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SH 121

One Step Closer to Linking the West

TxDOT/NTTA/NCTCOG to hold groundbreaking ceremonies

10 a.m. Cleburne
2 p.m. Fort Worth

CLEBURNE/FORT WORTH – On Friday, February 19, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) are celebrating \$144 million in mobility improvements that will bring the region one step closer to linking the West on S.H. 121 Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail. Local officials and community leaders will join these agencies for groundbreaking ceremonies at 10 a.m. in Cleburne and 2 p.m. in Fort Worth. (See attached invitation with maps).

In Cleburne, the event will mark the beginning of two projects at U.S. 67 and the future SH 121/Chisholm Trail with \$31 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded mobility improvements. The projects will begin just east of SH 174 and end at BUS U.S. 67.

“Texas 121 is vital to Johnson County's economic development. It will bring good paying construction jobs, while at the same time laying the ground work for long term economic development. Building the U.S. 67 foundation for the SH 121 interchange is a critical component to completing Chisholm Trail,” said Congressman Chet Edwards.

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The groundbreaking event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at U.S. 67 and Nolan River Road with speakers including U.S. Congressman Chet Edwards, State Representative Rob Orr, Texas Transportation Commissioner Bill Meadows, NTTA Vice-Chairman Victor Vandergriff, Johnson County Judge Roger Harmon, Johnson County Commissioners Rick Bailey and John Matthews and Cleburne Mayor Ted Reynolds.

The Fort Worth event will kick off \$117 million in improvements at I-20/SH 183 and the future SH 121/Southwest Parkway.

“We are excited about these improvements. Not only will Southwest Parkway improve mobility and relieve pressure on I-35, it will also enhance access to this important retail corridor,” said Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief. “This project takes us one step closer to bringing real traffic relief to the citizens and businesses of southwest Fort Worth. We thank all the partners involved for their commitment in making this monumental milestone possible.”

The groundbreaking is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. with speakers including State Representative Dr. Mark Shelton, Texas Transportation Commissioner Bill Meadows, NTTA Chairman Paul N. Wageman, Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, Tarrant County Commissioner Roy Brooks, Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief and Fort Worth City Councilmen W.B. Zimmerman and Jungus Jordan.

“The Regional Transportation Council recognizes the importance of the SH 121 corridor to the region’s mobility and improved air quality,” said NCTCOG’s Regional Transportation Council Chair and Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley. “The RTC is pleased to place their \$144 million in ARRA funds on these projects. These tax dollars are not being used to fund the toll road but to make necessary and needed local access and safety improvements in both Tarrant and Johnson counties.”

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