

FORT WORTH DISTRICT PARTNERS



I-35W Grand Opening July 19

PROMOTE *safety*

As one of its goals, TxDOT encourages Texans to focus their attention on the road and put down their cell phones while driving.

In 2017, there were **100,687** crashes involving distracted driving on Texas roads resulting in:

- 444 deaths**
- 2,889 serious injuries**

The number of crashes decreased by **8 percent**, but **9 out of 10** Texans still admit they text and drive.

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I-35W

The next section of Interstate 35W TEXpress Lanes opened to traffic on July 19 from north of I-30 to SH 183 (28th Street). This opens the 10-mile project that rebuilt and widened I-35W from north of I-30 to US 81/287. The \$1.6 billion project doubled the capacity of I-35W by adding two TEXpress Lanes each direction, auxiliary lanes and some frontage roads.

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Southeast Connector

A public meeting for the Southeast Connector was held on July 19 in Fort Worth. The proposed project would reconstruct and widen I-20, I-820 and US 287. The first phase of the ultimate \$1.25 billion project is estimated to begin construction as early as 2022.

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I-30 Public Meeting

A public meeting for I-30 from Linkcrest Drive to I-820 is scheduled for late summer/early fall in Fort Worth. The proposed three-mile project would widen I-30 from four to six lanes, reconfigure the Spur 580 interchange, and construct continuous frontage roads. The \$81 million project is estimated to be awarded to a contractor in 2023.

New Deputy District Engineer

John Cordary, P.E., has been selected as the deputy district engineer for the TxDOT Fort Worth District. A 25-year TxDOT veteran, Cordary was the Parker/Palo Pinto County area engineer from 2007 to 2015. Since then, he has served as the district's transportation planning and development director while overseeing over \$400 million in awarded contracts each year and the district's \$650 million Texas Clear Lanes congestion relief projects. In his new role, Cordary will assist the district in meeting its safety, financial, operations and customer satisfaction goals.

Drive Clean Texas

TxDOT recently launched its Drive Clean Texas summer clean air campaign. The campaign encourages motorists to take pride in keeping the air clean during the hottest time of year. Hot, sunny days create harmful conditions where ground-level ozone can form — aided by vehicle tailpipe emissions. To learn more about Drive Clean Texas and how to protect the state's air quality, go to:

 drivecleantexas.org

AWARDED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)	Bid (millions)	Over/Underrun (%)
JULY	FM 2331	SH 171 to the Tarrant County Line Johnson County	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$1.7	\$1.8	+6.6
	US 67	At Spur 102 (College Dr) Keene	Landscaping	\$0.2	\$0.2	-16.7
	I-30	At Montgomery St	Landscaping	\$0.5	\$0.4	-7.2
	US 377	N Tarrant Pkwy to Watauga Rd Watauga	Landscaping	\$0.4	\$0.4	-10.5
	County Rd 2327	At Tributary to Black Creek Wise County	Bridge replacement	\$0.6	\$0.5	-7.1

PROJECTED PROJECTS

	Hwy	Limits	Type of Work	Estimate (millions)
AUG	US 377	At SH 171 Cresson	Construct 4-lane divided roadway	\$59.4
	Harwood Rd	SH 360 to International Pkwy	Construct 4-lane divided roadway	\$20.0
	FM 156	Watauga Rd to US 81/287	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	\$54.9
	US 377	At Cook Ranch Rd Benbrook	Traffic signal	\$0.2
	Various roadways	Hood & Johnson Counties	Construct curb ramps	\$2.6
	Various roadways	Districtwide	Concrete pavement repairs	\$1.8
	County Rd 2224	At Catlett Creek Decatur	Bridge replacement	\$0.7
	Business 380	US 380 to Business 81 Decatur	Pavement overlay & repairs	\$1.0
	US 287	I-20 to SH 360	Intelligent transportation system improvements	\$4.3
	Various roadways	Districtwide	Bridge maintenance	\$0.9

Southeast CONNECTOR

TxDOT is working with the cities of Arlington, Forest Hill, Fort Worth, Kennedale and Mansfield as well as Tarrant County, the Southeast Tarrant Transportation Partnership and the North Central Texas Council of Governments to improve mobility and operations around southeast Tarrant County.

This area continues to experience steady growth accompanied by increased traffic volumes that exceed the existing capacity of the highway system. To address this traffic congestion, TxDOT's Southeast Connector project is proposing to reconstruct the I-20, I-820 and US 287 interchanges.

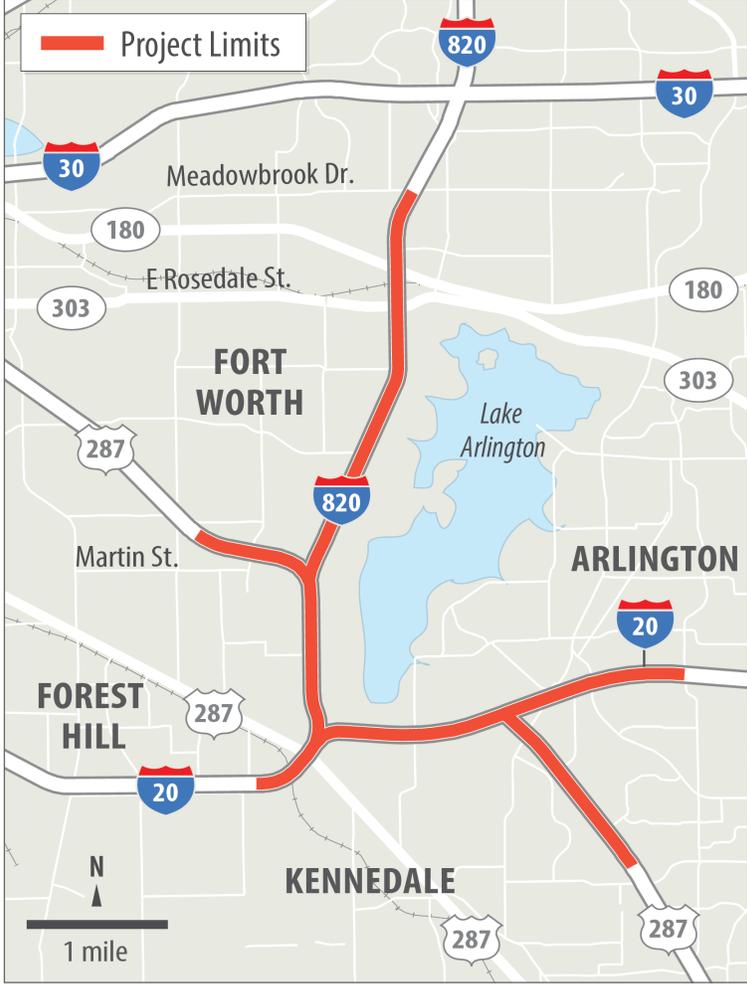
The proposed reconstruction would include approximately 16 miles on three highways: I-20 from Forest Hill Drive to Park Springs Boulevard; I-820 from I-20 to Brentwood Stair Road; and US 287 from Bishop Street to Sublett Road. The project's estimated cost is \$1.25 billion.

Eight different alternatives have been evaluated using a variety of methods to reduce the interchange congestion, increase safety, and provide more convenient routes of travel through the area for vehicles as well as pedestrians and bicyclists. Additional frontage road segments and highway access ramp reconfigurations are being considered as part of the project.

From these alternatives, TxDOT is recommending the reconstruction of the interchanges and adding auxiliary lanes and mainlanes. This alternative includes reconfiguring the interchanges to eliminate left-hand exits and reconstructing frontage roads with sidewalks and bicycle/shared use lanes.

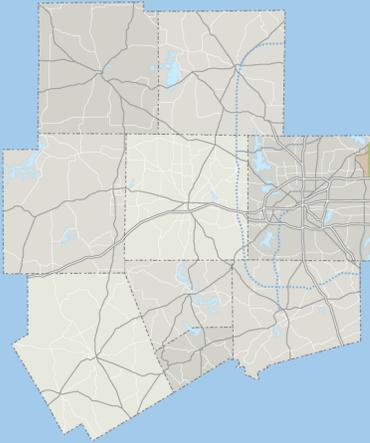
The public was able to view all alternatives at a public meeting on July 19. A public hearing is planned for the winter of 2019 after a final alternative has been selected.

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Heads up, Texas.

It's now against the law
in Texas to read, write or
send a text while driving.

TALK / TEXT CRASH

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Approximately 1 in 5 crashes in Texas involve driver distraction. Anything that takes your eyes or mind off the road can be a dangerous distraction.

- Always give driving your full attention.
- Put your phone away—or turn it off—before you get behind the wheel.
- Pull off the road entirely before you talk or text.
- Tell friends, family, and coworkers you won't respond to calls or texts when driving.
- Use a smartphone app that sends auto-reply texts when you're behind the wheel.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about the dangers of distracted driving.

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