



**NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY**

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## **Sam Rayburn Tollway's Third Phase to Fully Open Oct. 1**

**Plano, TX** – The northern portion of the Sam Rayburn Tollway's (SRT) third phase will open to traffic October 1, rounding out nearly 23 miles of vital roadway needed for improved mobility in the North Texas region.

The portion slated to open Oct. 1 extends north from Custer Road to Hardin Boulevard. The southern portion of phase three is slated to open Sept. 1, and extends from Hillcrest Road to just north of Custer Road. All total, the third phase is approximately seven miles long and is being delivered several months ahead of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)/Texas Department of Transportation project agreement schedule.

"This is the first phase of the SRT built entirely by the NTTA," said Gerry Carrigan, assistant executive director of project delivery. "We're pleased that our crews have worked so hard to meet yet another regional transportation milestone."

The SRT stretches 26 miles southwest to northeast, linking the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and growing communities in Collin, Dallas and Denton counties. The first two phases, approximately 16 miles, are open to traffic and extend from Denton Tap Road in Coppell to Hillcrest Road on the Plano/Frisco line.

The SRT has two additional phases to be constructed:

- Segment 4 – from Hardin Boulevard to east of Medical Center Drive including the SRT/U.S. 75 interchange; scheduled to open by January 2011.
- Segment 5 – consists of adding direct-connect bridges between the SRT and the Dallas North Tollway; scheduled to open by January 2012.

When complete, the SRT will feature six main lanes and all-electronic toll collection. For more information on the SRT and other NTTA roadways, visit [www.ntta.org](http://www.ntta.org).

### ***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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