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“Sam Rayburn Tollway” Chosen as New Name for 121 Tollway

Plano, TX – At its regularly scheduled board meeting Monday, March 16, the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) Board of Directors chose “Sam Rayburn Tollway” as the new name for the 121 Tollway.

The Sam Rayburn Tollway was named in honor of the late Congressman from North Texas. For 48 years Rayburn represented Texas’ 4th congressional district serving a 16-county area, which included Collin, Rockwall, Grayson, Fannin and Lamar counties. Known as Mr. Sam, Rayburn was the longest-serving speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives serving 17 years in that capacity, between 1940 and 1961.

“Sam Rayburn is an iconic Texan known for his integrity, patriotism and fairness. As speaker and minority leader, Rayburn oversaw the passage of most of the significant legislation of the first half of the twentieth century. Among them was the creation of the Interstate Highway System. So, it is only fitting that his name becomes associated with a critical NTTA project which enhances mobility throughout North Texas. His impact was felt throughout the country, but North Texas was always home,” said NTTA Chairman Paul N. Wageman.

In January, the Board considered three short-listed names: Sam Rayburn Tollway, Interurban Tollway and 121 Tollway. In compliance with the NTTA’s [Roadway Naming Policy](#), information was sent to the 121 corridor cities and counties to gauge community and regional sentiment of the names. In addition, comment was requested via the NTTA’s eNewsletters to customers and elected officials and via the NTTA Web site.

The NTTA Roadway Naming Policy allows for posthumously naming a roadway after an individual who has made lasting contributions to the region, state, or nation.

A ceremony marking the naming of the Sam Rayburn Tollway will be held later this spring. Motorists can expect to see signs go up bearing the new name over the next several weeks.

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, Sam Rayburn 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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