

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH TURNPIKE EASTERN EXTENSION Progress Report

North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)

May 2012

The Eastern Extension is a portion of the outer loop around Dallas and its suburbs that connects Interstate Highway (I) 30 to the existing President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT). It is part of the Loop 9/State Highway (SH) 190 corridor first planned in 1957. Construction on the approximately 9.9-mile corridor began in October 2008. The project opened to traffic in December 2011.

Corridor Details

- Project limits: Extends the PGBT from SH 78 to I-30
- Project length: Approximately 9.9 miles
- Anticipated project cost: \$958 million
- Anticipated NTTA cost: Approximately \$539 million
- Opening date (all sections): December 21, 2011

Milestones

- A \$160 million toll equity grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to the NTTA was approved for right of way (ROW) acquisition and other costs on August 23, 2007.
- A three-party agreement among the NTTA, TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was executed in November 2007. In addition, a TxDOT/NTTA two-party agreement was executed, allowing eminent domain proceedings for critical ROW acquisition to begin.
- TxDOT approved a revised schematic on March 7, 2008.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 permit was approved on April 25, 2008.
- The City of Dallas (Dallas Water Utilities) agreement for the Lake Ray Hubbard bridge was approved by the Dallas City Council and NTTA Board of Directors in May 2008.
- A rail-crossing agreement with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) was approved by the DART Board and the NTTA Board, in May 2008.
- The FHWA approved the Final Environmental Impact Statement Re-evaluation on July 1, 2008.
- A groundbreaking for the first construction contract, Section 30, from north of the future Merritt Road to south of Main Street in Rowlett, took place August 21, 2008. Construction began on October 13, 2008.

- All five sections of the extension were officially under construction by mid-March 2009.
- A town hall meeting on the PGBT Eastern Extension project was held on January 20, 2011, at Sachse City Hall. Attendees were provided construction updates.
- All sections of the PGBT Eastern Extension opened to traffic on December 21, 2011.
- On January 23, 2012, the NTTA “premiered” the PGBT Eastern Extension to elected and public officials. The event, held at AMC Theatres in Garland.
- A video of the entire Eastern Extension corridor is available to view on YouTube.

Corridor Updates

- Crews worked on final construction tasks in various sections of the PGBT Eastern Extension. These final tasks will continue through summer 2012.
- The PGBT Eastern Extension main lanes connecting to both the west- and eastbound I-30 frontage roads are expected to open in summer 2012.
- Section 32, which includes a bridge over Lake Ray Hubbard, was constructed by TxDOT.

Next Steps

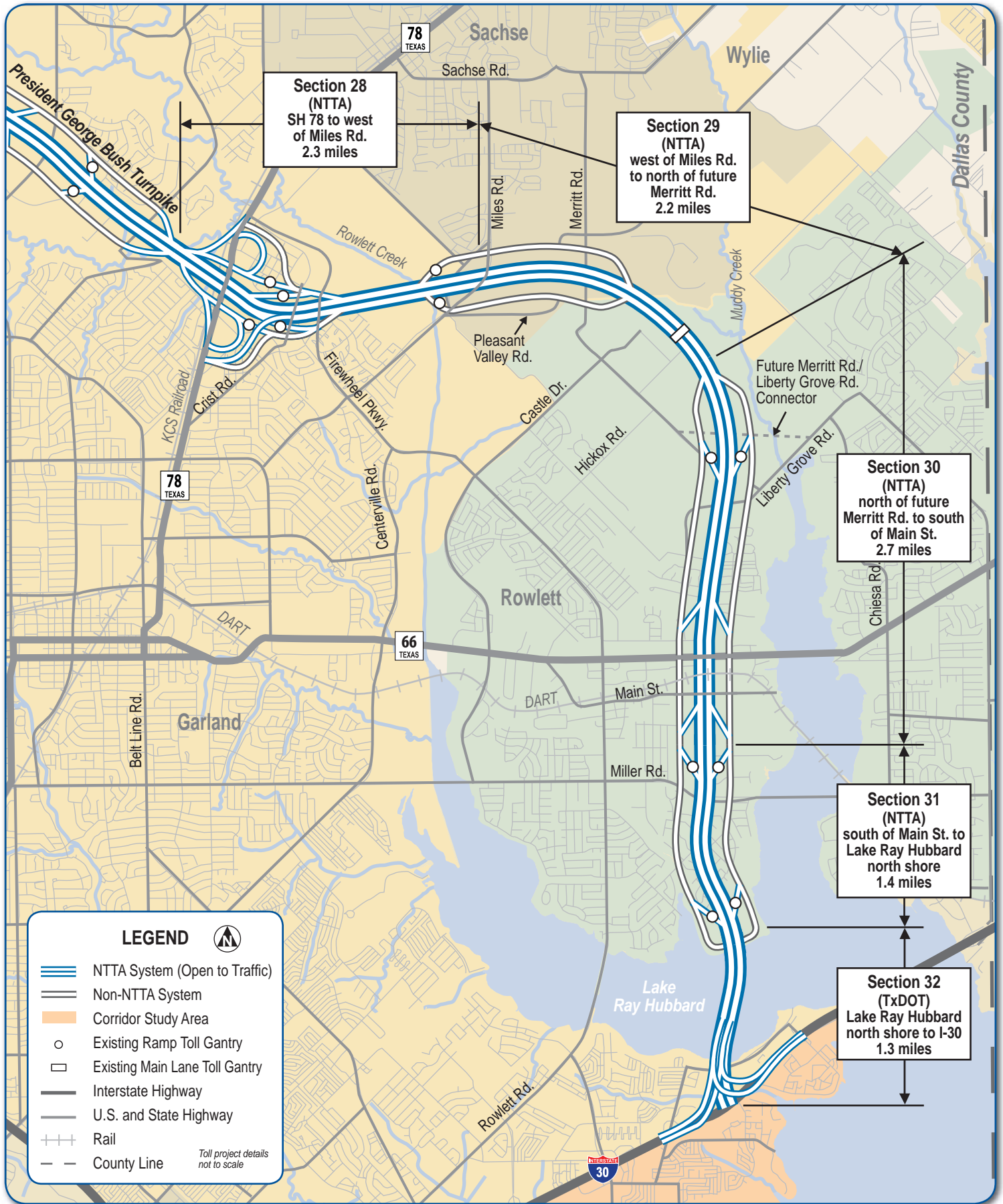
- Continue final construction tasks.

Project Partners

- TxDOT
- Dallas County
- Dallas
- Garland
- Rowlett
- Sachse

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