

WICHITA FALLS DISTRICT

DISTRICT PROFILE

The Wichita Falls District plans, designs, builds, operates and maintains the state transportation system in nine counties. The district primarily conducts asset preservation which results in varying challenges for maintenance crews and designers in order to maintain mobility and ensure the safety of the traveling public. The Wichita Falls District experiences varying weather conditions from extreme heat to sub-freezing temperatures. Blizzards, tornadoes, flooding, and wildfires are common in the region.



FAST FACTS (FY 2020):

Population	249,290
Area (Sq. Miles)	8,091
Lane Miles	6,483
Daily Vehicle Miles	7,408,535
Registered Vehicles	265,084
TxDOT Employees	231
Construction/Maintenance Expenditures	\$115,615,000
Percentage of Projects Completed On Time	85%
Percentage of Projects Completed On Budget	82%



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Counties:
Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cooke,
Montague, Throckmorton,
Wichita, Wilbarger, Young

State Senators:
Sen. Pat Fallon
Sen. Charles Perry

State Representatives:
Rep. James Frank
Rep. Drew Springer

U.S. Senators:
Sen. John Cornyn
Sen. Ted Cruz

U.S. Representatives:
Rep. Mac Thornberry
Rep. Jodey Arrington

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

- SH-114 & Bus. US 82 in Archer County and US 277 in Baylor County - Mill, seal coat, and overlay. \$7.6 million.
- SH-114 in Young Co. - Upgrade to a Super-2 highway. \$13.3 million.
- FM 890/SS 325 in Wichita Falls - Reconfigure ramp and widen portions of the roadway. \$3.1 million.
- FM 369 in Wichita Falls - Enclose drainage ditch from Rhea Rd. to Kemp St. \$4.5 million.

PLANNED MAJOR PROJECTS:

- US 183 in Wilbarger & Baylor Counties - Upgrade to a Super-2 highway. Est. \$16 million. (Let: October 2020)
- FM 1954 at SH79 in Archer County - Realign 2 intersections, add shoulders and widen. Est. \$4.5 million. (Let: Nov. 2020)
- I-35 in Cooke Co. - Upgrade to six lane freeway from US 82 to S. of Spring Creek Rd. Est. \$193 million. (Let: Feb. 2021)
- US 82 in Montague Co. - Upgrade to 4-lane divided hwy. Est. \$26 mil. (Let: June 2021)

MAINTENANCE: Fully loaded semis transporting cargo as well as support for the wind, oil and gas energy sector keep maintenance personnel busy and led our employees to design a nationally recognized hot mix pavement that can handle the beating. We will spend \$7.5 million on seal coat projects as preventative maintenance and \$21.5 million on pavement repair and overlay jobs with contractors to maintain roadways in FY '20.

CORRIDORS: The Wichita Falls District has two interstates running through it into Oklahoma and points north. I-44 and I-35 are two of the highest traffic generators for the region. But US 287 carries the most traffic and runs southeast to northwest through the district.

SAFETY: Our engineers are challenged to design safer highways with wider lanes and shoulders to handle the mix of traffic. We utilize rumble strips as a lane departure warning system and employ cable barriers to protect motorists from head-on collisions. Maintenance employees are skilled at battling snow and ice as well as rushing flood waters that not only take a toll on our roads and bridges but also endanger motorists.