

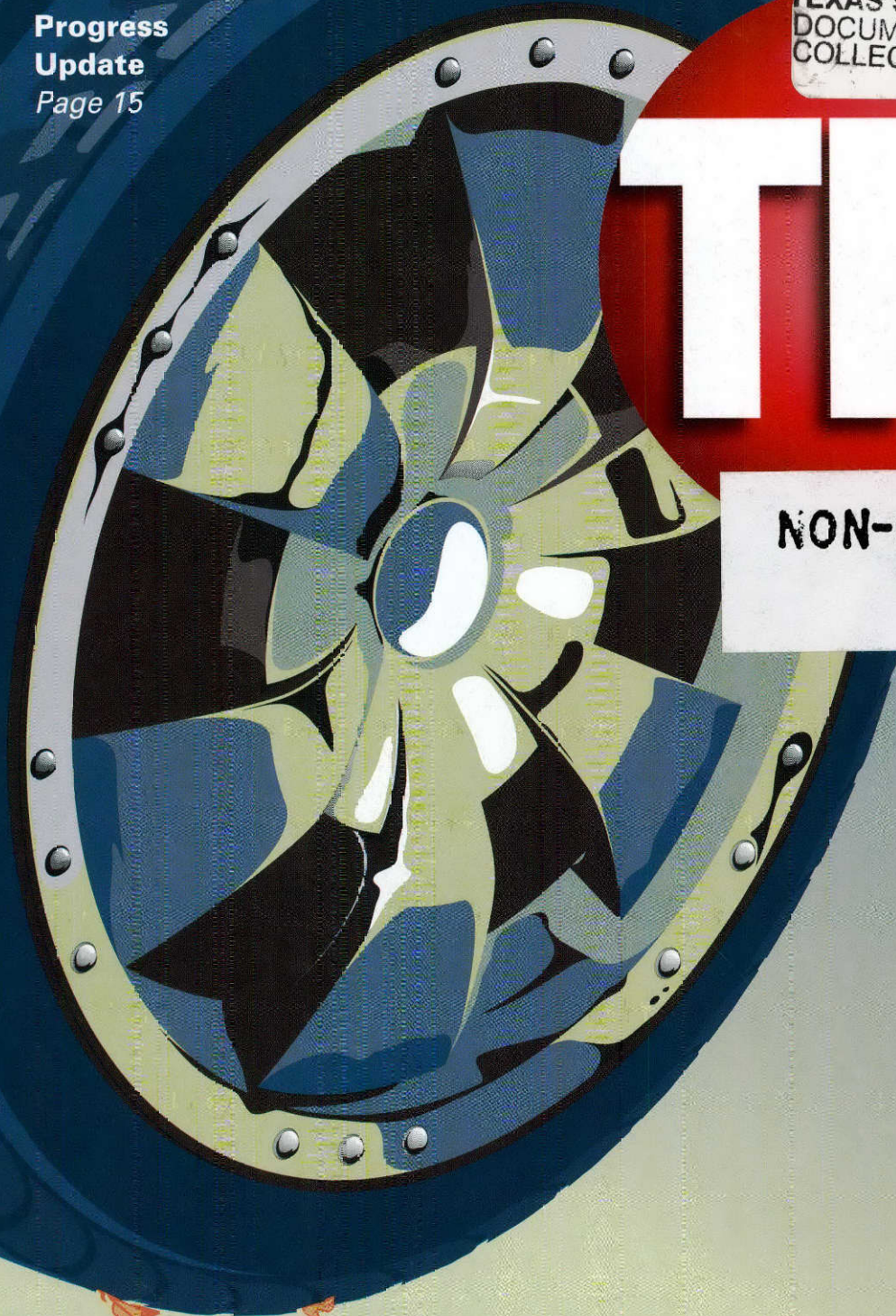


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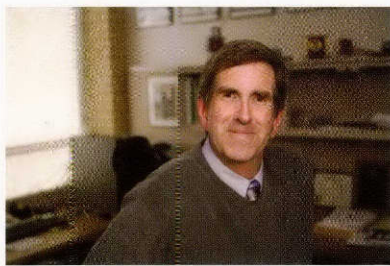
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With billions of dollars in state transportation infrastructure at stake, you would correctly conclude that there are some sizeable divisions in TxDOT to handle those responsibilities. But there are also some small-in-stature divisions that deliver the goods for Texas transportation in a big way. Read about them in this month's TN cover story.

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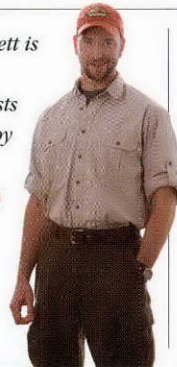


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**5 THINGS**

**FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW RIGHT NOW**

- 1** On February 1, Texas Transportation Commission Chair Deirdre Delisi testified before the House Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, where she outlined the short- and long-term funding challenges that TxDOT continues to face. To read her testimony, click [ftp://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/gpa/delisi\\_testimony.pdf](ftp://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/gpa/delisi_testimony.pdf).
- 2** On January 28, Texas was awarded \$11 million of available American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) high-speed and intercity passenger rail funding from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Texas requested a total of \$1.8 billion of the \$8 billion in available funds. Listen to the podcast with Rail Division Director Bill Glavin by clicking here, <http://www.keeptexasmoving.com/index.php/podcast>.
- 3** TxDOT and its safety partners are traveling statewide with the "National Work Zone Memorial - Respect and Remembrance: Reflections of Life on the Road" to raise public awareness of the need to respect and stay safe in roadway work zones. The tour will start in El Paso on March 10, then travel to Laredo on March 12, Beaumont on March 15, Waco on March 16, and end in Amarillo on March 18-19. National Work Zone Awareness Week 2010 is (April 19-25).
- 4** The "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash-Off is not only the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state, but part of the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. In 2009, more than 72,000 volunteers picked up 8 million pounds of litter in Texas alone. Sign up at [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org), or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.
- 5** The seventh Texas Round-Up and Governor's Challenge is underway, and Governor Rick Perry is encouraging all state employees to get involved and get active. The program ends on April 10. Find out more at <http://crossroads/>.



## SAENZ SAYS

*News stories across the country reveal the state of transportation in our nation. There's talk in Michigan about raising the state's gas tax. New Jersey is looking for revenue options since its transportation trust fund could run out of money next year. And a committee studying highway finance in Arkansas may suggest tapping the state's general revenue to help pay for \$19 billion in highway needs over the next decade.*

*Funding has become so critical in some states that they're taking drastic measures to make ends meet. The Virginia Department of Transportation recently announced a third round of layoffs to reduce a \$4.6 billion revenue shortfall, and the state of California has closed its government offices three days every month to save state resources.*

*Texas isn't immune to the challenges. Money for new mobility projects is low. Maintenance is maxing out state gas tax revenues. And had it not been for the recent Proposition 12 bond program and federal stimulus money, a lot more projects would be sitting on the shelf waiting for funding.*

*The good news is that we saw these tough times coming. We started working early with our federal and state legislators to keep them informed about future funding challenges, and we took immediate steps to protect our employees.*

*We instituted a hiring "chill" to retain existing employees. We created four regional support centers to better manage our core functions. And we reviewed district and regional staffing levels to match them with future revenues. Our goal: to develop a staffing plan that balances our field duties with projected funding. That plan is now complete, and district engineers have been briefing employees on it.*

*I know that many districts and regions have done more with less. And you've patiently waited for some workload relief. This new staffing plan will do that because it redirects many positions to maintenance, an area that has been understaffed for some time.*

*While the staffing plan improves our field operations - the backbone of this agency - we still must refine our headquarters and division functions. The review by Grant Thornton will make recommendations for those department areas.*

*With so many changes and challenges facing this state, Texans will depend on TxDOT to deliver the transportation system they need. All of us - the districts, regions and divisions - have work to do. We're one DOT with one mission: to keep Texans moving. We won't let them down.*

Watch Mr. Saenz' video to employees about this topic, as well as other recent videos, by clicking here: <http://crossroads/videos/index.asp>.

### **Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.**

*Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation*





COVER STORY

Small divisions doing  
**GREAT**  
**BIG**  
**THINGS**





While TxDOT's mission is to safely move people and goods across the state, the department comprises many different functions that contribute to this goal. The agency's basic core functions are handled in larger divisions such as Bridge, Construction, Design, Maintenance, Right of Way, Transportation Planning & Programming, etc. However, there are divisions that may not be as large-in-stature but make a huge impact on TxDOT and our customers. In this issue, we salute a handful of divisions that do great, big things:

**TRAVEL INFORMATION DIVISION**

TxDOT's Travel Information Division is at the epicenter of Texas' tourism industry. This small division shoulders big responsibilities, stimulating travel by operating 12 Texas Travel Information Centers; publishing the state's travel magazine; creating and distributing travel literature; providing photography and videography services; and managing litter prevention programs.

The Travel Information Centers (TICs) offer travelers a safe haven and comfortable welcome. TIC personnel

are ambassadors who provide travel literature, trip routing and information on events and points of interest. In 2009, the TICs served about 2.6 million customers with an economic impact to Texas of more than \$38 million. Travel counselors also provide vital statewide road condition information online and via a toll-free number, and during emergencies answer calls 24/7.

The Travel Publications Section produces and distributes state travel literature such as the *Texas State Travel Guide*, *Texas Official Travel Map* and others. Their award-winning magazine, *Texas*

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**About TRV**

- Employees: 105
- Texas' 12 Travel Information Centers employ 57 people, serving 2.6 million customers in 2009
- Number of highway miles adopted through the Adopt-a-Highway beautification program: 8,700
- Texas Highways magazine is the official travel magazine of Texas with our annual circulation of more than 227,000
- Highway Condition Reporting System toll-free number: 1-800-452-9292

**About PTM**

- Employees: 49
- Ridership: 302 million trips
- Vehicle Miles: 228 million
- Transit Vehicles: 7,197
- Metropolitan Transit Authorities: 7
- County Transportation Authorities: 1
- Urbanized: 30
- Non-urbanized (Rural): 39
- Agencies Serving Elderly & Individuals with Disabilities: 131

**About MCD**

- Employees: 115
- Oversize/overweight permits issued (2009): 527,453
- Super heavy permits issued (2009): 1,525
- Fees collected (2009): \$95.3 million
- Consumer complaints investigated (2009): 1,052
- Responsibilities: Safely route and issue permits to transport oversize/overweight loads; maintain the statewide permit restriction map; administrative enforcement of size and weight regulations

**About AVN**

- Employees: 62
- Number of public airports in Texas: 300+
- Number of public airport runways in Texas: 450+
- Number of business jets: 1,700+
- Overall number of aircraft at general aviation facilities in Texas: 13,000+
- Jobs created by general aviation in Texas: 56,000+
- Number of flight operations (2008): 7 million
- Annual Aviation Division budget: \$85 million
- Economic benefits of general aviation in Texas: \$6 billion/year



Highways, depicts the essence of Texas by showcasing the state's scenic, historic, recreational, cultural and ethnic treasures and a variety of Texas-themed products.

TRV also administers the award-winning litter prevention and education program, Don't Mess with Texas®, and the Texas-born, nationally recognized Adopt-a-Highway Program. The Audiovisual Production Section's talented photographers and videographers capture the beauty of the state with their photos and videos and tape the executive director's video for the Crossroads Web site. They also house the TxDOT photo library, an extensive collection of images in all formats.

"The division plays a vital role in the state's tourism industry, and we pride ourselves on filling this role every single day," said TRV director Doris Howdeshell. "I always tell people that we have the best jobs at TxDOT. Who wouldn't enjoy telling people about this great state as a tourism destination, and who wouldn't work to keep a state you love clean?"

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DIVISION**

TxDOT keeps Texans moving, even if they don't have the access or ability to drive a vehicle.

The department's Public Transportation Division oversees state and federal grant programs to help rural and small communities provide transportation services. Some form of public transportation is available in all 254 counties in Texas.

"Public transportation is about people, not buses," said PTN Director Eric Gleason. "Our goal is to get people where they want to go safely and efficiently."

The division's 49 employees also provide training and technical assistance for public transportation providers. More than half of the employees are district field staff responsible for grant management.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act handed this small

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— Dave Fulton

division a big job when TxDOT received nearly \$50 million in public transportation funding for rural areas. To date, more than 30 percent of the funds have been spent on construction projects, new fleet and technology. Providers have been able to serve more people, replace aging vehicles and improve scheduling because of the funding.

PTN received national recognition in 2008 when TxDOT's Regional Planning Coordination Program won the United We Ride (UWR) Leadership Award. UWR is a national initiative to enhance transportation for older adults, children and individuals with disabilities or lower incomes.

Two years ago, PTN launched an effort to streamline the proposal process for six federal grant programs. This new approach has allowed transit providers

and agencies to submit a single project proposal for multiple programs, rather than applying for specific programs separately.

As a result, PTN and providers can spend less time on paper work and more time providing services - and that's good news for the thousands of Texans who are able to go to work, the doctor or the grocery store because of public transportation.

**MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION**

Crawling along at 10 miles a day, the massive rig carrying a mammoth 886,249-pound Toshiba steam turbine engine made its 220-mile journey from the Port of Houston to the Sandy Creek Energy Station in Riesel earlier this year.

The conspicuous transport - weighing a total of 1.7 million pounds and measuring 39 feet wide, 18 feet tall and the length of a football field - became a public spectacle as it slowly traveled along

Texas roadways to its destination. Awe struck gawkers along the route snapped photos, videotaped and wondered how such an enormous move was possible.

For six months before the generator arrived at the Port of Houston, MCD planned and mapped every mile of the move to Riesel, carefully coordinating it with the motor carrier, shipper and the Houston, Bryan and Waco districts. As the heaviest load the division's Permitting Section had ever routed, the move had to avoid heavily traveled highways, low overpasses and bridges that could not sustain its considerable weight.

On average, MCD issues 2,000 permits a day; the majority for loads exceeding the legal size and weight limits (8'6" wide, 14' high and 80,000 pounds) but weighing less than 254,300 pounds. But in recent years, the division has seen a dramatic increase in permits for super heavy loads, like the Toshiba turbine engine. In 2008,



*TxDOT photo.*

*A massive turbine engine transport moved slowly through an intersection in Bryan in January. MCD mapped the move from the Port of Houston to Riesel.*

MCD issued 1,200 super heavy permits, compared to 1,525 in 2009.

The permitting process not only protects the safety of the traveling public and the integrity of the state's highways and bridges, it also facilitates Texas' economic growth, said MCD Director Carol Davis.

"As we see a growth in energy production and manufacturing in Texas, we're seeing more super heavy permitting for generators and other massive components," Davis said. "It's a fascinating, challenging industry. It's a real juggling act to balance their needs with the department's responsibilities to maintain the infrastructure.

**AVIATION DIVISION**

Since 1992, TxDOT has been helping local entities secure government funding for improvements to general aviation airports across Texas. The state's system is one of the largest in the nation, with almost 300 public airports in locations from the most remote rural communities to the largest metropolitan suburbs. These airports create more than 56,000

jobs and pump more than \$6 billion into the Texas economy every year.

Aviation Division Director Dave Fulton, a former Navy pilot and previously head of the aviation program at the Tennessee Department of Transportation, has developed and managed Texas' aviation assistance program since its inception. The division has grown from a small technical staff with a \$1.5 million budget to a full-service division that manages more than \$85 million in federal grants and state funding annually.

"When we first started, most of the general aviation airports in Texas could best be described as unimproved real estate with a little black paint on the ground," Fulton recalled. "Airports in rural areas were really suffering. There were no improvement funds available and no one was paying any attention to them."

The division manages all aspects of the assistance program as a turnkey operation for the sponsors, from the initial concept to planning and design, all the way through construction. Capital improvement projects include work on

runways, taxiways and aircraft parking areas; lighting systems and navigation aids; weather reporting stations; and security systems. Other programs construct airport terminal buildings, air traffic control towers and hangars, as well as provide funding for routine maintenance. The program has been a boon to cities like Del Rio which, following upgrades to their general aviation airport, was able to attract a major airline, allowing them to vastly improve their customs and immigration service. Sugarland set out to become the premier reliever airport in the Houston area and, with a nod to TxDOT's expert planning assistance, was named by Aviation International News as the number one city-operated fuel and service provider in North and South America.

"What most people don't realize is that a trip doesn't end at the airport. People need a place to wait, eat and meet," Fulton said. "Pilots sometimes need a place to stay overnight. We're here to help them provide the highest level of service possible."

## Glavin Takes the Reins as New Rail Division Director

**B**ill Glavin, a licensed civil engineer and 32-year veteran of the rail industry, was hired as TxDOT's first Rail Division director late last year. He began working for TxDOT on December 1. TN sat down with him to discuss his plans for leading the effort to establish a statewide rail plan.

**Q: What is your background in the rail industry?**

A: My father, both grandfathers and one grandmother were railroad employees. I guess you could say I've got the creosote in my blood. After I received my engineering degree from Michigan State, I was hired in the Burlington Northern Railroad management training program, which exposed me to all aspects of engineering in the railroad environment. I've been sliding down I-35 ever since in various jobs in the rail industry. When I saw TxDOT's posting for the Rail Division director, I read through it and thought to myself, "this looks like it was written for me."

**Q: TxDOT has been directed by the legislature to develop a state rail plan. What will that involve?**

A: The state needs to develop a unified plan for a rail network that encompasses both passenger and freight rail. We currently have multiple visions for

Bill Glavin





passenger rail; some are complementary, some are competing. We need to pull all those pieces together and make a compatible, comprehensive system.

**Q: How will you involve the public and our transportation partners in developing a state rail plan?**

A: Our preliminary plans include rolling out a series of "rail passenger visioning" workshops over the next weeks and months. We'll also conduct surveys on public sentiment to get an idea of what their mode preferences would be. We are working with the Center for Transportation Research (CTR) and other partners. The national passenger rail plan is due Sept. 1 of this year; my hope is that we will have a state rail plan to feed into that national plan, which means we must have something ready in the July-August timeframe. I know that's ambitious, but we at least need to have some elements identified that we

can put into that national plan.

**Q: How will we pay for it?**

A: If we're going to be able to receive federal funding, we have to have a unified, cohesive vision. All transit systems are subsidized in some form by the governments of those programs.

sort of funding from somewhere. I think it will likely involve a combination of state and federal funds, public-private partnerships and local streams of funding, including property and sales taxes, for the initial investment.


**Q: What will make rail successful in Texas?**

A: Texas is ideal for a European-style rail system, given the terrain and the distances between major metro areas. According to the European model, there is a "niche" for rail service: you've got to be twice as fast as the slowest mode (automobile) and half the price of the premium mode (airlines). Unfortunately, our rail infrastructure has been fairly well defined since the 1860s. The railroad of tomorrow will not be like the original rail program. I

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Roads are subsidized, as are the airlines and transit systems. The only mode not subsidized is the railroads themselves - rail owners even pay property taxes to the communities, so they're like a local business. There's got to be some

don't think the pie is big enough to have competitors within the same corridors; it will be more like the highway network. That becomes the niche that defines the railroads and their passenger activity. 



### A Minute With ... Ted Houghton Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Having served on the Transportation Commission for more than six years, I have seen ideas come and go. The men and women of TxDOT have remained the same, always loyal and caring. Each one of you makes it your goal when you get out of bed each morning to make the roads a safer place for your family, friends and complete strangers. Nothing can stop you, not ice, not rain, not even a good West Texas wind storm. Thank you for all that you do for the people around the state. Keep up the good work!



I AM ...

## An Archeologist

**J**ason Barrett is one of 10 archeologists employed by TxDOT in the Environmental Affairs Division. After obtaining his undergraduate degree from Rhode Island College, he left Rhode Island in 1995 to begin graduate studies at Texas A&M University, receiving his Master's there in 1999 and his Ph.D. in 2004.

After receiving his doctorate he taught archeology at Texas A&M University, Blinn College and Baylor University. Barrett joined ENV's Archeological Studies Branch in 2005.

### Tell us one of the perks of your job.

My career has afforded me the opportunity to work in many remote and interesting places. In addition to New England and Texas, I have excavated colonial haciendas in Mexico, ancient Maya temples in Guatemala and Belize, and mountain-top villages in American Samoa.

### What tools do you use in your work?

Archeologists use maps, GIS software and equipment and good research skills above all. In the field we rely on backhoes as often as we rely on trowels. I've gotten ravaged by chiggers badly enough that insect repellent is always in my field pack.


### How do you evaluate the impact of a particular project?

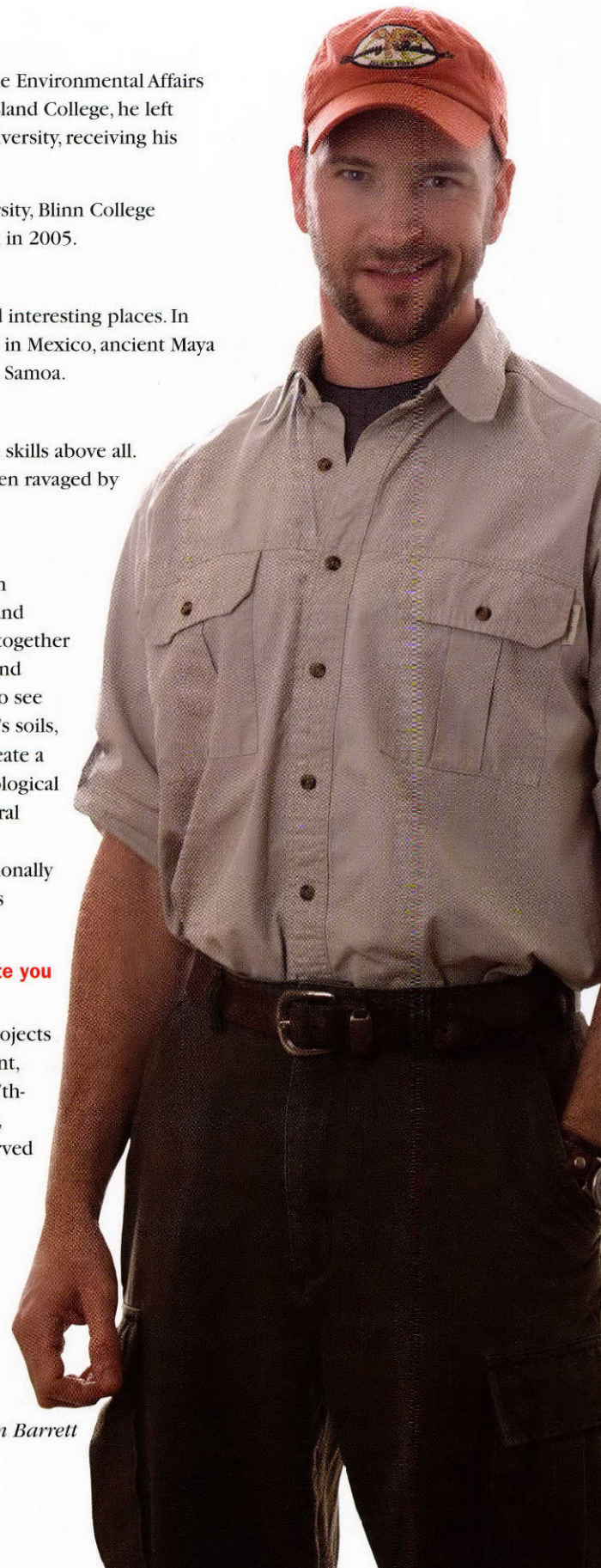
TxDOT archeologists review cultural resource impacts for all projects, in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. The significant and challenging task of assessing a project's potential impact is like putting together a puzzle. I first consider the nature of the project and what type of ground disturbance it will cause. I then check the state archeological database to see if there are recorded sites nearby. Next, I gather information on the area's soils, geology, land-use patterns, topography, and hydrology. Together these create a picture that lets me assess whether the project has intact, buried archeological deposits. If so, I perform field investigations to look for artifacts or cultural features. Most people think of prehistoric artifacts when they think of archeology, but we often consider more recent resources. TxDOT occasionally widens roadways near historic cemeteries, and an archeologist evaluates whether the project could disturb unmarked graves.

### What is the most culturally important or scientifically interesting site you have found in your work?

I have had the great fortune to be associated with several remarkable projects that made important contributions to Texas history. As a graduate student, I helped conserve artifacts recovered from excavations of the Belle, a 17th-century ship under the command of French explorer Robert de La Salle, which sank in Matagorda Bay in 1686. Many of the artifacts that I conserved are on display at the Bob Bullock Texas State Historical Museum.

### What is the closest you have come to an "Indiana Jones" moment?

Well, I haven't discovered anything close to the Lost Ark of the Covenant or been chased by Germans, but I did recently experience being surrounded by coyotes while surveying a site in Laredo. They were chased off by the sound of nearby gun shots, which suggested to me that I might have more serious issues to deal with than a few coyotes. 



Jason Barrett



ADOPT A HWY  
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NEXT 2 MILES  
A PROUD TEXAN



Show some pride for the place you live. This April 10th, join us for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, and submit your photos of the weirdest roadside finds. We'll put the best and worst in an online gallery. Remember, volunteering for Adopt-a-Highway helps keep millions of pieces of litter off Texas roadways each year. Learn how to get involved at [DontMesswithTexas.org](http://DontMesswithTexas.org)



## Winter Storm Stops Texas Traffic



*Ben Coker/TxDOT photo.*

*An 18-wheeler is snowed in along FM 369 north of Wichita Falls during the Christmas 2009 winter storm that bit the area.*

**W**hile many dream of a “White Christmas,” as the famous holiday song goes, those traveling in the Wichita Falls area last Christmas Eve found their dream was closer to a nightmare.

The biggest snowstorm in 25 years hit, dropping more snow on the area in 12 hours than falls in the average year. The snowfall ranged from eight to 16 inches throughout the area. Downtown Wichita Falls received eight inches, while 16 inches fell west of downtown Iowa Park.

Complicating matters, almost 1.5 inches of rain preceded the snowfall, washing away chemicals that TxDOT maintenance crews had placed on the roads in anticipation of the coming snow.

Weather forecasters had predicted five inches of snow for the north Texas area. So when the

storm dropped more than triple the amount predicted in parts of north Texas, everyone was caught by surprise. Residents and travelers alike were warned to seek shelter and to refrain from traveling during the storm.


TxDOT maintenance personnel from the Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Childress and Fort Worth districts skipped Christmas celebrations with their loved ones to begin clearing snow off the roadways. For the next six days, they worked around the clock in 12-hour shifts to get traffic moving.

The 165 workers who battled the icy conditions were guided by 15 workers in the districts’ operations offices. They used a total of 94 pieces of equipment, including snowplows, maintainers and pickup trucks. They applied sand, granular chemical and magnesium chloride to the ice and snow to make removal easier. About

\$120,000 was spent handling the near-record storm.

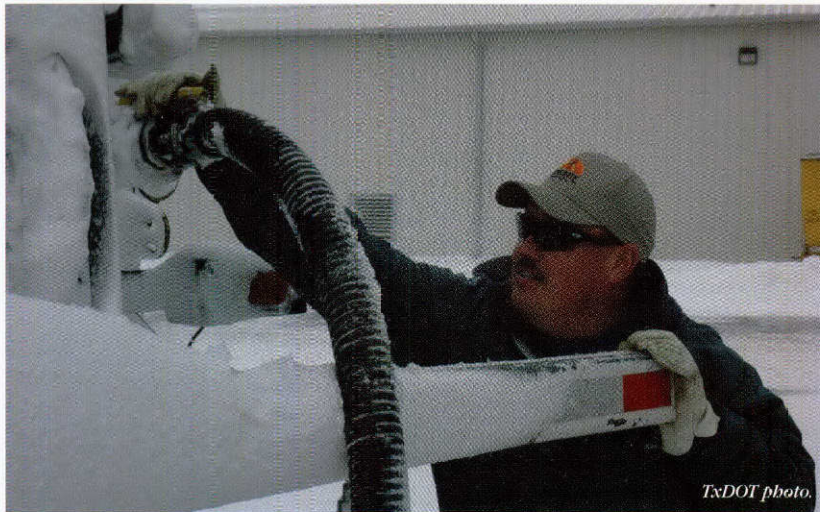
Their efforts were made more difficult by accidents involving 18-wheelers and other vehicles that blocked major roadways. Cars and trucks stuck in the snow further complicated operations and slowed workers.

Wichita Falls Operations Director Tim Hertel had nothing but praise for employee dedication and selflessness in a tough travel situation.

“Spending twelve hours clearing roads instead of being at home with families for Christmas was rough,” Hertel said. “They have my admiration and respect for the work they did in this difficult situation.” 



## Plowing Through a Panhandle Storm



TxDOT photo.

*Tony Loya, from the East Area maintenance of the El Paso District, loads Mag Chloride into a tank for de-icing roadways in Amarillo during the winter storm that hit the area in late January. Tony was one of several TxDOT employees who traveled to Amarillo and helped keep roadways open.*

**J**ust a few weeks after Amarillo maintenance crews spent their Christmas holiday clearing snow in Wichita Falls, a major storm hit the Texas Panhandle. Freezing rain and sleet started falling Wednesday, January 27, and continued through late Thursday, January 28. In all, more than nine inches of snow fell in Amarillo, with upwards of 14 inches in areas northwest of the city. I-40, US 287, and US 54 all had to be shut down due to snow-packed roadways and reduced visibility during the height of the storm.

The snow had the potential of becoming a record breaker for the Amarillo area, so the Amarillo District put out the call to neighboring districts for crews and equipment to help stay ahead of the snow that was sure to pile-up on area roadways. Lubbock, Abilene, Odessa, and El Paso answered the call, sending about 42 operators and pieces of equipment to augment the 150 trucks, maintainers, and snow blowers the Amarillo District put on the roadways. These crews worked alongside their Amarillo counterparts in 16-hour shifts, plowing snow, clearing

drifts off of roadways, and assisting law enforcement trying to rescue stranded motorists.

In addition to the operators from the four neighboring districts, Amarillo was assisted by several West Region employees assigned to the district. They helped to clear snow from district building entryways and manned the telephones, assisting callers with road condition and other emergency information. The Travel Information Division also lent a hand, making sure travelers who stopped at the Amarillo Travel Information Center were informed on weather-related issues and kept travelers as comfortable as possible when I-40 was shut down for nearly 24 hours.

The closed roadways were reopened within 24 hours, thanks in large part to the work done by TxDOT snow plow operators. The Christmas Eve storm and this latest January storm prove that the "One DOT" concept works, and TxDOT districts are ready to lend a hand during any natural disaster, whether it is a hurricane, flood, wild fire, or snow storm.



Norm King

## King Earns Military Promotion

TxDOT salutes Norm King, Environmental Affairs Division manager, for his recent promotion to command chief master sergeant in the Texas State Guard Air Division. Chief King will serve as the senior enlisted advisor to Brigadier General Robert Cheeseman, the Texas State Guard's Deputy Commanding General for Air, and will also serve as a mentor to the state's two air wing command chiefs and seven air support group chief enlisted managers.

His recent deployments include Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as well as Texas border security. Chief King's awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal; Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. His state awards include the Texas Outstanding Service Medal; Medal of Merit; Adjutant General's Individual Award and Louisiana Emergency Services Medal.



## Texas Gridlock Gets National Attention

Texas has five of the most gridlocked rush-hour drives in the country, according to a recent article in *The Daily Beast*, a news reporting and opinion Web site.

Reporters used data from the traffic-tracking firm INRIX to compile "America's 75 Worst Commutes."

According to the roundup of "highways from hell," I-35 in Austin ranks as the fourth worst commute in the U.S., behind the Hollywood Freeway in Los Angeles, the Lunalilo Freeway in Honolulu and the Capital Beltway in Washington, D.C.

Here are the worst commutes in Texas, as ranked by The Daily Beast:

### 4. I-35, Austin

Weekly hours of bottleneck congestion: **460**  
Worst bottleneck: **Northbound, Riverside Drive**  
Weekly hours of congestion on worst bottleneck: **47**  
Speed of worst bottleneck when congested: **16.2 mph**

### 12. Loop 610, Houston

Weekly hours of bottleneck congestion: **189**  
Worst bottleneck: **Southbound, Farm-to-Market Rd 1093 Westheimer Rd./Exit 8**  
Weekly hours of congestion on worst bottleneck: **34**  
Speed of worst bottleneck when congested: **21.9 mph**

### 15. Loop 820, Dallas-Fort Worth

Weekly hours of bottleneck congestion: **172**  
Worst bottleneck: **Westbound, Rufe Snow Drive/Exit 20**  
Weekly hours of congestion on worst bottleneck: **41**  
Speed of worst bottleneck when congested: **20.1 mph**

### 38. Loop 410, San Antonio

Weekly hours of bottleneck congestion: **71**  
Worst bottleneck: **Northbound, I-35**  
Weekly hours of congestion on worst bottleneck: **29**  
Speed of worst bottleneck when congested: **13.9 mph**

### 40. I-10, El Paso

Weekly hours of bottleneck congestion: **39**  
Worst bottleneck: **Eastbound, Ranch Road 2316/McRae Blvd/Exit 28A**  
Weekly hours of congestion on worst bottleneck: **12**  
Speed of worst bottleneck when congested: **26 mph**

To see the complete list, go to: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-01-19/americas-75-worst-commutes/>



### A Minute With ... David Casteel, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for Field and District Operations

In real estate they say the three most important words are location, location and location. In our next decade of TxDOT, our three words will be maintenance, maintenance and maintenance. We have over 190,000 lane miles of roads. Four factors working against us are funding (fuel efficiency), inflation, the system is aging every day and increased traffic (even electric cars take up space). Every day we defer maintenance means even more maintenance will be needed tomorrow. It isn't glamorous, but it's our job. I am proud of what you do for maintenance. Thanks and be safe.



## Prop 12 Funds Fuel Projects Across State

**T**he first transportation projects to be funded with Proposition 12 bonds are scheduled for letting this spring. The projects are located across the state from the Amarillo District down to the Pharr District. The bulk of this first round of contracts will be for rebuilding sections of roadways, including US 281, US 62 and I-40. Construction on the first bond projects is expected to begin this summer.


“Districts have worked extremely hard to prepare more than \$500 million in projects selected by the Texas Transportation Commission for funding through Proposition 12 that are ready to let this spring. The remainder of the selected projects will be developed for letting in the coming months for Commission consideration as allowed by Proposition 12 funding,” said Tyler District Engineer Randy Hopmann, who is overseeing the implementation of the Proposition 12 program.

Texas voters approved the Proposition 12 bonds, which are backed

by the state’s general revenue and not by fuel tax revenues, by a 63 percent margin in November 2007. In July 2009, the Texas Legislature authorized approximately \$2 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvements.

The Commission last November approved spending about \$2 billion in Proposition 12 bond proceeds on more than 70 projects. These projects are designed to increase safety, rehabilitate pavement, expand highway corridors of state wide significance and reduce traffic congestion in communities across the state.

“Projects funded from this new revenue source represent some long-awaited improvements across the state,” Hopmann said. “Texans are depending on us to get these projects done and on time.”

To follow the progress of Proposition 12 projects, go to: [http://www.dot.state.tx.us/project\\_information/prop12.htm](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/project_information/prop12.htm) 



### Proposition 12 Timeline

#### November 2007

Texas voters approved Proposition 12, which authorized the issuance of up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds.

#### June 2009

The 81st Texas Legislature approved Senate Bill 1, authorizing TxDOT to go to contract on approximately \$2 billion in voter-approved bonds for non-tolled highway projects.

#### July 2009

Senate Bill 1 signed by Governor Perry, authorizing the issuance of \$2 billion in general obligation bonds.

#### August 2009

TxDOT briefed Texas Transportation Commission on potential uses of Proposition 12 funds. Commission directed staff to meet with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to develop guiding principles for project selection priorities.

#### September 2009

TxDOT met with MPOs to develop guiding principles for project selection priorities. TxDOT briefed Texas Transportation Commission on guiding principles developed. Commission directed TxDOT to develop a list of the highest priority projects.

#### October 2009

TxDOT identifies \$2 billion in projects recommended for Proposition 12 funding to the Texas Transportation Commission.

#### November 2009

Texas Transportation Commission approves list of Proposition 12-funded projects.

#### Spring 2010

First Proposition 12 project contracts will be set for bids.

#### Summer 2010

First Proposition 12 projects will begin construction.

#### September 2011

Approximately \$1 billion in Proposition 12 funds will be expended.



## 2010 Transportation Forum a Wrap

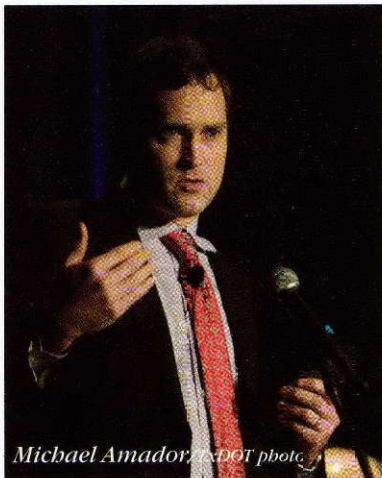


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*Left photo: Rep. Joe Pickett, left, talks about funding issues during his panel discussion with Dr. Paul Hanley, center, and Sen. Robert Nichols at the Forum. Rep. Pickett's podcast can be heard here: <http://www.keeptexas-moving.com/var/uploads/podcasts/TTF-RepJoePickett.mp3>.*

*Bottom right photo: Graphic Recorder Stephanie Crowley captured the key ideas of the discussions and presentations in a tangible form by drawing colorful, large-scale murals during all panel discussions at the Forum. You can see Stephanie's work from each session by clicking here: <http://www.txdot.gov/ttf/Program.htm>.*

*Bottom left photo: Tom Vanderbilt, author of Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (and What It Says About Us), addresses the audience during his presentation at the 5th Annual Texas Transportation Forum. You can hear Tom's podcast by clicking here: <http://www.keeptexasmoving.com/var/uploads/podcasts/TTF-VanderbiltTrafficWhy.mp3>.*



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Kevin Stillman/TxDOT photo



### **A Minute With ... Richard Skopik, P.E. Waco District Engineer**

As TxDOT employees, we continuously face many challenges in maintaining the system, keeping it safe and addressing congestion despite funding shortfalls. By far, the greatest challenge for the Waco district is addressing the needs of I-35. Our employees are teaming with other districts, regional resources, division experts, consultants and contractors to accomplish this big task. It is exciting to see the partnerships being formed to solve this great challenge. Over the years, I have seen many great accomplishments achieved by the dedicated work of our employees. Successfully meeting the challenge of I-35 will be no different.





## FROM OUR GIFT SHOP

### Texas for the New Year



#### Bluebonnet Polo

Comfort and style are yours with our cotton pique polo. Adding a touch of color is the Texas bluebonnet embroidered over the heart. 100% Egyptian cotton. \$36.95



#### Springtime Favorites T-shirt

Two of Texas' favorite springtime attractions - hummingbirds and bluebonnets are embroidered on this comfortable tee. 100% preshrunk cotton, embroidered design. \$21.95



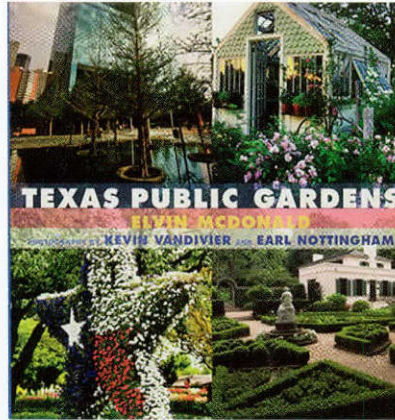
#### Texas Wildflower T-Shirt

The beauty of a Texas spring bursts forth on this missy T-shirt sporting a bright wildflower and butterfly design. \$17.95



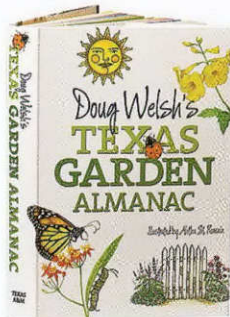
#### Bluebonnet Tote

Deluxe carry-all tote bag will keep everything close at hand when you're on the move. Carefree poly-cotton blend exterior featuring our Texas bluebonnets design. Fully lined. 14" shoulder strap. 17" x 17" \$22.95



#### Texas Public Gardens

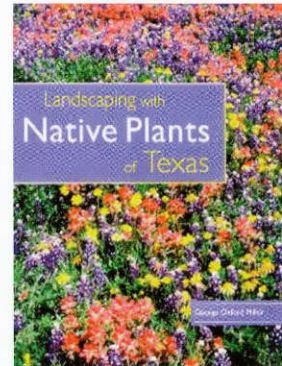
From award-winning rose gardens to architecturally inspired water gardens, McDonald searches all points in the Lone Star State to find fabulous public gardens for both young and old to visit and enjoy. Beautiful photography captures these visual delights. 2008, 192 pages, 10-1/4" x 10-1/4", full color, hardcover. \$35.00



#### Texas Garden Almanac by Doug Welsh

Dig into this month-by-month gardening

guide - so chock full of information, you'll be gardening like an expert in no time. Handy hints and beautiful illustrations present the ins and outs of planting flowers, trees, vegetables, herbs, fruits and more. You'll also find tips on when to plant, managing pests, beautifying your lawn and designing that perfect garden. 492 pages, 7.25" x 10.25", color illustrations, flex-back. \$24.95



#### Landscaping with Native Plants of Texas by George Oxford Miller

Year-round beauty and low-maintenance plants - a reference book for every Texan gardener! In-depth plant profiles of more than 400 native plant species. Full glossary, bibliography, and list of recommended Web sites. 192 pages, 8 1/2" x 11", full-color and illustrations, paperback. \$24.95



#### Bluebonnet Country Road Matted Photo

An idyllic Texas-scene . . . where bluebonnets meet the road. The outer mat is part of the picture, creating depth within the photo. The image was photographed, printed, and matted in Texas. Size: 8" x 10" overall. Printed on archival photo paper with a life of 50+ years. Matted on acid-free paper, and gold-stamped with photographer Dan Richards' name. Perfect for framing. \$18.00




## WHERE AM I?



Travel Information Division Photo Librarian Anne Cook supplied TN with this picture taken in the early 1950s. The roadway was under construction at the time of the photo, and it is believed the building still exists today. If you think you know where this picture was taken contact Anne Cook at [acook@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:acook@dot.state.tx.us) or call her at (512) 486-5838.



### Identified:

The photo in the January/February TN was identified as being located in Gonzales by Terri Lynn Miller in the Bryan District. The roadway is Farm to Market 794. Terri says her mother said her middle name was inspired by the theater's name. 



### A Minute With ... Scott D. Burford Director, General Services Division

With all the recent changes the department has seen in the past year, to include the implementation of regions and the ongoing transition of support programs to the newly formed Department of Motor Vehicles, ensuring consistency in our everyday processes and procedures can be challenging. We must maintain a high level of integrity, in principle and in practice, in agency purchasing and contracting programs. To this end, the General Services Division (GSD) offers monthly purchasing Webinars for region and division purchasing staff, and we plan to roll out additional purchasing classes via i-Way this spring. In conjunction with the Design Division, GSD staff have trained the majority of TxDOT's contract administrators around the state, and we will continue to offer contracting classes on an ongoing basis.



## MILESTONES

SERVICE AWARDS - JANUARY 2010

### Districts:

#### Abilene

- 20** Joe P. Clark
- 15** Darrell L. Meissner;  
Bruce W. Wheeler
- 10** Danny L. Bedell;  
Jesse A. Gonzales;  
Laramie A. Letz;  
Andrew Vargas, Jr.
- 5** Charlie C. Kimmel

#### Amarillo

- 30** Debby T. Skinner
- 25** Randal O. Clark
- 20** Toby D. Bagwell;  
Tommy D. Davis;  
Terry A. Nix;  
Leon D. Vogler
- 5** Paul F. Braun

#### Atlanta

- 20** Sedic M. Gaston
- 10** Miki C. Allday;  
Elizabeth D. Simmons
- 5** James E. Moore II

#### Austin

- 30** Gary J. Dunman
- 20** Michael A. Miller; Edwin D. Staats
- 10** Clifton Bailey

#### Beaumont

- 25** Jacqueline G. Anderson
- 20** Marvin L. Morgan, Sr.;  
Paul A. Smith
- 15** George W. Bush
- 5** Lisa M. Collins

#### Brownwood

- 30** Robert K. Pearce, Jr.

#### Bryan

- 20** Jeffery W. Massey
- 15** Melvin L. Mims

#### Childress

- 20** Marcia M. Henard
- 10** Phillip T. Mackey
- 5** Letta B. Hinton;  
Michael J. Osborne

#### Corpus Christi

- 35** Carmela P. Garza
- 25** Roberto Cantu, Jr.;  
Jimmy G. Rutkowski
- 15** Kristi A. Gilbertson;  
Manuel R. Saenz
- 10** Duane C. Hallemann
- 5** Randy R. Mora

#### Dallas

- 25** H. S. Hall;  
James J. Monroe;  
William J. Pierce;  
Melanie B. Young
- 15** Felicia R. Cortez;

- Daniel H. Peden
- 10** Ryan W. Blue;  
Larry L. Butler;  
William J. Fisher;  
Hossein Jahanshahi;  
William M. Reeder III
- 5** Deborah D. Allen

#### El Paso

- 30** Leopoldo Betancourt;  
Martin D. Sandate
- 10** Ernesto Valdez
- 5** Arturo A. Aguirre;  
Jaime C. Duran;  
Josue Hernandez

#### Fort Worth

- 30** Belinda J. Smith
- 25** Jesus F. Armendariz;  
Albert C. Ray;  
John M. Rosson;  
Kevin C. Rust
- 15** Teresa G. Doty;  
Carlos E. Molina
- 10** William C. Febinger IV
- 5** Richard L. Morrow;  
David S. Smith;  
Jose J. Torres

#### Houston

- 30** Roy G. Pippin
- 25** William P. Babbington;  
Mark F. Bathe;  
George S. Fan;  
Henry R. Norris, Jr.;  
Ambrose L. Pilgrim;  
Ricky W. Williams
- 20** Elie J. Alkhoury;  
Peggy S. Goff;  
Todd D. Hebert;  
Ronald M. Mueller;  
William E. Repschleger;  
Edward L. Waguespack
- 15** Thomas W. Moss
- 10** Francisco Garcia;  
David L. Hempy;  
Ricky Monroe;  
Michael W. Wawarofsky
- 5** Brandi D. Davis;  
Alexander Der;  
Ronnie F. Gilmore;  
Karen D. Park

#### Laredo

- 25** Alberto Quintanilla
- 20** Roberto Perez
- 10** Crispin Razo
- 5** David A. Aguilar

#### Lubbock

- 30** Jimmy B. Schwartz
- 25** Juan Escobedo
- 20** Ronald W. Baker;  
Richard C. Walbrick
- 10** Carlos E. Adkins;  
Mario Ayala;  
James C. Melton;

- Jose A. Moreno;  
Catarino Soto
- 5** Billy W. McClellan;  
Simon Resendez, Jr.

#### Lufkin

- 30** Stephen R. Allen
- 15** Judy A. Carrell
- 10** Tammy J. Sowell
- 5** Stephen W. Childress;  
Danna L. Gipson

#### Odessa

- 20** Laurie G. Williams
- 15** Orlando Padilla
- 10** Jose C. Leyva
- 5** Sabino Almance;  
David T. Dingle

#### Paris

- 15** Robert C. Graves III
- 10** Christopher G. Harrison;  
Billy W. Luckett

#### Pharr

- 20** Eduardo Blanco
- 15** Evan M. Roberts
- 10** Jeffery A. Hollenhead;  
David R. Nieto

#### San Angelo

- 30** Hector Dehoyos, Jr.
- 25** David G. Jackson
- 10** Dan A. Hohmann
- 5** Maria L. Flores;  
Antonio S. Ruiz

#### San Antonio

- 25** Brien A. Hocher
- 20** Robert A. Goslin;  
Joe A. Yanas
- 15** Jesse R. Tamayo
- 10** Bodie J. Browning;  
Gerald W. Vrana;  
Travis O. Young
- 5** Jamie L. Johnson

#### Tyler

- 25** Michael T. Schneider
- 15** Brandy D. Born;  
Randy G. Lemmon;  
John E. Loflin

#### Waco

- 30** Jerry E. Handy;  
Willis L. Patton, Jr.
- 15** Johnny M. Rodriguez
- 5** Lyndon C. Love;  
Clifford J. Neumann;  
Rodney L. Page;  
Jody L. Valero;  
Heath A. Zucha

#### Wichita Falls

- 25** Charles E. Stanley
- 15** Patricia R. Walls
- 10** Jorge Contreras;  
Dennis A. Ramsey
- 5** Brian T. Moore



## MILESTONES

## SERVICE AWARDS - JANUARY 2010

### Yoakum

- 25** Wilburn C. Griffin;  
Glenn R. Jaeger
- 5** Darren W. Mrkwa

### Divisions/Offices:

#### Aviation

- 20** Ed Oshinski

#### Bridge

- 15** Estanislado Ybarra
- 5** Dina V. Dewane; Jamie L. Griffin;  
Ronald C. Reeves

#### Construction

- 25** Thomas De La Portilla;  
George H. Vogt, Jr.
- 10** Timothy R. Owen

#### Design

- 30** Bobby G. Dye, Jr.
- 25** William G. Orr IV

#### Finance

- 30** Brian L. Hohle
- 25** Mark D. Pollard; David A. Smith
- 15** Alison L. McMillan
- 10** Angela M. Gil;  
Guadalupe S. Hernandez

#### General Services

- 25** Susan C. Tutt
- 10** Jerry A. Figures
- 5** Norman L. Coddington;  
Jesse Gomez;  
Dennis R. Imel;  
Paula A. Pitifer;  
Sharon I. Williams

#### Government & Public Affairs

- 10** Cynthia M. Mueller

#### Human Resources

- 15** Brandi L. Rountree
- 10** David J. Houston

#### Motor Carrier Division

- 10** Diana L. Batts

#### North Regional Support Center

- 20** Lisa D. Hayden
- 15** Virginia E. Davenport
- 10** Clara M. Elliott
- 5** Gerald S. Dent;  
James G. Stouard

#### Occupational Safety

- 5** Nicole R. Al-Sayed

#### Public Transportation

- 10** Anthony I. Cochran

#### South Regional Support Center

- 30** Juan L. Martinez
- 25** Kenneth W. Meyer
- 20** John P. Heye

#### Technology Services

- 20** Juan J. Mora
- 5** Shawn D. Bichsel

#### Texas Turnpike Authority

- 15** Maxine P. Ball;  
Jeremy D. Tyson

#### Transportation Planning & Programming

- 30** Peter M. Carrizales;  
Jeffrey C. Reding
- 10** Richard R. Barrientos

#### Travel Information

- 15** Sandra Torres

#### West Regional Support Center

- 5** Manuel Hernandez;  
Mark G. Moore

#### Civil Rights

- 15** Julian Vera

#### Research & Technology Implementation

- 5** Sandra D. Kaderka

## SERVICE AWARDS - FEBRUARY 2010

### Districts:

#### Amarillo

- 30** Sammy J. Harris, Jr.
- 15** Johnny J. Cordova;  
Ray A. Harrison; Larry D. Maxwell
- 10** Russell K. Wade
- 5** Blake E. Tate

#### Atlanta

- 35** Gary G. Barnett
- 20** Rea D. Jones
- 10** Charles M. Cooper
- 5** Michael L. McAfee

#### Austin

- 25** Charles E. Collins
- 20** Clint J. Dube
- 15** Pernel L. Coats; Bobby A. Ramthun
- 10** David C. Bauer; Darren W. Everett;  
Demissie M. Sema
- 5** Rodney S. Jones;  
Mary A. Kempf

#### Beaumont

- 15** Floyd Evans, Jr.
- 5** Tomie L. Young

#### Brownwood

- 10** Steven W. Hamrick

#### Bryan

- 30** Ricky G. Wills

- 15** Marvin R. Craig;  
Freddie L. Green

#### Corpus Christi

- 25** Oscar L. Zambrano
- 10** Anna Gonzalez

#### Dallas

- 45** George W. Tidwell
- 35** John C. Hunter
- 25** Mary C. Velez
- 20** William C. Hall II; Lynn E. McKinney;  
Rocky A. Mooney
- 15** Robert K. Davis
- 10** Jimmy E. Davis; Joseph D. Slack
- 5** Vincent C. Ayala; Carlett B. Jordan;  
Jason T. Palmer; Harold W. Payne;  
Gracie Z. Vega; Robert W. Watson;  
Jonathan D. Winfield

#### El Paso

- 15** Martha A. Boyd; Luis F. Mendez;  
Coby Nichol
- 5** Ruben E. Martinez

#### Fort Worth

- 30** Agustin J. Martinez;  
Marcus N. McEndree; Lisa R. Stone
- 10** Cathie J. Carroll; James G. Hand
- 5** Anthony R. Munoz

#### Houston

- 35** Elizabeth K. Gerstenberger

- 25** Rosminda B. Bautista; Tim W. Chase;  
John A. Elam; Fred E. Farnham;  
Su Jen Hwang

- 20** Brenda S. Theeck;  
Stephen M. Zapata

- 15** Reza Mosaffa

- 10** Samuel E. Dennis III;  
Connie S. Nobles;  
Servando Rodriguez
- 5** Craig D. Blend; Joanna E. Fleece;  
Sedgwick Haynes; Alfonso Leal;  
Lori L. Lowry; Tameka D. Peters;  
Glenn E. Peters

#### Laredo:

- 30** Jesus O. Menchaca
- 25** Rogelio F. Garcia

#### Lubbock:

- 25** Carmen M. King
- 20** Ronald K. Gandy; Kim D. Wilson
- 15** Carlos L. Howell; Harrison L. Jones;  
Tommy J. Miller
- 5** Ryan B. Brown

#### Lufkin

- 30** Richard K. Ivy; Ricky A. McDonald
- 25** Robert W. Mosby
- 15** Charles D. Malone
- 10** Joe L. San Miguel



## MILESTONES

SERVICE AWARDS - FEBRUARY 2010

### Odessa

- 25** Florencio H. Molinar
- 20** James L. Crain
- 10** Mark A. Flores
- 5** Richard G. Baum

### Paris

- 30** Charles A. Guffey;  
Elijah L. Palmer, Jr.
- 25** Jeffery B. Dornier
- 20** Michael S. Gibson;  
David W. Morrison;  
Cynthia G. Pitts
- 10** Amy C. Edwards; Eric S. Morris

### Pharr

- 25** Tomas R. Barraz; Jorge A. Rendon
- 20** Ernesto O. Alvarado; Ramiro O. Flores

### San Angelo

- 30** Joe M. Rodriguez
- 20** James C. Hopper;  
Delmar A. Radde, Jr.;  
Douglas F. Roberts

### San Antonio

- 30** Margarita Y. Rios
- 25** Hugh J. Fleming III; Roberto Garcia;  
Ginger R. Jenkins; Mario G. Medina;  
John E. Svab III; John Waliky, Jr.
- 20** Michael S. Bailey
- 10** Michael D. Chandler;  
Henry J. Fojtik; William P. Howard
- 5** George A. Davis;  
Christen D. Longoria;  
Anne F. Strick

### Tyler

- 30** Warren B. Tidmore
- 10** Shannon D. Bell;  
Jeremy D. Taylor
- 5** Joseph B. Warmke

### Waco

- 5** Charles P. Wright

### Wichita Falls

- 5** Michael C. Hostas

### Yoakum

- 25** Darren B. Florus;  
William A. Rowland
- 20** Larry D. Howren
- 15** Mark D. Goetsch
- 10** John A. Cochran, Jr.;  
Robert G. Herman; Rodney P. Svec
- 5** Kenneth J. Brown; Blair C. Goebel;  
Amy D. Thibodeaux;  
Cecil R. Trichel

## Divisions/Offices:

### Bridge

- 25** Roger N. Porter
- 5** Victoria E. McCammon

### Construction

- 35** Lloyd S. Eveland
- 15** Dar Hao Chen

### Design

- 5** Sundee T. Smith;  
Jessica A. Turner

### East Regional Support Center

- 15** Varughese Jacob
- 10** Jacki L. Hendrickson;  
Larry D. Rushing

### Environmental Affairs

- 15** Richard A. Goldsmith

### Finance

- 20** David L. Plutowski
- 15** Maryann Jarutowicz-Kowalik

### General Services

- 5** Rosie L. Raney

### Human Resources

- 25** Janet L. Risovi

### Maintenance

- 15** Marilyn G. Burnett
- 10** Laura A. Mullins-Mercer

### Motor Carrier Division

- 10** Connie L. Noble
- 5** Lisa M. Benick

### North Regional Support Center:

- 25** Stephen M. Barackman;  
Byron M. Caylor, Jr.
- 20** Judith B. Brown; Larry D. Kruger;  
Adrian C. Owen; Rhonda R. Poole;  
Kelly B. Price; Sonya E. Roston
- 15** Clay M. Armstrong

### Rail

- 10** Hal B. Owen

### South Regional Support Center

- 25** Michael P. Lehmann
- 10** Leticia Maldonado

### Technology Services:

- 25** David E. Norman; Daniel E. Walsh
- 20** Justin L. Krause; Steven B. Newman
- 10** Chihua Shi

### Traffic Operations

- 10** Tracie Mendez
- 5** Adam S. Chodkiewicz

### Transportation Planning & Programming

- 20** James W. Burnett; Alan M. Grohman
- 15** Cary C. Karnstadt
- 10** Michael P. Green
- 5** Michael J. Toman

### West Regional Support Center

- 20** Jane Gray
- 15** Jesse Mendoza II
- 10** Saul B. Rodriguez

### Research & Technology Implementation

- 10** German J. Claros

## Retiree Report

NOVEMBER 2009

### Districts:

#### Amarillo

- 25** David L. Jennings
- 14** Lester G. Smith

#### Bryan

- 29** Terry D. Newton

#### Corpus Christi

- 22** Hilario Chapa III

#### Dallas

- 26** Janette S. Jones

#### Fort Worth

- 31** Randall E. Gard

- 27** Barry L. Haley

- 20** Rodney G. Holden

- 11** Jesus L. Espinoza

#### Houston

- 20** John W. Hunt

- 14** Patricia S. Sanders

#### Lufkin

- 5** James D. Croom

#### San Angelo

- 24** Guy E. Waggoner

#### San Antonio

- 16** Michael W. Crow

#### Yoakum

- 31** Junius R. Johnson II

## Divisions/Offices:

### Occupational Safety

- 17** Cissy C. Pitner

### Region 1 North-Fort Worth

- 38** Mark A. Young

### Texas Turnpike Authority

- 28** Robert B. Stone

### Travel Information

- 29** Margelete Faulkner
- 18** Brenda K. Baker



## MILESTONES

### Employees With 12 Years of Service as of January 2010



#### Districts:

##### Amarillo

Mark J. Roberson

##### Atlanta

Tony C. Overhultz

##### Childress

Marty J. Durham  
Charles B. Steed

##### Beaumont

Jerry D. Bevil

##### Brownwood

Eric L. Lykins

##### Bryan

William A. Lockett

##### Dallas

Tony Carrillo  
Charles W. Hedrick, Jr.  
Roger J. Reynolds

##### Fort Worth

Jaime Aparicio  
Stacy S. Clack  
Alton M. Davis

Robert B. Degarmo  
Domingo V. Rivas  
Jon T. Shelley  
J. D. Taylor  
Jimmy W. White

##### Houston

Nghia H. Doan  
Dawn M. McGee

##### Laredo

Juan Galvan

##### Lufkin

Beverly J. Hanks  
Stephen D. Stovall

##### Paris

Jimmy E. Herrera  
Pamela G. Stout

##### San Angelo

Gregory A. Baldwin  
Tomas Briones, Jr.  
Jesus I. Ortegon

##### San Antonio

Daryl M. Mahula

##### Tyler

Francis G. Matthews  
Cindy H. Millichamp

##### Waco

Kenneth R. Mynarcik  
David C. Pollard

##### Yoakum

Pedro P. Rocha

#### Divisions/Offices:

##### Construction

Andy Naranjo

##### Human Resources

La Tonja M. Jackson

##### North Regional Support Center

Ricky D. Shook

##### South Regional Support Center

William E. Richter

##### West Regional Support Center

Susan I. Lassiter

### Employees With 12 Years of Service as of February 2010



#### Districts:

##### Abilene

Gay N. McKennon  
Ronda L. White

##### Amarillo

Warren E. Miller  
Janet A. Williams

##### Austin

James R. Williams

##### Beaumont

Ruby A. Behannon  
Terry R. Coleman

##### Brownwood

Trey M. Rust  
Micah N. Shaw

##### Bryan

Claude A. Cash  
Wesley G. Schroeder

##### Corpus Christi

Leslie E. Crayton  
Brian L. McKenna

##### Dallas

James R. Brand  
Gary F. Haley

##### Fort Worth

Edrean Cheng

##### Houston

Sabas U. Cagubcub

##### Laredo

Juan A. Reyna, Jr.

##### Lufkin

Anthony G. Fuller

##### Odessa

Gaylon C. Windham

##### Paris:

William E. Fesperman  
James E. Lewis

##### San Antonio

Jeffery W. Smith  
Troy D. Witt

##### Tyler

Juanita L. Daniels-West  
J. P. Garcia  
James M. Massey  
Sheryl S. McQuitty  
John L. Powell

##### Waco

Brian W. Lamb

#### Divisions/Offices:

##### Bridge

Scott T. Dziekan

##### Construction

Diana L. Jackson

##### Finance

Delilah M. Hernandez

##### North Regional Support Center

Larry D. Wann

##### South Regional Support Center

Matt D. Jordan  
Linda S. Morgan-Doss

##### East Regional Support Center

Leigh A. Greer

##### West Regional Support Center

Jovelina R. Guerrero

##### Technology Services

Jeffrey W. McCoy

##### Texas Turnpike Authority

Maxine M. White



## MILESTONES

### Retiree Report

DECEMBER 2009

#### Districts:

##### Abilene

**37** David L. Stinson

##### Austin

**30** Benjamin B. May

**12** Rose M. Beck

##### Beaumont

**24** Susan W. Chu

**2** Earven R. Savoy

##### Corpus Christi

**29** Ricardo A. Padilla

**23** Ella R. Mason

##### Dallas

**30** Gregory A. Pechacek

**17** Jimmy R. Potter

##### Fort Worth

**24** John W. Broussard

**22** Jacob R. Dunbar, Jr.

**15** Donald R. Freeman

##### Houston

**21** Maria Toybina

**16** James M. Rippard

##### Lubbock

**16** Alvin T. Gladden

**13** Floyd L. Petty, Jr.

##### Lufkin

**20** Charles D. Modisette

##### San Antonio

**35** Eugene J. Rodriguez

**28** Linda S. Tomasin

##### Tyler

**29** James L. Beard

**27** John P. Goss

##### Waco

**25** John D. Sidener

#### Divisions/Offices:

##### Maintenance

**16** Ernest R. Dones

##### Motor Carrier

**2** Ray H. Worsham

##### Occupational Safety

**39** Janet S. Seaton

##### Public Transportation

**16** Jose A. Lara

##### Region 1 North-Fort Worth

**23** Johnny B. Herrell

##### Region 2 South-San Antonio

14 James R. Desjean

##### Region 3 East-Houston

**30** Mary Ann S. Ryba

**17** Jose C. Chavez

##### Region 4 West-Lubbock

**26** Charles A. Dalbert

##### Transportation Planning & Programming

**28** Carolyn M. Hanson

##### Travel Information

**11** Daniel L. Mullis

## In Memoriam

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2009

#### Districts:

##### Bryan

##### Paul Jurek

Transportation Maintenance Technician

Retirement Date: 09/29/1989

Years Of Service: 30 Yrs. 3 Mos.

DOD: 12/13/2009

##### Corpus Christi

##### George F. Walleck

Maintenance Crew Chief

Retirement Date: 10/31/1998

DOD: 12/14/2009

##### Dallas

##### Donald E. Bland

Engineering Specialist I

Years Of Service: 21 Yrs. 3 Mos.

DOD: 12/31/2009

##### El Paso

##### Tomas R. Barraza

Maintenance Supervisor III

Retirement Date: 5/31/2002

Years Of Service: 23 Yrs. 9 Mos.

DOD: 11/23/2009

##### Houston

##### Chad R. Rogers

Engineering Technician II

Years Of Service: 5 Yrs. 3 Mos.

DOD: 12/25/2009

##### Pharr

##### Glaforo Cisneros

Retirement Date: 11/30/1984

Years Of Service: 32 Yrs. 6 Mos.

DOD: 12/23/2009

##### Daniel Llanes

Engineering Technician II

Retirement Date: 3/31/2007

Years Of Service: 17 Yrs. 8 Mos.

DOD: 1/12/2010

##### San Angelo

##### Clifton "John" Smith

Engineering Technician, Del Rio

Residency

Retirement Date: 09/29/1989

Years Of Service: 34 Yrs.

DOD: 10/20/2009

##### Natilee Brite

Office Manager, Junction Residency

Retirement Date: 05/29/1987

Years Of Service: 29 Yrs.

DOD: 01/02/2010

##### Michael C. Lara

Motor Vehicle Technician III

Years Of Service: 15 Yrs.

DOD: 1/6/2010

##### Yoakum

##### Johnny Jahn, Sr.

Retirement Date: 6/28/1985

Years Of Service: 19 Yrs.

DOD: 1/17/2010

##### William Travis Parks

Colorado County Maintenance Section

DOD: 12/20/2009

##### Kenneth Zimmermann

Retirement Date: 12/31/1986

Years Of Service: 29 Yrs. 10 Mos.

DOD: 2/2/2010

#### Divisions/Offices:

##### Aviation

##### Alton R. Young

Engineering Specialist III

Years Of Service: 10 Yrs. 5 Mos.

DOD: 1/31/2010



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## UPCOMING TxDOT EVENTS



- Mar 2** Texas Independence Day (skeleton crew holiday-GO VOTE)
- Mar 24** Texas Transportation Commission Workshop (Austin)
- Mar 25** Texas Transportation Commission Meeting (Austin)
- Mar 30 – 31** TxDOT Annual Surveyors' Conference (Austin)
- Apr 1** TxDOT District Survey Coordinator Meeting/Training (Austin)
- Apr 7 – 9** 2010 Texas Aviation Conference (Spring/Woodlands)
- Apr 19 – 25** National Work Zone Awareness Week
- Apr 21** San Jacinto Day (skeleton crew holiday)
- Apr 26 – 29** Texas Travel Counselors' Conference (Corpus Christi)
- Apr 29** Texas Transportation Commission Meeting (Beaumont)