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Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge 80 Percent Complete

Signature Arch Taking Shape

Plano, TX – The Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge (LLTB) in Denton County is 80 percent complete and on schedule for a summer 2009 opening. Last week, the bridge’s signature 360-foot-long steel tied arch began to take shape over Lewisville Lake with the installation of a “knuckle,” or one of the arch’s corner pieces.

As part of a regional effort, the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) is working cooperatively with Denton County, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the cities of Frisco, Little Elm and Lake Dallas to build the 13.8-mile overall Lewisville Lake corridor project.

After more than 24 months of construction, the LLTB project is well under way with remaining corridor sections in various stages of completion.

“The 80 percent completion mark signifies a major juncture in the construction of the toll bridge,” said Rick Herrington, deputy executive director. “We are proud to be so close to delivering this project to the region.”

The 1.7-mile toll bridge will feature two lanes in each direction and an all-electronic toll collection (all-ETC) system on the project’s western approach. With all-ETC, drivers will not have to stop or look for change to pay the toll needed to drive over the bridge.

The LTTB design boasts a lighted, semi-circular arch near the center of the bridge that

will be tied together 58 feet above the top of the bridge deck, spanning all four lanes. Also at its center, the 8-foot-thick bridge deck structure will sit 52 feet above the Lewisville Lake spillway elevation, meaning that the top of the arch will soar 118 feet above the lake surface. The tall arch, coupled with lighted columns approaching both ends of the span, is destined to give motorists, area residents and boaters an easily recognizable landmark in southern Denton County,

The NTTA is responsible for the design, construction and operation of the toll bridge. Upon completion, the LLTB corridor will open a new east-west connection between Interstate Highway 35E and the Dallas North Tollway, transforming Denton County's infrastructure and providing more mobility options for area residents.

For more information about the LLTB or other NTTA projects, please visit www.ntta.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Willow Grove Park, located in Lake Dallas, offers a great view of the LLTB for those interested in seeing the arch installation or the bridge construction.

Work on the arch is expected to continue through April 2009.

About the NTTA

The North Texas Tollway Authority, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects in the north Texas region. The nine-member governing board is comprised of Chairman Paul N. Wageman; Vice Chairman Victor Vandergriff; and Directors Kenneth Barr, Gary Base, Bob Day, David Denison, Michael Nowels, Bob Shepard and Alan E. Sims.

The NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties and is responsible for the NTTA System, consisting of the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, 121 Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge and the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. The NTTA is able to raise capital for construction projects through the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds. NTTA toll projects are not a part of the state highway system and receive no direct tax funding. Tolls are collected to repay debt and to operate and maintain the roadways.

Visit the NTTA Web site at www.ntta.org or call 214-461-2000 for additional information about the NTTA. For customer service, please call 972-818-NTTA (6882).

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