



NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY

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**NTTA Votes to Accept and Deliver Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail in Tarrant and Johnson Counties**

**Plano, TX** – Today, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors voted to exercise its option to develop, construct and operate Southwest Parkway/ Chisholm Trail toll project in Tarrant and Johnson counties. These two projects were combined in October 2008 to form a 27.6-mile road that stretches from Fort Worth's central business district to U.S. 67 in Cleburne.

"This historic decision is indicative of the board's commitment to improve mobility in North Texas. As NTTA's first project in Tarrant and Johnson counties, this roadway ties the NTTA to the western portion of the region and gives millions of drivers additional transportation options," said NTTA Chairman Paul N. Wageman. "I'd like to thank the Texas Transportation Commission and the Regional Transportation Council for their commitment to this project and the innovative finance and delivery options that made its delivery possible."

Construction is underway on the northern-most section of the roadway. Environmental clearance activities are still ongoing on the Chisholm Trail portion of the roadway. The entire project is expected to be under construction in 2011 and completed and open to traffic in 2013.

"Today's decision was particularly momentous because Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail is an integral element of the regional transportation plan for Tarrant and Johnson counties. I'm pleased the NTTA is able to develop this crucial transportation link. It has

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been on regional transportation plan for more than 40 years. It is time for the road to be built. It is long overdue," said Vice Chairman and Tarrant County appointee Victor Vandergriff.

The NTTA Board also provided Executive Director Allen Clemson the authority to enter into a project agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. For more information on the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway project, visit the [SWP/CT project page](#) on the NTTA website.

#### ***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.

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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