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## **Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge to Open Aug. 1**

*Bridge to open to traffic following community run event*

**Plano, TX** – Motorists will soon have the option to shorten their daily commute between Denton and Dallas when the North Texas Tollway Authority’s (NTTA) Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge (LLTB) opens to traffic Saturday, Aug. 1, creating an east west connection between the Dallas North Tollway and Interstate Highway 35E.

“The LLTB is destined to become a Denton County landmark signifying improved mobility in the region,” said NTTA Chairman Paul N. Wageman. “The bridge will re-connect the Lake Dallas community to the rest of Denton County and by so doing provide its citizens with a significantly faster commute to points throughout the region.”

The bridge is scheduled to open to traffic Saturday afternoon following a community-led “Run the Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge” 5K run and family fun walk scheduled to begin at 8 and 10 a.m., respectively. NTTA will dedicate the opening of the bridge at a ceremony planned for Thursday, July 30, at 9 a.m.

The toll rate for two axle vehicles will be \$1 for TollTag customers and the higher cash rate of \$1.50 for ZipCash drivers.

Construction on the much-anticipated LLTB began in late 2006. It features two lanes in each direction and an all-electronic toll collection (all-ETC) system on the project’s western approach. With all-ETC, drivers will not have to stop or look for change to pay the toll needed to drive over the bridge.

The LLTB design boasts a lighted, 360-foot-arch near the center of the bridge that is tied together 58 feet above the top of the bridge deck. Also at its center, the 8-foot-thick bridge deck structure sits 52 feet above the Lewisville Lake spillway elevation, meaning that the top of the arch soars 118 feet above the lake surface.

“This visually stunning project is part of a regional effort between the NTTA, Denton County, TxDOT, and the cities of Frisco, Little Elm and Lake Dallas,” said NTTA Denton County Board Director Dave Denison. “Even after the toll bridge opens, these partnerships will continue to work together to build the 13.8-mile Lewisville Lake corridor project, which includes the LLTB.”

In April, the NTTA Board of Directors approved interlocal agreements with Denton County and the Town of Little Elm to make improvements to roadways approaching the toll bridge.

“When the entire LLTB corridor is complete in the summer of 2013, the project will help create a significant impact on local and regional development, enhancing not only the growth of the area, but also its economic viability,” said NTTA Denton County Board Director Michael Nowels.

For more information on the LLTB or other NTTA projects, please visit [www.ntta.org](http://www.ntta.org). For more information about the run event, visit [www.runlltb.com](http://www.runlltb.com).

By the numbers:

LLTB length: Approximately 1.7 miles (Total corridor length: approx. 13.8 miles)

LLTB cost: Approximately \$122 million (Total corridor estimated cost: \$233 million)

Toll rate on bridge: \$1 for TollTag customers  
\$1.50 for ZipCash customers

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** [Willow Grove Park](#), located at 800 E. Hundley Dr. (southwest of the bridge off Shady Shores) in Lake Dallas, offers a great view of the LLTB for photographic purposes.

***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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