NTTA HONORS TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATES

Congresswoman, Former NTTA Chairman Presented Drive to Excellence Award

PLANO, Texas – Aug. 20, 2014 – The North Texas Tollway Authority honored two people who have contributed to the creation of a robust and thriving transportation network serving one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson and former NTTA Chairman Paul N. Wageman were recognized at today’s monthly NTTA board meeting for their contributions to regional transportation; both were presented the NTTA’s Drive to Excellence award.

Established in 2010, this award is NTTA’s platform to honor and distinguish individuals or organizations that are transportation advocates, who have contributed to the ongoing success of toll road transportation and who demonstrate a commitment to meeting the transportation challenges of North Texas.

“North Texas has a unique and enviable position in Texas transportation – projects are getting done and people are moving here. These accomplishments are made possible by forward-thinking individuals and organizations who find solutions to promote transportation as an economic driver and quality of life enterprise for all North Texans,” said NTTA Board Chairman Kenneth Barr.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson has represented Texas’ 30th Congressional District, which encompasses the southern portion of Dallas County, for 22 years. She has been a staunch advocate of transportation, and is currently the highest ranking Texan on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. She is a woman of many firsts including being the first black woman ever elected to public office from Dallas County and the first registered nurse ever elected to Congress.

Paul N. Wageman was appointed to the NTTA Board of Directors in Sept. 2000. He served for 10 years on the NTTA Board, four as chairman, making him NTTA’s longest-serving chairman. Under his leadership, Mr. Wageman shepherded NTTA’s largest capital program including the rights to own, operate and manage the Sam Rayburn Tollway. He is a staunch transportation advocate. He continues his quest to improve regional transportation, and today is the City of Plano appointee to the DART Board of Directors.

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.

NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton, Tarrant and Johnson 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. 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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