



**NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY**

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## **NTTA Receives International Award for Sustainable Initiatives**

**Plano, TX** – The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) has recognized the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) for its sustainability initiatives with the 2009 Toll Excellence Award in Social Responsibility.

“The NTTA is honored to be recognized for an initiative that combines safety and efficiency with long-term environmental accountability,” said NTTA Executive Director Allen Clemson. “Our sustainability initiatives demonstrate that a commitment to environmental stewardship enhances the quality of life for our customers and the region.”

The NTTA currently has several sustainable initiatives underway that target air, water, soil, and renewable resources. They include:

- Improving air quality in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex by replacing vehicles with fleet hybrid, flex fuel, and low sulfur diesel vehicles;
- Reducing ozone-causing traffic congestion through the implementation of all-Electronic Toll Collection (all-ETC);
- Protecting water resources through aggressive storm water management (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System-MS4) and clean-up programs;
- Enhancing sustainability and aesthetics by using cost-effective concrete concepts that protect the environment;
- Designing landscapes that are native and friendly to the Texas environment and aid in soil and water conservation;
- Providing effective and efficient recycling programs at NTTA facilities.

The NTTA will receive the award in September during the IBTTA's General Session of the 77th Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Chicago, Illinois.

### ***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](http://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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