

# FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



I-35W in North Fort Worth

## PROMOTE *safety*

As one of its goals, TxDOT is encouraging Texans to slow down, pay attention and obey all traffic signs to reduce crashes and fatalities in work zones.

In Texas, there are:

**2,500 work zones at any given time**

**The two leading causes of crashes are speeding and driver inattention**

### **I-35W**

The next section of Interstate 35W TEXpress Lanes from I-820 to SH 183 (28th Street) opens to traffic on April 5. Construction is progressing on I-35W with the overall corridor over 90 percent complete. The project is scheduled for completion by late this year.

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

### **New Transportation Commissioner**

Gov. Greg Abbott has appointed Alvin New to the Texas Transportation Commission. Formerly mayor of San Angelo, Commissioner New's term will expire on Feb. 1, 2021, and he replaces Tryon Lewis, who resigned from the Commission in February.

### **Safety Projects**

The Fort Worth District is adding shoulders to 56 centerline miles of highway as part of several current and upcoming safety projects aimed at reducing collisions and saving lives. This includes SH 108 in Erath County; FM 4 and FM 167 in Hood County; FM 2738 and FM 3136 in Johnson County; FM 1220 in Tarrant County; and FM 2264 in Wise County for \$55 million.

### **Texas Trash-Off**

On April 7, more than 50,000 volunteers will take part in the 32nd Annual Trash-Off, the

state's largest single-day litter cleanup event. 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, 201 Adopt-a-Highway groups with 2,818 volunteers help keep our roadways free of litter.

 [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org)

### **Distracted Driving Awareness**

With nearly \$4 billion in construction projects in Tarrant County alone, work zones change daily and drivers must stay focused on the road ahead. April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and TxDOT is reminding Texans to be aware of the dangers associated with distracted driving and to put down their cell phones while driving. In 2017, distracted driving crashes killed 446 people in Texas, or one person every 20 hours. Coinciding with this campaign is National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 9-13. TxDOT urges drivers to follow posted speed limits when traveling through a work zone.

 [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) • distracted driving



# PARTNERS *in construction*

## AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
MAR	SH 108	Huckabay to the Palo Pinto County Line Erath County	Add shoulders	\$9.9	\$5.9	-34.0
	Dairy Farm Rd	At Palo Pinto Creek, Palo Pinto County	Bridge replacement	\$0.8	\$0.8	-0.5
	Indian Trail	Bourland Rd to Woodborough Ln, Keller	Hike & bike trail	\$0.3	\$0.5	+45.6
	FM 1187	US 377 to FM 1902	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$2.4	\$2.1	-10.3
	FM 1938	Rumfield Rd to Birchwood Dr North Richland Hills	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$2.7	\$2.2	-16.5
	SH 360	Ave K to the Trinity River Bridge Grand Prairie	Concrete pavement repairs	\$2.0	\$1.3	-36.1

## PROJECTED PROJECTS

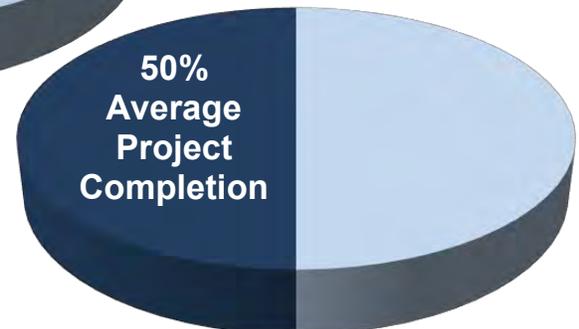
	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
APR	SH 199	FM 51 to the Wise County Line, Parker County	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$4.9
	US 180	Jack Borden Way to Lakeshore Dr, Hudson Oaks & Weatherford	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$4.8
	FM 2552	US 180 to I-20, Weatherford	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$1.9
	FM 51/SH 171	FM 1884 to Water St, Weatherford	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$0.9
	FM 156	Hurley St to Schoolhouse Rd, Haslet	Hike & bike trail	\$1.2



### \$841 M PROPOSED LETTING



### FY 2018 CONSTRUCTION\*



**TOTAL CONTRACTS \$3.8 B**

\*includes CDAs

Construction will begin this summer on the next big piece of the DFW Connector. The \$370 million project will rebuild and widen SH 121 north of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to accommodate new interchanges for SH 121 at Interstate 635 and Farm to Market Road 2499.

This three-mile project will build on existing efforts to improve mobility by eliminating bottlenecks along this corridor. The Bass Pro Drive bridge will also be widened and reconstructed along with the frontage roads.

The new interchanges will provide widened auxiliary lanes which will improve safety by moving merging vehicles from out of the SH 121 mainlanes. The direct connectors at SH 121 and I-635 will be reconstructed to two lanes, increasing the capacity of that interchange. New direct connectors will also help eliminate the bottleneck at the FM 2499 interchange.

These improvements were originally included as part of the initial DFW Connector project but were deferred due to a lack of funding. In 2017, TxDOT secured congestion relief funding for this project as part of the Texas Clear Lanes initiative. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council had identified this as a priority transportation corridor.

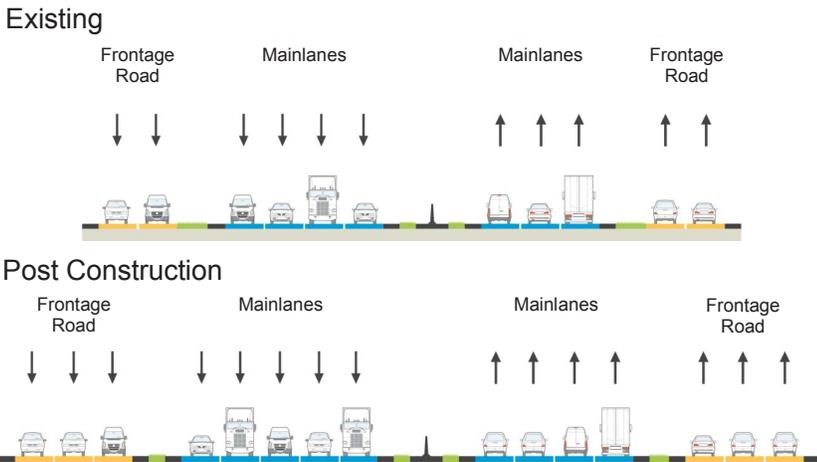
This is a partnership between TxDOT, NCTCOG, the city of Grapevine, and NorthGate Constructors. TxDOT is committed to keeping the public informed through construction e-alerts, the project website, social media and dedicated outreach to businesses along the corridor.

The project is estimated for substantial completion in 2022.

 [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) • [dfwconnector.com](http://dfwconnector.com)  
[texasclearlanes.com](http://texasclearlanes.com)



## SH 121 at Bass Pro Drive



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April 2018



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# WORK ZONES PROTECT WORKERS. BUT DRIVERS KEEP THEM SAFE.

**National Work Zone  
Awareness Week  
April 9-13**



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