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NTTA Linking the Region with Sam Rayburn Tollway Opening Ceremony

Plano, TX – The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) will celebrate the opening of the newest portion of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (SRT) with an Oct. 1 ceremony that will offer a clear view of improved mobility in North Texas.

The NTTA will hold an open-to-traffic celebration at 10 a.m. Oct. 1 on the top floor of the four-story Valliance Plaza building, located at 5900 Lake Forest Drive (the intersection of the SRT and Lake Forest Drive) in McKinney. The NTTA's use of the Valliance Plaza building is provided courtesy of Capstar Commercial Real Estate Services. The event is also being sponsored by HDR (Gantry sponsor), KBR, Inc. (Ramp sponsor) and La Madeleine (food sponsor).

Members of the media and other guests will not only be able to view Segment 3 of the Sam Rayburn Tollway--scheduled to open Sept. 29--but also Segment 4, currently under construction. Featured speakers will include NTTA Chairman Paul N. Wageman, Texas Transportation Commissioner Bill Meadows, Denton County Judge Mary Horn and Collin County Judge Keith Self.

"The ceremony will salute the increased mobility the new roadway offers North Texas motorists and celebrate the NTTA's early delivery of the project," said NTTA Executive Director Allen Clemson.

The NTTA is opening the northern portion of Segment 3 to traffic three months ahead of the completion date outlined in the Authority's project agreement with the Texas

Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The southern portion of Segment 3 opened Sept. 1, four months ahead of the completion date.

Segment 3 extends approximately seven miles from Hillcrest Road to Hardin Boulevard in Collin County. The new segment rounds out 23 miles of the Sam Rayburn corridor, a vital roadway that extends southwest to northeast through some of the region's fastest-growing communities. The roadway features six main lanes and all-electronic toll collection.

The ceremony's location is a few miles north of a new two-level interchange at SRT and Exchange Parkway, the site of the future Arts of Collin County park and hall. The NTTA entered into a partnership with Collin County, the City of Allen and the City of McKinney to share the costs of constructing that interchange.

Attendees also will be able to look north to get a unique view of the NTTA's ongoing construction of the next portion of SRT. Segment 4, which extends from Hardin Boulevard to east of U.S. 75, will feature the new, four-level SRT/U.S. 75 interchange – soon to be a distinctive landmark and a symbol of the NTTA's commitment to better mobility. Segment 4 will open by January 2011.

Guests also will be able to look south toward the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) for another glimpse of the future. The NTTA expects to award a construction contract later this year to add eight direct-connect bridges from the DNT to the SRT. The new interchange, known as Segment 5, will open to traffic by January 2012.

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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