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NTTA Dedicates Sam Rayburn Tollway

Plano, TX – The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) will formally dedicate the Sam Rayburn Tollway during a ceremony at 10 a.m., Friday, June 5, 2009.

The NTTA Board of Directors approved the new name in March after months of deliberation and input from the communities along the corridor, as well as from the general public.

The ceremony will be held on Exchange Parkway just off the northbound service road in the City of Allen, where a commemorative plaque will be built into the project. Speakers include NTTA Board Chairman Paul N. Wageman, and Sam Rayburn Foundation Chairman Dee J. Kelly. Other local and regional dignitaries will also be on hand.

The ceremony also will celebrate 54 years of distinguished public service by the roadway's namesake – Samuel "Sam" Taliaferro Rayburn. "Mr. Sam," as the iconic Texan was affectionately known, served in elected office for 54 consecutive years, 48 of which were in the U.S. House of Representatives. He remains the longest-serving speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rayburn represented the Fourth Congressional District, a 16-county area that once included Collin, Grayson, Rockwall and Fannin counties. Rayburn is credited for bringing electricity, farm-to-market roads and a reliable water supply to this region. It was his support of the River and Harbor Act of 1945 – which called for additional construction in the Trinity River basin – that ultimately helped create area dams and reservoirs, including Lewisville Lake in Denton County.

The Sam Rayburn Tollway is under construction by the NTTA. The first two segments of its 26-mile stretch in Collin, Dallas and Denton counties are open to traffic and feature all-electronic toll collection.

The third segment is ahead of schedule and should open in the fall, with the tollway expected to fully open to traffic by January 2012.

For more information about the SRT or other NTTA roadways, visit 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 or call 214-461-2000 for additional information about the NTTA. For customer service, please call 972-818-NTTA (6882).

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