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NTTA Board Chooses Alignment for Dallas North Tollway Extension

Plano, TX – Today, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors chose an alignment for the Phase 4B/5A extension of the Dallas North Tollway. The selected alignment straddles the Collin-Denton county line and extends 11.9 miles from FM 423 in Collin County to FM 121 in Grayson County.

“Though planned for well in the future, both Denton and Collin counties will benefit from the economic development associated with this roadway,” said NTTA Board Vice Chairman Victor Vandergriff. “The three alignments studied were comparable in cost and other characteristics. The county alignment provides a greater economic development benefit for more of the region, requires less right of way and follows an existing county road system.”

The board vote was seven to one, with Collin County appointee Bill Moore voting against the Collin-Denton county alignment.

NTTA followed long-established procedures to study three possible alignments, as well as a no-build alternative, and used established criteria to evaluate characteristics of each alternative.

The three alignment alternatives studied were:

- A western alternative through Denton County with the terminus in Pilot Point
- A middle alternative through southern Collin County and north along the Collin/Denton county line
- An eastern alternative north through Collin County and the Town of Celina

The DNT extension project is divided into two sections. Phase 4A will extend from U.S. 380 to FM 428. Phase 4B/5A will extend north of FM 428. The alignment selected by the NTTA Board of Directors is part of Phase 4B/5A.

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Since October 2009, the corridor management team has conducted eight work group meetings with public and elected officials. An executive work group was comprised primarily of elected and public officials. A technical work group was comprised primarily of public officials within government and agency transportation and engineering departments. Public meetings were held on March 9 and 11, 2010 in Collin and Denton counties. Approximately 700 people attended the meetings. In addition, more than 300 public comments were received.

A formal public hearing regarding the complete schematic design and environmental evaluation is expected early next year.

The North Texas Tollway Authority has continued to extend the original Dallas North Tollway for several decades as communities to the north have continued to grow and request expansions. The high growth rate in both Collin and Denton counties, along with input from both counties, encouraged the NTTA to continue the extensions further north. When complete, the 4B/5A extension will be a limited access toll road with six main lanes and four frontage road lanes and is expected to cost \$864 million.

Those interested in receiving monthly updates on this project can visit www.ntta.org or the [NTTA's Facebook page](#).

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, Bob Day, David Denison, Bill Moore, 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.

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