**SUMMER 2019**

**Introduction**
These non-NTTA projects are led by various transportation agencies throughout the region. NTTA staff coordinates with our regional partners to provide support and deliver updates on these important mobility projects. See page 4 for project map.

**DFW Connector**
- **Description:** The initial $1 billion DFW Connector project, which was designed and built simultaneously, runs 8.4 miles along State Highway 114 and SH 121 and includes multiple major interchanges, 39 bridges, new direct-connector ramps and continuous frontage road lanes. At the widest point along SH 114, the highway corridor is now 24 lanes. It also includes four miles of new TEXpress Lanes. Tolling began July 7, 2014.
- Funding constraints required some original DFW Connector segments to be deferred. However, TxDOT has since been able to identify funding for the expansion of FM 2499, new entrance ramps at SH 121 and SH 360 and the SH 121/360 interchange. TxDOT has also identified funding to construct the Interstate 635/SH 121 interchange.
- **Tolling:** Toll rates are set by TxDOT.
- **NTTA role:** NTTA provides customer and billing services for this TxDOT project.
- **Status:**
  - TEXpress Lanes are open; new entrance ramps to SH 121 and SH 360 opened in November 2015, a year ahead of schedule.
  - FM 2499 reached substantial completion in summer 2016, six months ahead of schedule.
  - The SH 121/360 interchange, including new direct-connector ramps for SH 114, SH 121 and SH 360, reached substantial completion in May 2018, seven months ahead of schedule.
  - Construction began in August 2018 on the I-635/SH 121 interchange. The $370 million project was funded as part of the Texas Clear Lanes initiative to reduce congestion. It is estimated to be completed in 2022.
- For more information about this project, visit dfwconnector.com or texasclearlanes.com

**I-30 Managed Lanes Project**
- **Description:** The 18-mile I-30 Managed Lanes Project added TEXpress Lanes between Sylvan Avenue in Dallas and west of SH 161 in Arlington. Motorists can choose to take the main lanes at no cost or pay to use the TEXpress Lanes, which have a goal to keep traffic moving at at least 50 mph. Traffic is managed through dynamic pricing, meaning the price fluctuates based on congestion. The new TEXpress Lanes feature improved access, including direct-connector ramps and upgraded connections to and from the main lanes, and eight entrance and eight exit ramps.
- **Tolling:** Toll rates are set by TxDOT.
- **NTTA role:** NTTA provides customer and billing services for this TxDOT project.
- **Status:** A seven-mile section of the I-30 TEXpress Lanes between west of Center Street and west of SH 161 is expected to open in 2021.
- For more information about this TxDOT project, call the TxDOT Dallas Public Information Office at 214-320-4480.

**U.S. 75/PGBT Improvements**
- **Description:** This TxDOT project includes improvements to the U.S. 75/President George Bush Turnpike interchange between Park Boulevard and the PGBT.
- **TxDOT is coordinating with NTTA to minimize impacts to motorists during construction.**
- **NTTA role:** None. These lanes will not be tolled.
- **Status:**
  - The contract for this 1.3-mile project was awarded in November 2015. The project’s winning bidder was Zachry Construction Corporation, which bid the project for an estimated $37.4 million.
  - At its Aug. 19, 2015 meeting, the NTTA Board approved an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for the U.S. 75/PGBT Improvements Project for $2.5 million.
Collin County Outer Loop

- Description: The Collin County Outer Loop is a proposed 50-mile road that includes five segments around the northern and eastern portions of Collin County. Collin County initiated the Outer Loop Alignment Study to develop various alignments within and along a 500-foot-wide right-of-way. The approved limits of the Collin County Outer Loop extend from the Collin/Rockwall county line to the Denton/Collin county line. The Collin County Outer Loop would intersect with the future extension of NTTA’s Dallas North Tollway.
- NTTA role: None. These lanes will not be tolled.
- Status:
  - Currently in the design phase.
  - Segment 1, a bi-directional northbound service road, is complete between SH 121 and U.S. 75.
  - On Segment 3, between SH 289 and NTTA’s DNT Phase 4A, engineering and environmental tasks are underway. Design is complete and construction is expected to begin in Summer 2019. Estimated completion of a two-lane frontage road is early 2021.
    - U.S. 75/Collin County Outer Loop interchange – schematic is complete; ROW acquisition is complete.
    - SH 289/Collin County Outer Loop interchange – schematic is complete; ROW acquisition is complete.
    - DNT/Collin County Outer Loop interchange – schematic is complete; ROW acquisition is complete.
  - Schematic design for the ultimate Collin County Outer Loop section between U.S. 75 and the Denton/Collin county line continues. The section west of Custer Road will be complete in June 2019. The schematic design for the section east of Custer Road has a summer 2019 estimated completion.
- For more information about this Collin County project, visit collincountytx.gov/mobility/Pages/outerloop.aspx.

SH 360 from Abram Street to I-20

- Description: Construction began in summer 2018 on a $53 million project to widen SH 360 between Abram Street and south of I-20 from six to eight lanes. The 5-mile project will add one main lane in each direction by widening the road within the existing median. To accommodate the expansion of this corridor, the Abram Street bridge will be replaced, and five other bridges will be widened. Some ramp improvements will also be made to provide better access to the Arlington central business district.
- NTTA role: None. These lanes will not be tolled.
- Status:
  - Construction began in summer 2018.
- For more information about this TxDOT project, visit txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/fort-worth/sh-360.

U.S. 380 Improvements

- Description: Additional lanes will be added to U.S. 380 in the Town of Prosper and Collin County.
  - The improvements will intersect with the northern terminus of the Dallas North Tollway at U.S. 380.
- NTTA role: None. These lanes will not be tolled.
- Status:
  - The TxDOT project contract for $57.9 million was awarded to Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating for construction on U.S. 380 between west of County Road 26 (the Denton/Collin County line) and County Road 73 (Lovers Lane). Work began in March 2016 and reached substantial completion in March 2019, with main lanes completely open.

I-30/SH 360 Interchange Project

- Description: The $233 million Interstate 30/State Highway 360 interchange project has started to transform the original 1950s Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike cloverleaf design into a modern fully directional interchange with connection ramps between I-30 and SH 360. Along with constructing a new direct-connect interchange, the I-30 and SH 360 main lanes will be rebuilt with additional auxiliary lanes on I-30 and an additional lane in each direction on SH 360, within the project limits. Construction includes some improvements to area streets. Construction began in spring 2016.
- NTTA role: None. These lanes will not be tolled.
- Status:
- For more information about this TxDOT project, please visit Keep30360Moving.org.
Final completion is expected in summer 2019.

- TxDOT is conducting an environmental study in Denton County for a project to widen U.S. 380 from four to six lanes between Loop 288 and County Road 26, near the Collin County line.
  - A public meeting was held May 12, 2016, at Navo Middle School in Aubrey.
  - The project cost estimate is $80.4 million, and a contract is expected to be awarded in 2020.
- TxDOT is also conducting a feasibility study in Collin County to determine short-term and long-term improvements. Three public meetings were held in spring 2018, fall 2018 and spring 2019, and the final alignment of the feasibility was presented. Next stages include completing the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement, which could involve one to four more years of planning.

- For more information about this TxDOT project, please visit keepitmovingdallas.com.

**SH 190 - The East Branch**

- Description: SH 190 - The East Branch project would connect the proposed Loop 9 in Dallas County with the President George Bush Turnpike. The project study area is approximately 11.9 miles between I-30 and I-20. The original corridor study was implemented in May 1969 by TxDOT. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is being developed. Alignment alternatives, including a no-build option, are now identified for detailed analysis in the DEIS.
- NTTA role: To be determined.
- Status:
  - A public meeting was held Dec. 16, 2014, at Sunnyvale Middle School. After consultation/coordination with the Town of Sunnyvale, two western alignments were removed, and a new alignment west of the lakeside alignment was added.
  - TxDOT’s work on the project is on hold.
- For more information about this TxDOT project, please visit keepitmovingdallas.com.

**SH 161 Expansion**

- Description: The existing SH 161 is a four-lane freeway (two lanes in each direction) with two peak-hour travel lanes used in the morning and evening between SH 183 and Belt Line Road in Irving. The expansion project will modify SH 161 by reconstructing the freeway and interim lanes to accommodate an eight-lane freeway (four freeway lanes in each direction). Construction of the additional lanes would occur within the existing right-of-way for 3.3 miles. The reconstructed portion of SH 161 would have freeway lanes 12 feet wide with a 10-foot-wide outside shoulder and a 10-foot-wide inside shoulder. Eleven ramps would provide access between the frontage road lanes and the freeway lanes. The proposed ramp lanes would be 14 feet wide with an 8-foot-wide outside shoulder and a 4-foot-wide inside shoulder.
  - The contract was awarded in June 2018, and construction began in October 2018.
  - The estimated completion of this $21 million project is June 2020.
  - NTTA role: None. These lanes will not be tolled.
  - For more information about this TxDOT project, visit txdot.gov.