glory of claiming a piece of Texas pride.*

## FEDERAL *update*

In July, "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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