CHISHOLM TRAIL PARKWAY NOW OPEN FOR MOTORISTS
First Phase of Project Provides Nearly 28 Miles of Much-Needed Mobility

FORT WORTH, Texas – May 11, 2014 – The North Texas Tollway Authority is proud to announce the first phase of the Chisholm Trail Parkway is now open. All mainlanes of the 27.6 mile roadway are now open and will provide a continuous route for motorists traveling from the downtown Fort Worth business district south to Cleburne.

“After nearly 50 years in the making, we are thrilled to celebrate the opening of the Chisholm Trail Parkway,” said NTTA Chairman Kenneth Barr. “This much-needed thoroughfare will create faster, safer, more efficient routes for the drivers of Fort Worth, Tarrant and Johnson counties.”

CTP direct connector ramps at Interstate 30, 20 and SH 183 will open at a later date. Several ramps to or from CTP remain under construction, including the Edwards Ranch Rd. northbound entrance ramp and the Sycamore School Rd. southbound entrance and northbound exit ramps. Those ramps are scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks.

Drivers are urged to use caution and observe all signage as they familiarize themselves with the new roadway.

This phased opening of the corridor will provide increased mobility and safety for area motorists. In the weeks and months ahead, motorists can expect finishing touches to be added to the roadway. CTP will alleviate congestion on Interstate 35W, State Highway 174, FM 1187, Bryant Irvin Road, Hulen Street and other roadways. The roadway marks NTTA’s first venture in Tarrant and Johnson counties.

The $1.4 billion CTP project is one more cornerstone representing the region’s commitment to cooperative partnerships. This collaborative effort among the NTTA, the Texas Department of Transportation and the North Central Texas Council of Governments includes both Johnson and Tarrant and counties, the cities of Burleson, Cleburne and Fort Worth, Union Pacific Railroad and Fort Worth and Western Railroad.

Overall CTP corridor information:
- Project length: Approximately 27.6 miles
- Project limits: I-30 to U.S. 67
- Estimated total cost: $1.4 billion
- All electronic toll collection facility
- The CTP will be a six lane controlled access toll road from I-30 to Altamesa Boulevard; a four lane facility from Altamesa Boulevard to FM 1187; and a two lane facility from FM 1187 to US 67
- Speeds along the corridor:
  - 50 mph – I-30 to north of SH 183
  - 60 mph – North of SH 183 to Altamesa Boulevard
Drivers are urged to use an NTTA TollTag for the least expensive and most convenient way to travel the CTP or any NTTA roadway. TollTags are free! (Just use your credit card to attach a pre-paid amount). For more information, visit www.ntta.org and click on “Customer Service Center” to sign-up for a TollTag from the convenience of your home.

**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 board is comprised of Chairman Kenneth Barr; Vice Chairman Bill Moore; and Directors William D. Elliott, Matrice Ellis-Kirk, Mojy Haddad, Gary Kloepper, Michael Nowels, George “Tex” Quesada and Jane Willard.

The NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties and owns and operates the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge, the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge and the Chisholm Trail Parkway. 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.

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