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SH 121 Clears Latest Milestone ***One Step Closer to Linking the West***

The SH 121 Chisholm Trail project cleared the latest milestone this week, receiving clearance on the final environmental document from the Federal Highway Administration. This clearance allows the entire SH 121 Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail projects to advance to the next stages of the North Texas Tollway Authority's (NTTA's) development process.

The NTTA is expected to build and operate the corridor that will stretch from downtown Fort Worth to Cleburne. After the Authority finalizes the traffic and revenue study, the NTTA is scheduled to undertake financing of the project in August 2011.

"TxDOT is pleased with reaching this next milestone on the SH 121 Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail," said TxDOT District Engineer Maribel Chavez, P.E. "We look forward to advancing this project corridor further in partnership with NTTA."

Both the Tarrant and Johnson County portions of SH 121 were initially cleared through the environmental process by TxDOT. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act environmental reevaluations were required of the projects to address any modifications such as adding electronic tolling or changing the construction phasing.

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“The NTTA looks forward to completing the project the people of Tarrant and Johnson counties have long been waiting for,” said NTTA Executive Director Allen Clemson. “The Authority is excited to be involved in a project that will bring enhanced growth to the region.”

Ultimately, the SH 121 Southwest Parkway project will be a four to six-lane divided toll road from Fort Worth to Cleburne. Initially, the Chisholm Trail project will build a two-lane roadway with passing lanes.

TxDOT continues to oversee \$144 million in corridor work on two projects in Cleburne at U.S. 67 and the future SH 121/Chisholm Trail Interchange and a project in Fort Worth at I-20/SH 183 and the future SH 121/Southwest Parkway.

More information about the SH 121 Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail is available at: www.ntta.org.

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