

Chisholm Trail Parkway

New Trails in South Fort Worth

June 2013



Traffic on new Oakmont Boulevard bridge

Oakmont Boulevard Bridge Opens to Traffic

A new Oakmont Boulevard bridge opened to traffic in May. The bridge crosses over the CTP main lanes and will add capacity to the former roadway. During construction, crews built a horseshoe-shaped detour around the construction zone to maintain traffic flow in the area. The detour has been removed, and once the bridge is completely finished, work will focus on the bridge over Dutch Branch Road.

Bridging the CTP in south Fort Worth

As motorists travel through south Fort Worth, they will notice construction of columns and bridge supports as work continues on various CTP bridges. Crews are also placing concrete for abutments (*bridge span supports*) on the Fort Worth and Western Railroad and Sycamore School Road bridges. Concrete beams will also be placed for the Sycamore School Road and Summer Creek bridges.

Work continues on the Chisholm Trail Parkway, a 27.6-mile toll road that will extend from Fort Worth's central business district at Interstate 30 and continuing west and south to U.S. 67 in Cleburne. The North Texas Tollway Authority's first roadway in Tarrant and Johnson counties is anticipated to open to traffic in spring 2014.

Business Information Group Meeting Held in south Fort Worth

The NTTA recently hosted a Business Information Group Meeting for business owners and managers in the south Fort Worth area. During the session, attendees were updated on the CTP project and related projects managed by the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Worth. Representatives from the Fort Worth Transportation Authority were also in attendance to discuss the TEX Rail project, including the planned rail station at Summer Creek.

The next south Fort Worth area B.I.G. meeting will be scheduled this summer. For more information or to join one of the B.I.G.s, please call 817-916-5105 or send an email to ChisholmTrail@ntta.org

Interchange at SH 183/I-20/CTP Taking Shape

At the CTP interchange with Interstate 20 and State Highway 183, crews continue to pour bridge foundations, set beams and build bridge decks. The westbound lanes of State Highway 183 have been completely rebuilt. The reconstruction of the eastbound lanes continues.

NTTA's Mobile App available now

The North Texas Tollway Authority's new Tollmate app is now available. Tollmate allows NTTA customers to:

- View TollTag account balances and make payments
- Edit TollTag account information
- Calculate the total cost of tolls for a trip
- View real-time traffic updates through an interactive map
- Access free Roadway Customer Service
- Call customer service



Future updates will allow payment of ZipCash bills.

Tollmate is available for both iPhone and Android devices. Simply search for the keyword TollTag app and look for an app with the NTTA orange T icon.

Chisholm Trail Parkway - *New Trails in South Fort Worth*

Temporary closure of Dirks Road Continues

Dirks Road is closed between Harris Parkway and Granbury Road through mid-August. Harris Parkway remains open throughout construction and will allow motorists to access the USMD Hospital at Fort Worth from their driveway off of Harris Parkway.

During the closure the following detours will be in place: **Eastbound** motorists will turn left on Bryant Irvin Road, right on Oakmont Boulevard, right on Hulen Street, right on Granbury Road and then left on Dirks Road to continue east. **Westbound** motorists will turn right on Granbury Road, left on Hulen Street, left on Oakmont Boulevard, left on Bryant Irvin Road and then right on Dirks Road to continue west.

Stay safe in Construction Zones

As construction work moves into full gear on the CTP and the NTTA continues work on other projects around the Metroplex, drivers will encounter a number of work zones.

Work zones, whether for construction or roadway maintenance, require extra attention and extreme caution. Drivers should pay special attention to workers, equipment, and traffic control devices such as signs and flaggers, as well as other motorists who may be confused by the construction zone.

Roadway work can be dangerous, and drivers going through work zones also face increased risk. According to the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse, more than 570 people were killed in work zone crashes across the United States in 2010 (*the most recent year for which data is available*), and Texas had more work zone fatalities than any other state.



Bridge support construction at Summer Creek, looking north



Setting beams for CTP direct connector over SH 183 in Fort Worth.

When traveling through work zones, follow these tips provided by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation:

- Eliminate distractions: Drinking, eating, using a cell phone or adjusting radio settings all take attention away from the road long enough for serious mistakes to occur.
- Expect the unexpected: Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.
- Slow down: A car traveling at 60 mph travels 88 feet per second. The faster you are driving, the longer it takes to stop.
- Read caution signs: Don't assume that the same traffic switches or road conditions are in effect as the last time you traveled through that work zone. Construction schedules call for frequent changes.
- Give yourself room: Rear-end collisions are the most common type of accident in work zones.
- Plan ahead: Leave early or map out an alternate route so you don't feel pressured to speed.
- Be patient: If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they aren't there.

And remember, Texas enforces increased penalties for drivers who ignore posted speed limits in work zones where workers are present. A traffic ticket will cost more in posted work zones when workers are in the area.

Safety is no accident. Follow these safety tips and dial 9-1-1 to report unsafe drivers or conditions.