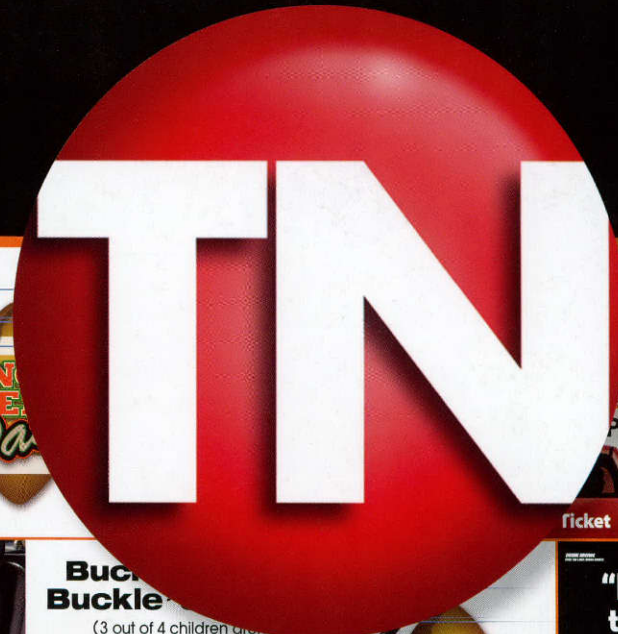


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Buckle up.  
Buckle up right.  
(3 out of 4 children aren't)



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KNOW WHEN TO Pass



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Even super heroes need safety seats.  
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# Texans Get the Safety Message

## Texas Significantly Improves Traffic Safety Record

A collage of various traffic safety advertisements and signs. The collage includes:

- Repeating text: "Choose your ride. Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.", "Older kids need a boost, too. Use a Booster Seat.", "I'm OK to drive. Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.", "Buckle up. Buckle up right. (3 out of 4 children aren't)", "KNOW WHEN TO Pass", "Click It or Ticket", "Even super heroes need safety seats. Buckle Up Your Child", "2004 to 2009 SAFETY BOND INITIATIVE", "We Ticket Drivers and Passengers."
- Images of children in car seats, a man's face with height markings (5'6", 5'0"), a yellow taxi, a car with a 'Click It or Ticket' sign, and a shield logo for the Safety Bond Initiative.
- A central white sign with a stamp: "11-514 Rec'd MAR 11 2011 U OF NT DEP LIBRARIES".

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**5 THINGS**

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

**1** Texas took the No. 1 spot in America's Top States for Business 2010, according to a study by business news organization CNBC. Each state was scored on 40 publicly available measures of competitiveness including transportation and infrastructure, the economy, technology and innovation, access to capital and cost of living. Texas last topped the list in 2008. For the full report: [www.cnbc.com/id/37642856](http://www.cnbc.com/id/37642856).

**2** The Travel Information Division in August launched TxDOT's new interactive voice response system (IVR) for the 1-800-452-9292 Travel Information Line. The IVR system is available 24 hours a day and contains continuously updated road condition information for all 80,000-plus state maintained centerline miles.

**3** TxDOT and DPS are working more closely to ensure that Texas bridges are safe. For example, TxDOT has implemented a procedure to immediately notify DPS whenever there is a change to a bridge's maximum weight allowance. DPS is then tasked with the enforcement of posted bridge weight restrictions through its commercial vehicle enforcement operations.

**4** The Texas Transportation Commission at its July 29 meeting approved \$76 million in funding for 54 transportation-related enhancement projects throughout the state. These projects will contribute to the livelihood of communities, promote the quality of our environment and enhance the aesthetics of our roadways. A sample of the types of projects selected for funding include the Lampasas Past to Present Pedestrian Trail, the Seguin Walnut Branch Linear Park Hike and Bike Trail, Abilene's South First Street Improvements and FM 1764 landscaping in Texas City.

**5** "How You Fit" is a new, quarterly video series that features TxDOT employees, districts, divisions and departments whose ideas and innovations help save money, improve efficiency or increase productivity. The video profiles show the connection between employee efforts and TxDOT goals. These examples of best practices are tied to performance measures and provide the story side of TxDOT Tracker data. If you have a story for the series, e-mail AskTxDOT and put "How You Fit" in the subject line - we'll get back to you. To view the videos: [http://crossroads.org/sppm/fit\\_videos.shtml](http://crossroads.org/sppm/fit_videos.shtml)





## SAENZ SAYS

*If you've been anywhere within listening distance of a television, or logged a few hours on the Internet, you know that the U.S. Department of Transportation has declared war on distracted driving. And with good reason. In 2008, more than 6,000 Americans lost their lives in distracted driving crashes. And in Texas, last year alone, more than 380 people died in crashes where "driver inattentiveness" was cited as a contributing factor. While those numbers are alarming, what is even more distressing is that all of them could have been prevented.*

*While those of us in the road-building business can't mandate driving behavior, we can do our part to remind motorists about safe driving practices. And at TxDOT we do that through partnerships with local law enforcement agencies and traffic safety groups. This past July, the Transportation Commission approved spending more than \$96 million in traffic safety programs for fiscal 2011, programs that will help law enforcement agencies beef up their presence on roadways, provide child safety seat materials to the public and improve motorcycle safety.*

*We can certainly educate Texans about good driving habits, but part and parcel of our mission is to engineer safe roads. In the last five years, voters, TxDOT and the Texas Legislature have dedicated \$1.2 billion in highway safety projects to reduce fatal and severe injury traffic crashes. These funds came from Proposition 14 bond money approved by Texas voters in 2003.*

*By the time all the projects are completed, we will have widened more than 2,200 miles of narrow two-lane roads around the state, added 272 left-turn lanes to roadways to allow for safer passing, and installed 1,030 miles of concrete and cable barriers in highway medians to reduce the number of crossover and head-on collisions.*

*Our efforts are paying off. On Interstate 10 in the San Antonio District, cable barrier was installed on a 17.2-mile section of interstate. In the three years before the divider was installed, seven fatalities occurred in cross-median, head-on crashes. In the three years after construction was completed, there were no such fatalities along that stretch of highway. And in 2007, the Atlanta District built an overpass interchange at a busy signalized intersection. The construction began in 2007, and since it was completed in 2009, there have been no reported fatalities. I'd say the investment has been worth it.*

*All of us can share in these accomplishments. Thank you for all you do to make transportation safe in Texas.*

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

Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation

Watch Mr. Saenz's videos to employees by clicking here: <http://crossroads/videos/index.asp>.





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DRIVING DRIVING  
 FROM THE 1980'S TO NOW CRASH Save a Life

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# Safety Initiatives Pay Off

*Boerne Maintenance Section workers (from left) David Fredricksen, Jason Archibald, and Daryl Rechenbin repair a section of cable barrier. The barrier averages about two bits a week.*

*TxDOT Photo.*





Even super heroes need safety seats.

Buckle Up Your Child

Save a Life



## TN COVER STORY

# Traffic Fatalities Decline in 2009

Imagine a gathering of 388 people: a high school graduation, a wedding or a concert. That's more than the entire population of some Texas towns.

For TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division (TRF), 388 represents the decrease in traffic fatalities on Texas highways in 2009 from the previous year. A total of 3,092 people lost their lives in highway crashes last year - a decrease of 11 percent from 2008.

"In the 21st century, we haven't seen this number," said TRF Division Director Carol Rawson, P.E. "We have been decreasing gradually over several years, but this is significant. When you put it into the perspective of the impact to individuals and families, it is very important."

While no price can be attached to a human life, fatalities do have a measurable economic impact on families and society, and TRF estimates that the decrease in fatalities translates to a savings of \$2.6 billion over the losses of the previous year.

Although a slight dip in vehicle miles traveled may account for some of the 2009 improvement, Rawson attributes most of the lower fatalities to a three-pronged safety approach: engineering, education and enforcement.

Thanks to the Texas Safety Bond program, TxDOT has been able to increase efforts on the engineering front. Under this program, TxDOT has dedicated \$1.2 billion to highway safety projects in the last five years. Two safety bond initiatives, in 2004 and 2009, have funded projects statewide.

The Texas Legislature has worked in partnership with TxDOT to fund these safety improvements. One of the requirements for Proposition 14 bonds was for TxDOT to apply a portion of the funding to safety projects.

The 2004 safety bond initiative provided \$605 million to fund 644 safety projects that allowed TxDOT to widen 1,600 miles of narrow two-lane roadways, install 740 miles of median barrier on divided highways, build 171 left-turn lanes at highway intersections, and build 10 new highway overpasses.

With the 2009 safety bond initiative, TxDOT will widen an additional 588 miles of highways, install 290 miles of new cable or concrete median barrier on divided highways, construct 101 new turn lanes on rural highways, convert nine four-lane undivided highways to four-lane divided highways with additional shoulders, and fund 28 highway overpasses at existing intersections.

Most safety projects involve relatively small improvements such as installing cable barrier, widening narrow roads or installing left turn bays, Rawson said. The committee that reviews safety bond project proposals uses a "safety improvement index" to measure cost/benefit ratio when they select projects to recommend to the Texas Transportation Commission for funding.

Projects must be in place for at least three years to make an accurate assessment of their actual impact on safety, Rawson explained. The Texas Transportation Institute will begin reviewing completed safety bond

*This stretch of I-20 in Parker County (Fort Worth District) was one of the first in the state to use cable barrier. Cable barrier systems are designed to stop passenger vehicles, but they are sometimes able to prevent large trucks from crossing the median.*





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Save a Life



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DRUNK DRIVING  
IS THE LETHAL CHOICE.  
Save a Life

We Ticket



TxDOT Photo

A driver is able to walk away after a cable barrier installed along I-10 in Kendall County keeps the car from entering the opposing lane of traffic.

projects soon to determine their effect in reducing crashes, injuries and fatalities.

However, anecdotal evidence suggests that some of the projects are already yielding the intended results.

Boerne Maintenance Section Supervisor Chad Lux sees the benefit of one of TxDOT's safety bond projects on a regular basis. In 2006, cable barrier was installed along 18 miles of I-10 in his section of Kendall and Bexar counties as part of a larger project in the San Antonio District.

This area of I-10 had a history of crossover collisions, and there had been seven fatalities the three years before installation. Since the cable barrier has been in place, the district has not received any reports of fatal crossover collisions. Rawson says other districts have observed similar results.

After the installation, Lux and his staff began recording barrier damage to track the number of potential crossover collisions the safety feature had prevented. From August 11, 2006 to October 6, 2009, they logged 312 hits to the barrier just within their maintenance section.

"Every day driving up and down the road, it makes me feel a lot safer, especially traveling at 70 miles per hour," Lux said. "It's good to know there's something in

the median preventing vehicles from crossing over into the opposing lane with potentially disastrous results for innocent people."

Although the 2009 statistics are encouraging, Rawson has observed a few concerning trends. Motorcycle fatalities made up 14 percent of the total in 2009, and of those, 60 percent of the victims were not wearing helmets. Motorcycles make up just two percent of the vehicle mix.

Texas is also No. 7 nationally for the DWI fatality rate.

"That's where education and enforcement efforts can help," she said. That approach has worked well for improving safety belt use. According to a recent survey, Texas has set a new record of 93.8 percent statewide safety belt usage (daytime front seat use only) for 2010. Getting more people to buckle up should help to lower Texas fatalities even more.

"We love that our numbers are going down, but it's still very sad that 3,092 people died in crashes on Texas roads and didn't get to go home to their families," Rawson said. "That's why we keep working."

Note: TxDOT announced 2009 Texas crash data at a news conference August 24. Details are posted at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Complete 2009 crash data will be available on TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us/txdot\\_library/drivers\\_vehicles/publications/crash\\_statistics](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/txdot_library/drivers_vehicles/publications/crash_statistics).

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—Chad Lux



# Fighting Floods in Pharr



TxDOT Photo.

*This scene was typical of the flooding that left most Pharr District highways either under water or virtually impassable.*

**N**ature wields great power and can unleash tremendous damage. Hurricane Alex was no exception, as it brought lots of wind and six-to-12 inches of rain to South Texas and northern Mexico this summer.

The damage by a tropical depression, immediately following the hurricane, only made things worse. The ensuing flooding continued to keep many Pharr District highways under water, where they remained for weeks.

The effectiveness of OneDOT teamwork was on display as TxDOT personnel and resources from districts across the state and Austin headquarters joined forces to battle the storm. TxDOT workers from El Paso, San Angelo, Waco, Brownwood, San Antonio and Austin, as well as the General Services Division, joined forces with Pharr to fight the storm.

They brought equipment and supplies, including bridge inspection trucks, fuel and pumps to manage the storm and its aftermath.

The hurricane came ashore farther south than predicted, allowing everyone, except Pharr District workers, to stand down.

Their biggest concern, other than assuring public safety by blocking access to flooded areas, was the pavement damage sustained by prolonged flooding.



TxDOT Photo.


*Pharr District personnel begin the work of draining standing water off SH 48. Many roads were in similar condition once the storm passed.*



At the storm's height, supervisory personnel, as well as District Engineer Mario Jorge, joined employees inspecting roads for safety. In fact, Jorge and Maintenance Administrator Robert Flores made their way to South Padre Island and inspected the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge early July 1, ensuring the bridge was open before 8 a.m.

Possibly the scariest event occurred when an F1

tornado, generated by the hurricane, passed through the Hebronville area and maintenance yard on July 2, surprising Area Engineer Eddie Gracia and record keeper Letty Perez as they sat in the office. Thankfully, no one was injured by the tornado.

While the cleanup efforts continue, there's no doubt that the department is at its best when it works together—the OneDOT way. 



TxDOT Photo.

EM 2061 (South Jackson Road) in Pharr would have been better navigated by boat in the aftermath of Hurricane Alex.

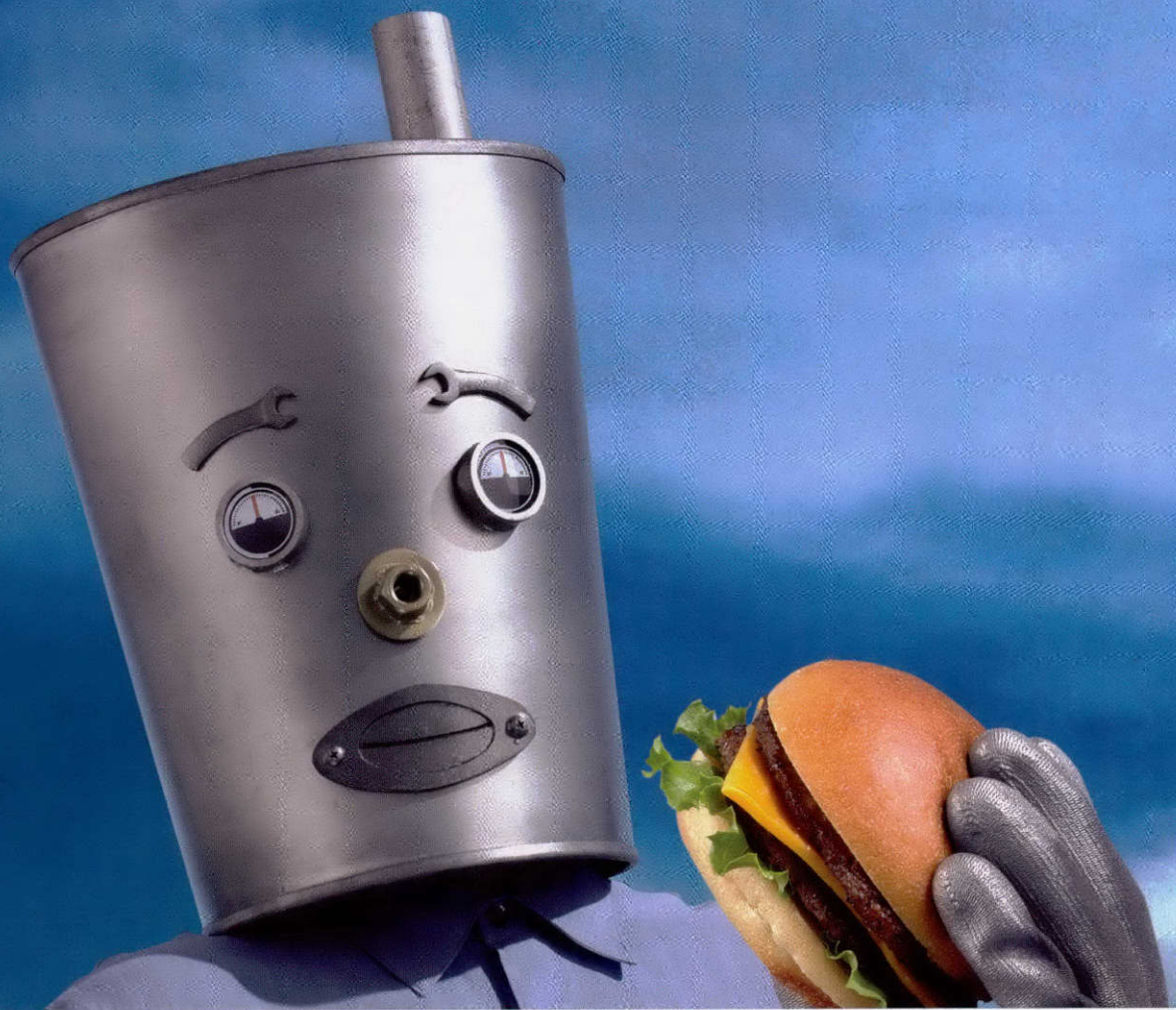


### **A Minute With ...Deirdre Delisi Chair, Texas Transportation Commission**

The GrantThornton organizational review of TxDOT found we face significant challenges to meeting our mission. The Commission has engaged the services of Howard Wolf, Jay Kimbrough and David Laney to advise us on meeting these challenges and implementing changes recommended in the review. I am confident that with their advice, the Commission and the employees of TxDOT can meet these challenges and modernize the services we provide to our fellow Texans and visitors to Texas. I look forward to continuing to work with you. I've said it before and I'll say it again, you, and your fellow employees, are TxDOT's greatest assets.



Idling at drive-thrus  
pollutes the air.  
Get your buns inside.



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I AM A...

## Traffic Safety Specialist



Irene Webster

**P**rior to joining TxDOT in 1992, Irene Webster worked for the Linden Independent School District as an ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor, computer teacher and cheerleader sponsor. She was initially hired by the Atlanta District to manage its maintenance office in Linden. Today she is known throughout the district as “The Safety Lady of East Texas.”

### How did you progress from managing a maintenance office to supervising the district’s Traffic Safety program?


I worked at the maintenance section in Linden for a couple of months when the Adopt-a-Highway position became available. After that, I served as the district engineer’s administrative assistant, and then I transferred to Traffic Safety Specialist in 2003. The DE encouraged me to see what I could do with this job.

Most of the programs I oversee are funded by grants, so I do a lot of work with grants. The recipients are primarily law enforcement groups. For example, I regularly work with 40 police departments, nine sheriff’s offices and six Department of Public Safety offices. Together, we get the message out about traffic safety throughout the district. I’m also a certified child safety seat technician. For my part, I think I’ve tried to make the safety specialist more of a public information role.

### Tell us about some of the different safety campaigns you’ve worked on.

I help promote all the annual TxDOT campaigns: Buckle Up, Click It or Ticket, Save-a-Life. I try to get our local law enforcement involved in getting these messages out. I’m always at their press events. I also work on both the Project Graduation and Shattered Dreams campaigns, which emphasize zero tolerance for underage drinking. There’s not much to do in rural areas except party, so we have to get the message out to the kids – drinking and driving can kill. A few years ago, I called all the high school principals in Cass County and said, “Let’s do this Shattered Dreams program together.” The seven schools each sent two representatives, and we planned the mock wreck scenarios for each school. It’s a very powerful program.

### What are some of the most important safety programs today?

Not drinking and driving will always be important, but there’s a new focus on distracted driving – talking on cell phones, texting. I spend a lot of time speaking at schools, workplace safety meetings and health fairs. There are a lot of safety messages I can bring. I feel like I have to live it, and I’m passionate about it. I love everything I do, especially getting out and meeting so many different people. It’s a very rewarding job when you enlighten people, when they learn something they didn’t know before. This is my life now. 





## Saenz Honored, Innovative TxDOT Projects Recognized by National Transportation Association

**T**he American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) recently named TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz, Jr., Public Sector Entrepreneur of the Year. In addition, ARTBA honored the LBJ Express and North Tarrant Express (NTE) comprehensive development agreement projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth region as the Public-Private Partnership (P3) Projects of the Year. The awards were selected by ARTBA members and presented to honorees at the 22nd Annual ARTBA Transportation Conference held in Washington, D.C.

“Amadeo Saenz has implemented innovative strategies to improve our roadways and bring congestion relief to Texas communities,” said Texas Governor Rick Perry. “TxDOT and their private sector partners are bringing the LBJ Express and North Tarrant

Express projects to the DFW region much earlier than would otherwise be possible, which will help keep our Texas residents and economy moving forward.”

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**— Governor Rick Perry**

Both NTE and LBJ rank high on the state's list of the 100 most congested roadways, and addressing this congestion has long been a regional transportation priority. NTE reached financial close in late 2009 and the LBJ Express reached financial close in June. Both development teams are led by Cintra US, and together, will deliver over \$4 billion in

infrastructure to the Dallas-Fort Worth region for less than \$1 billion in public investment.

ARTBA was founded in 1902. The association's primary goal is to grow and protect transportation infrastructure investment to meet the public and business demand for safe and efficient travel. **TN**



### **A Minute With ... Bobby G. Littlefield Jr., P.E. Paris District Engineer**

One of the rewarding things about working in a TxDOT district is the feeling of accomplishment when a needed road or bridge project is delivered to the local community. Despite the negative things we read and hear in the media these days, the local folks, for the most part, still appreciate what TxDOT does and the big role we play in solving transportation challenges. They understand and value the fact that the front-line men and women of TxDOT are, like them, part of the fabric of the community and are there working day, and sometimes night, to get the job done to preserve our quality of life that is too often taken for granted.





# The Voice of



*Jodi Wheatley joins TxDOT to help tell the MY35 story.*

**J**odi Wheatley began working for the Waco District on June 1. Her main focus is to keep the I-35 community - the public, businesses, and local officials - informed of the status of our MY35 projects, from the planning stages to project completion.

Jodi has a bachelor's degree in Journalism, Broadcasting & Film from Trinity University in San Antonio. Some of her prior jobs include working for KCEN-TV as producer, director and trainer. In addition, she worked in the distribution center for Levi Strauss & Co. where she trained employees on their job tasks, safety rules and lift truck certification. She also wrote, shot, edited and voiced a library of over 40 training videos. At Texas State Technical College, she wrote and edited online courses for wind energy technicians, covering subjects such as "Troubleshooting and Repairing Fiber Optics," "Cutting and Welding," and "Hydraulics."

## Q & A:

**Now that you are a member of the TxDOT family, what has had the greatest impact on you so far?**

Everyone has gone out of their way to introduce themselves and welcome me. Each time I've gone to them with questions, their generosity and helpfulness has been matched by their knowledge and professionalism.

**What is your strategy to inform people about the MY35 projects?**


My initial focus is to compile a network of e-mail contacts within city and county governments, businesses, non-profit organizations, chambers of commerce and school districts, who can then forward the information to their own e-mail networks. I hope to utilize Twitter and at some point develop a network of local radio stations along I-35 to broadcast news of traffic conditions. I also plan to present

information to civic and service groups like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and local chambers of commerce.

**What interests you most about this project?**

For me, learning is about the most fun there is. TxDOT is huge, with many procedures and processes to get familiar with. I look forward to tackling this expansive project and relaying the information in a clear, comprehensive manner.

**Tell us about the project you are working on, which you refer to as "Connecting the Dots."**

I am developing a newsletter/e-mail blog. As I meet people connected to projects in the Waco District and learn how they contribute to the process, I plan to write a short article describing them. By connecting the pieces of what I learn and sharing that information with other district employees, I hope to strengthen the feeling of connection between all of us. 





*News Notes from Around TxDOT*

**T**he Texas Transportation Commission continues to move forward in its efforts to modernize TxDOT following an organizational review by Grant Thornton.


At a special meeting July 2, the Commission engaged the services of Howard Wolf to serve on a special reorganization committee. Wolf is a retired attorney with an extensive background in legal, financial and corporate restructuring matters. He has been involved in restructuring organizations in the airline, oil and gas, and banking industries. Wolf served on the Sunset Commission and as president of Texas Air Corp (subsequently Continental Airlines).

Jay Kimbrough was also named to the leadership team charged with advising the Commission throughout the process. Kimbrough has successfully helped to transform several state agencies.

In August, the Commission added former Texas Transportation Commissioner David M. Laney to the leadership team. Laney is recognized not only as a respected Texas transportation expert, but a national leader as well. Recently Laney served on TxDOT's 2030 Committee, which helped us focus our sights on future needs.

Wolf, Kimbrough and Laney have begun their work. The Commission continues to consider recommendations from the Grant Thornton report and will decide which ones to implement. The leadership team and the Commission will work with TxDOT staff to develop the next steps and an appropriate plan and time line for implementation. In the meantime, TxDOT is carrying out its day-to-day operations as usual.

"Any transformational change must be preceded by a comprehensive plan that is first envisioned, developed and presented, and next validated and accepted with a high degree of alignment by interested stakeholders," Wolf said in remarks he made to the Commission at their June 24 meeting. "... There are no quick fixes that will result in transformational, lasting and effective improvements...A restructure means exactly what the word says: a change of the entire structure which will involve the whole organization."


Check the Crossroads home page for updates and current news on the Grant Thornton report and related activities. 

**First Prop12/MY35 Contract Awarded**

The first MY35 project to be funded with Proposition 12 bond proceeds was let in July. The contract for widening I-35 from four to six lanes from Loop 340 north of Waco to FM 1858 in West was awarded to Williams Brothers Construction Company of Houston.

The company's winning low bid of \$166.8 million was approximately \$44 million under the project's original estimated cost of \$211.2 million. Construction on this 13-mile stretch of I-35 is expected to begin this fall and should be completed in the fall of 2014. This contract award brings the Texas Transportation Commission closer to fulfilling its promise to relieve congestion on I-35 by expanding the busy corridor between San Antonio and Hillsboro to six lanes - a project also known as MY35.

The MY35 project was among 16 Proposition 12-funded highway project contracts totaling approximately \$250 million approved by the Commission at its July 29 meeting. This contract letting was the first for the \$2 billion in highway projects the Commission approved for Proposition 12 funding late last year.

The stretch from Waco to West is one of six segments along I-35 that will be funded with Proposition 12 proceeds. The remaining five segments are scheduled to be bid in 2011 and ready for construction by 2013. All construction updates and traffic advisories will be posted at [www.MY35.org](http://www.MY35.org). 



**Proposition 12/Main Street Texas bid schedule**

- April 2011 – FM 1858 to FM 1304; 8 miles; (McLennan, Hill counties); \$140 million
- July 2011 – FM 2843 to FM 2484 in Salado; 3.41 miles; (Bell County); \$88 million
- July 2011 – North of Troy city limits to Woodlawn Road; 9.5 miles; (Bell, Falls, McLennan counties); \$155 million
- August 2011 – Woodlawn Road to FM 2063 in Hewitt; 9.8 miles; (McLennan County); \$160 million
- August 2011 – North Loop 363 in Temple to north of Troy city limits; 6.38 miles; (Bell County); \$120 million





Austin District employees, and employees of the Government & Public Affairs Division, and Texas Turnpike Authority join State Rep. Dan Branch in front of the brand new toll tag sign that was unveiled on July 14.

TxDOT photo - Kevin Stillman



Austin District Engineer Carlos Lopez addresses the crowd as State Rep. Dan Branch looks on, during the July 14 event unveiling the new toll tag sign in Austin.

TxDOT photo - Kevin Stillman

# ALL TOLL TAGS WELCOME HERE...


**N**ew highway signs now inform motorists that Houston's EZ Tag, Dallas' Toll Tag and Austin's TxTag are accepted on Central Texas toll roads. The signs, installed along SH 130 and SH 45 in July and August, were unveiled during a special ceremony at the TxDOT Austin District headquarters on July 14, 2010.

The signs were created at the suggestion of State Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas, who had expressed concern that motorists from the Houston and Dallas areas often didn't know whether their toll tags could be used on Austin toll roads. Branch, who participated in the unveiling with several TxDOT officials, stressed that the new signs speak to the department's number one priority - ensuring traffic safety on Texas roadways.

"Uncertainty about the acceptance of a motorist's toll tag could cause unsafe distraction and confusion for

motorists traveling at high speeds on the state's highways," Branch said. "TxDOT advertising that the different toll tags are accepted here is no different from a store displaying the logos of the credit cards they accept."

Austin District Engineer Carlos Lopez said the informative toll signs underscore the importance of the tourist industry to the Central Texas area.

"Austin is a destination city. People come here for sports, recreation, conventions, the music, shopping and the airport, among other things. The system of toll roads around Austin has not only made it easier to access these events, but also to reach communities such as Del Valle, Pflugerville, Round Rock and Georgetown," Lopez said. "These new signs will show our visitors that, no matter where they are from, their toll tags are as welcome here as they are at home." 





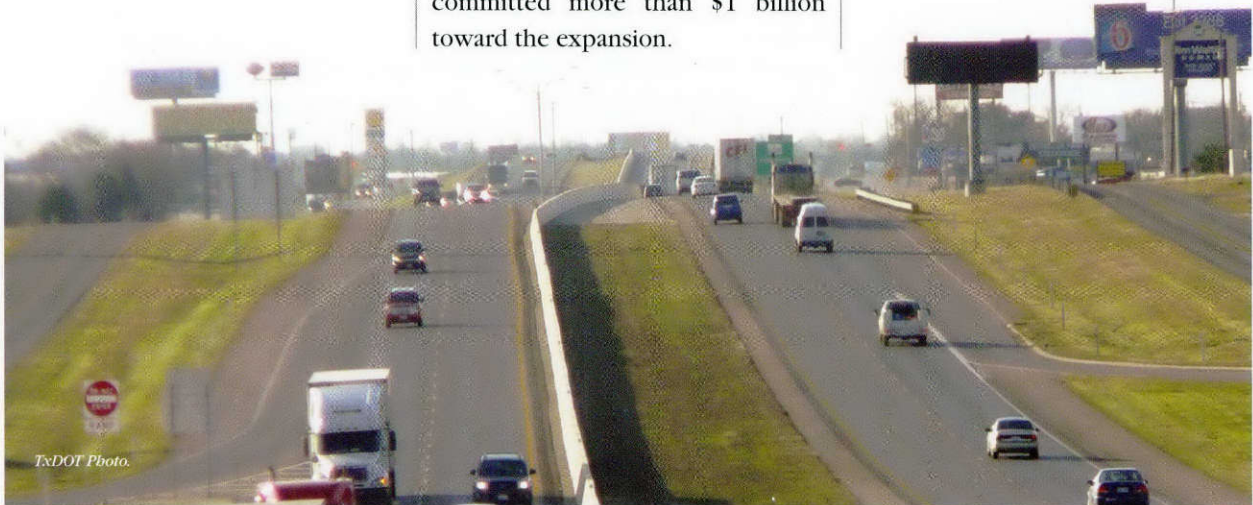
## Trans-Texas Corridor 35 Officially Ends

**T**he Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a decision of no action on the Trans-Texas Corridor 35 (TTC-35) on July 20, 2010, formally ending any further advancement of the project. This action eliminates the study area identified in previous documents and cancels the planning comprehensive development agreement between TxDOT and Cintra-Zachry.

The FHWA decision follows TxDOT's October 2, 2009 announcement to conclude the federal environmental review of TTC-35, based on public input and technical analyses.

The next steps for the I-35 corridor start with completing the interstate's expansion to six lanes through Central Texas, effectively making I-35 six lanes from Hillsboro to San Antonio. TxDOT has already committed more than \$1 billion toward the expansion.

A citizen-driven planning process to improve the I-35 corridor in single segments is under way. The I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee, along with the four I-35 Segment Committees, is currently working to develop MY35, a plan for I-35 guided by citizen input and local needs. For more information on the I-35 expansion and citizen planning efforts, please visit [MY35.org](http://MY35.org).



TxDOT Photo.



### San Angelo District Engineer McCullough Retires

With 39 years of outstanding service to TxDOT and fellow Texans, Walter G. McCullough, P.E., announced he is retiring from his position as San Angelo District Engineer.

After earning a his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University, McCullough joined the Texas Highway Department in 1971. He was assigned to the Waco district office as an engineering assistant in the design section in 1975 and later worked in the McLennan County office. He earned his master's degree in business administration from Baylor University in 1977.

McCullough transferred to the San Angelo District in 1978. He also worked in the district laboratory and served as construction engineer before becoming district engineer in 1988.

McCullough led the development of roadway projects including the completion of U.S. 67, the Houston-Harte Expressway and several major projects on the routes of the Texas Trunk System and the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. He also chaired various TxDOT research committees, the Business Title Classification Committee and led the development of the 2009 Strategic Maintenance Asset Management Plan.

McCullough's leadership and service embody the spirit of OneDOT, and his contributions will continue to positively impact the department for years to come.



## "CRAFT"ing a New Course Tracking Customer Comments

**B**eginning October 1, TxDOT employees will be able to easily document and track complaints and other customer correspondence with the new CRAFT (Customer Relationship and Feedback Tracking) system.


The new Web-based computer application, originally developed in the late 1990s by the Florida Department of Transportation to track and report complaints, was obtained in March by the Technology Services Division, which has been modifying the code to fit TxDOT's architecture.

The new system allows TxDOT to track customer feedback from receipt to resolution. It will help determine how many complaints are received in each DDOR and statewide, what they are about, and how long it takes us to respond to the customer, in addition to other metrics. General feedback received from the TxDOT Website

(www.TxDOT.gov) will be input directly into CRAFT, saving employees' time with data entry. In addition, Group Wise e-mails can be quickly entered into CRAFT and associated with the proper customer and issue.

"Train-the-trainer" sessions will be conducted in the regional offices during the first two weeks of September. Trainers will then provide training in their respective DDORs during the last two weeks of September. Statewide roll out is scheduled for October 1.

The Government and Public Affairs Division is the office of primary responsibility for CRAFT and is overseeing the implementation of the new system.

If you have questions about CRAFT, e-mail them to [AskTxDOT@txdot.gov](mailto:AskTxDOT@txdot.gov). 

**CRAFT**  
CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP &  
FEEDBACK TRACKING SYSTEM




## FUN FACTS

- US 83, AT 899 MILES, IS THE LONGEST HIGHWAY IN TEXAS AND EXTENDS FROM THE OKLAHOMA STATE LINE NEAR PERRYTON, TO THE MEXICO BORDER AT BROWNSVILLE.
- THE GULF FREEWAY (I-45) IN HOUSTON WAS TEXAS' FIRST INTERSTATE HIGHWAY. THE FIRST MAJOR PORTION OF THIS ROAD OPENED IN 1952.
- THE LONGEST INTERSTATE HIGHWAY IN TEXAS IS I-10, RUNNING FOR 878.7 MILES BETWEEN EL PASO AND ORANGE.
- US 71 IS THE SHORTEST U. S. HIGHWAY IN TEXAS AT 2.942 MILES LONG IN BOWIE COUNTY.

## Casey Named New Corpus Christi District Engineer

John A. Casey, P.E., was recently named as the Corpus Christi District Engineer.

Casey comes to TxDOT with more than 20 years of experience in the public and private sector specializing in transportation systems. Most recently, he was vice-president for T.Y. Lin International working projects in Arizona and Utah. He has also managed and coordinated the alternative delivery and design operations for state, county and city government projects throughout the Southwest United States and the world.

Casey earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arizona and received his master's degree from the University of California at Davis. He was awarded his first professional engineer's license in 1992 from California. He is now additionally licensed in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Texas. 








## New E-Mail Address Change

On August 1, TxDOT employees began using new e-mail addresses that feature our Web domain, "txdot.gov," and there are several reasons behind this change.

Recently, the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) has directed all state agencies to retire their current "agency.state.tx.us" domains and replace them with "agency.texas.gov" as part of its new "Texas.gov" initiative. TxDOT requested and received a waiver from the statewide domain, since we have owned the "txdot.gov" domain for three years.

In addition, consistent use of the "txdot.gov" domain provides an opportunity for TxDOT to strengthen its name brand since our agency's acronym is among the most recognizable in the state. Therefore, employees are encouraged to take full advantage of the branding opportunity this e-mail address change offers.

An overarching goal of DIR's initiative is to establish consistency between agency Web and e-mail domains. This consistency should make more sense to citizens and partners who conduct business with and seek information from TxDOT and other state agencies. Read more about DIR's initiative at <http://www2.dir.state.tx.us/about/pressroom/Pages/TexasgovRelease.aspx>.

TxDOT has informed our stakeholders and partners of the change through two central mass e-mails and also through individual signature block notifications from TxDOT employees in their regular business e-mail exchanges. For more information on the new e-mail transition, see the FAQs at <http://crossroads.org/tsd/data/inf/Email%20Address%20Change%20FAQs%200610.doc>. 



## A Minute With ...Judy Skeen Director, Technology Services Division


Information Technology (IT) is an exciting area to work in. It is rewarding to complete a project that implements IT in such a way so that we improve operations, provide better or improved service to our customers and make our jobs easier. IT also faces many challenges. At the forefront for TxDOT is the current situation with our outsourced environment. This has greatly impacted us and we are working to improve the situation. Unfortunately, it will be a while before we see improvements. IT was also included as a study area in the recent Grant Thornton report, and we expect operational and procedural changes to be implemented over the next year or two. The possibilities for future improvements promise to keep the job fresh and make it even more rewarding.

## Update on ProjectONE

**P**rojectONE is proud to announce the first six project milestones have been delivered on schedule, a significant accomplishment for a project of this scope.



The project is on schedule to implement PeopleSoft Financials for TxDOT and DIR in September 2011, and the team is wrapping up the eighth week of the process design phase. The next phase of work began in August and kicked off the development of the approved customizations. The timeline for HR/Payroll implementation is still being determined. Once decisions are made, you will find the latest information at [www.TXProjectONE.org](http://www.TXProjectONE.org)

Due to the many demands associated with launching a new agency, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) has opted to postpone PeopleSoft 9.1 implementation until the agency is able to allocate appropriate resources to the project. This will not affect any of the agencies participating in ProjectONE. For more information about TxDMV, please visit [www.txdmv.gov](http://www.txdmv.gov) 





## MILESTONES

SERVICE AWARDS - JULY 2010

### Districts:

#### Abilene

- 20** Amy J. Hart
- 10** Kyla K. McGuffin

#### Amarillo

- 20** Joe W. Talley
- 10** Roger M. Robbins
- 5** Michael S. Stockfisch, Jr.;  
Martin F. Walsh

#### Atlanta

- 25** Douglas J. Reizer
- 20** Jim W. Teel
- 10** Jerry C. Phillips
- 5** Christopher C. Cannon;  
Dayna J. Masco

#### Austin

- 25** Thomas R. Neison;  
Charles R. Vaughn, Sr.
- 15** Robert L. Kempf
- 10** Christopher W. Ake; Ngan K. Bui;  
Gary G. Cline; Cole G. Farmer;  
Jose F. Perez; David J. Walenta;  
Robert B. Wilson
- 5** Stephen G. Easley

#### Beaumont

- 25** Gregory K. Casmire;  
Georgette M. Pillitere
- 20** Joe A. Felan; Charlie C. Wallace

#### Brownwood

- 5** Brian E. Owens

#### Childress

- 25** Gregory C. Cheyne;  
Mark A. Hightower
- 20** Gene Garcia
- 10** Richard Z. Jenkins
- 5** John W. Staggs III

#### Corpus Christi

- 20** Sam W. Steen III
- 10** Cesar C. Rodriguez
- 5** David Ambriz; Wilfred W. Buck

#### Dallas

- 45** Donald P. Green
- 40** Tom H. Watters
- 30** Arthur R. Nance
- 25** Sylvia S. Tolbert;  
Michael D. Wellman
- 20** Timothy T. Abbey; John T. Inman;  
John H. West
- 15** Carolyn S. Keeble-Simmons;  
Nicki C. Kerksieck; Juan A. Perez, Jr.
- 10** Russell A. Emerson;  
Anhnguyet T. Nguyen;  
Robert J. Williams, Jr.
- 5** John L. Aaron, Jr.; Ryan J. Badgley;  
Walsh Carter, Jr.; Kim M. Hardison;

Dawn P. Perkins; Richard F. Williford;  
Shawn Yousefi

#### El Paso

- 25** Roberto Cardoza, Jr.
- 5** Ruben Lara; Anthony C. Marquez;  
Moises Montes; Jaime Soto

#### Fort Worth

- 45** James C. Sawey
- 25** Jimmy F. Bodiford;  
Richard L. Sessums;  
Richard L. White
- 20** David W. Martin
- 10** David R. Oster
- 5** Roy G. Rosson

#### Houston

- 30** John M. Gaynor; Sara E. Moreno
- 25** Seyed M. Alavi; Kenneth W. Baird;  
Albert F. Brewster, Jr.;  
Mark D. Patterson;  
Anthony L. Sienkiewicz;  
Edward C. Stelchek; Joyce J. Wu
- 20** Bobby B. Cayton, Jr.
- 15** Dan N. Fulghum
- 10** Bruce E. Cash; William M. Hausman
- 5** Anikka M. Ayala-Rogers;  
Algenon G. Byars; Randle L. Kelley;  
Maria D. Pacheco; Holly D. Perez

#### Laredo

- 15** Jose M. Benites; Martin Mendez
- 10** Blanca N. Trevino-Castro

#### Lubbock

- 30** Taina Y. Barrett
- 25** Ricky L. Nieman
- 10** Domingo Q. Saldana
- 5** Dianah D. Ascencio;  
Arthur J. Esquivel; Juan M. Gonzalez;  
Paulino F. Gonzalez;  
Tommy H. Walden, Jr.

#### Lufkin

- 35** Shirley L. Reynolds
- 15** Dexter B. Richards

#### Odessa

- 20** Ruben L. Reyes

#### Paris

- 25** Kenneth M. Jock; Ricky J. Mackey;  
Sabra P. Vaughan
- 15** Carlos O. Gilstrap
- 10** Jodie D. Doran;  
Bruce W. Thompson, Jr.
- 5** Chris L. Harpold

#### Pharr

- 10** Yessica Berman; Juan Gomez
- 5** Elizabeth M. Mikulencak;  
Monica P. Perez

#### San Angelo

- 5** Francisco J. Martinez;  
Christopher J. Pena

#### San Antonio

- 25** Victor H. Gil; Cheryl J. Waid
- 15** John P. Gianotti; Robert J. Gutierrez
- 10** Michael T. Boyd; Roy T. McCue
- 5** Tony R. Botello; Aldo Romero;  
Vincente Romero, Jr.

#### Tyler

- 30** Daniel C. Wilbanks
- 5** Charles R. Adams

#### Waco

- 20** Brenda L. Franklin; Billy M. Tweedle
- 10** Bodie L. Pate
- 5** Ryan C. Bonner; Grady B. Norman

#### Wichita Falls

- 25** Jerry L. Martin; Russell A. Stafford
- 10** Ronnie D. Clark; Gregory A. Gibbs;  
Larry W. Gooch

#### Yoakum

- 30** Daryl L. Honc
- 10** Kenneth J. Debord

### Divisions/Offices/Regions:

#### Administration

- 15** M K. Soucek

#### Bridge

- 25** Malcolm R. Arnold
- 5** Leon B. Flournoy

#### Construction

- 30** John M. Reedy
- 20** Stewart H. Dewitt, Jr.
- 10** Raymond D. Merritt;  
Timothy L. West

#### East Regional Support Center

- 10** Stella P. Beserra; Nohemi S. Ruiz
- 5** William G. Crain; Stephen C. White

#### Finance

- 15 Nnabugwu W. Ezi

#### General Services

- 25** Brenda R. Casmire
- 20** Dana P. Snokhous; Toby T. Towery
- 5** Billy M. Gordon; Teresa L. Kurtz

#### Maintenance

- 10** Roel Bazan

#### North Regional Support Center

- 25** Lisa C. Ferguson
- 5** Christi L. Bonham;  
Mary A. Goodenberger;  
William J. Guy





## MILESTONES

## SERVICE AWARDS - JULY 2010

### Divisions/Offices/Regions:

**Research & Technology Implementation**  
**25** Willis W. Odell

#### South Regional Support Center

**15** Patricia Carrillo  
**10** Alva G. Marines  
**5** Marialyce Luckey

#### Technology Services

**30** Neil E. Powell  
**25** Terry L. Marcus  
**20** Marilyn D. Rowland  
**10** David L. Bedrich  
**5** Jenice A. Gonzales;  
Matthew R. Somerville

#### Transportation Planning & Programming

**5** William X. Fang

#### Travel Information

**5** Christy Kale-Williams

#### West Regional Support Center

**40** Norman B. Reed, Jr.  
**10** Victoria D. Gross

## SERVICE AWARDS - AUGUST 2010

### Districts:

#### Abilene

**30** Hesmergild O. Munoz  
**20** Charlie V. Tischler  
**10** Russell D. Chapman;  
Debra D. Paylor

#### Amarillo

**20** Rory R. Gomez; Fred H. Holland  
**15** Rodney D. Denson  
**5** Roy C. Neukam; James R. White

#### Atlanta

**10** James T. Green  
**5** Aaron L. Hackett

#### Austin

**25** David A. Boone; Sherman M. Coots III;  
Antonio M. Moreno, Jr.  
**20** Gerald D. Pohlmeier  
**10** Scott R. Cunningham;  
Rebecca A. Garza;  
Jason W. Whitworth  
**5** Kristina L. Koch; Adeliza Ramirez

#### Beaumont

**25** Robert B. Hulgan;  
Grady O. Simmons II

#### Brownwood

**20** Efrain Almodova  
**10** Jason H. Scantling  
**5** Chris J. Graf

#### Bryan

**15** Allison C. Kurwitz;  
Mark A. Schoenemann  
**10** Timothy R. Ramirez; David R. York  
**5** James W. Brewster; Glen W. Fenton;  
John C. McDaniel

#### Childress

**25** James L. Bettis  
**20** Jimmy C. Braker  
**10** Marty D. Navarrette; Arty R. Tucker

#### Corpus Christi

**20** Raul E. Guerra  
**10** Jose M. Escamilla, Jr.; Otis K. Hinze  
**5** Jacqueline M. Romeyn

#### Dallas

**35** Larry D. Treadway  
**30** Charles T. Hervey, Jr.;  
David Quintanilla  
**25** Edward L. Chisenhall;  
Tammy J. Hager; Urban W. Lankford  
**20** Byron K. Bishop; Mark L. Shelton;  
Angel A. Velez  
**15** Robert H. Hall; Dianne H. May;  
Jerry A. Newsom  
**10** Gustavo J. Garcia;  
Murray D. Johnson, Jr.;  
David R. Oberle, Sr.; Jamshid Shirali  
**5** Jerry Pea; Ismael Sanchez;  
Ronnie L. Willis

#### El Paso

**15** Walter R. Devine, Jr.  
**5** Claudia Vazquez

#### Fort Worth

**25** Joel S. Gunderson  
**20** Billy J. Manning; Phillip S. May  
**15** Paul A. Fierro  
**10** Mohammad A. Al Hweil;  
Otice C. Boyle; Timmy R. Cunningham  
**5** Ted W. Hensley; Isaac A. Johnson;  
Jimmy R. Johnson;  
Jacky D. Kirkland;  
Manuel Padron, Jr.; Ben Trevino

#### Houston

**30** Alvaris Jackson, Jr.  
**20** Jon F. Holt; Jeffrey M. Schwartz;  
Frank M. Wadlington; Embry Woods  
**10** Donald E. Caraway;  
Monica Hetherington;  
Richard L. Kelly;

Scotty W. McGee; Martha S. Miller;  
Richard A. Nicholson;  
Barbara D. Russell;  
Carlos M. Zepeda, Jr.

**5** Arah J. Bailey; Larry R. Bisceglia;  
Gerard A. Clisham; Mitchell E. Porcelli;  
Janice M. Zuckero

#### Laredo

**20** Juan R. Campos; Arturo Smith, Jr.  
**15** Melisa D. Montemayor  
**10** Danny Magee; Sergio Reyna  
**5** Cruz Perez; Luis M. Villarreal

#### Lubbock

**25** Lehmon C. Jacobs  
**10** Orfila E. Banda; Juan D. Martinez, Jr.;  
Andy Peralez; Daniel T. Richter  
**5** Juan G. Cantu; Leonel L. Reyes

#### Lufkin

**30** Timothy A. Thompson  
**25** Daron W. Webb  
**20** Howard S. Looney  
**5** Cory M. Howard

#### Odessa

**30** Philip Corrales  
**5** Fernando Ibarra

#### Paris

**10** Daniel S. Bly; Jim B. Jacks  
**5** Jerry W. Hill; Karen L. Jackson;  
Ricky G. Roberts

#### Pharr

**25** Gilberto De La Fuente  
**15** Ruben Alonso  
**5** Martin Delafuente; Jose T. Garza;  
Cesar G. Gurrusquieta;  
Alberto F. Hinojosa; Romeo Pena;  
Arturo Villarreal

#### San Angelo

**10** John O. Baker





## MILESTONES

SERVICE AWARDS - AUGUST 2010

### San Antonio

- 45** Elias H. Jimenez, Jr.
- 30** Steven C. Cordell;  
George W. Gorman;  
Michael R. Maloch
- 25** Terry G. Gentry; Cheryl L. Ives;  
Paul Kieke
- 10** Charles A. Bendele II;  
Frank Bermea; Francine B. Elkins;  
Louis C. Ugarte; David K. Zimmerman
- 5** Victor Abrego; Mark S. Andrews;  
Arnoldo Benavides;  
Christopher N. Douglas;  
Jeffrey L. Fowler; Rodrigo Garcia, Jr.;  
George J. Garza; Brian K. Gillaspay;  
Scott A. Magers; Rueben Martinez;  
Dustin A. Popham;  
Georgena A. Sasser; Carlos B. Seda;  
Jerry L. Stevens

### Tyler

- 10** Kenneth W. Burks

### Waco

- 25** Robert W. Kluna, Jr.
- 20** Julie L. Durham;  
Gregory N. Holecek; Ricky D. Pierce
- 15** Carroll L. Starkey
- 10** Chad M. Gregory;  
Donald W. Hampton;  
Donald E. Wilganowski

### Wichita Falls

- 30** James A. Woods
- 15** Michael L. Carriger
- 5** Steven W. Shaw

### Yoakum

- 10** Timothy J. Kocian
- 5** Alan J. Migl

## Divisions/Offices/Regions:

### East Regional Support Center

- 20** Frederick N. Jones
- 10** Joe Koite
- 5** David W. Harris

### Environmental Affairs

- 25** Dianna F. Noble
- 20** Graham R. Price
- 10** Jonathan H. Budd
- 5** Sharon K. Dornheim

### Finance

- 30** Lanny C. Wadle
- 15** Jimmie B. Broaders
- 5** Helen C. Rodriguez

### General Services

- 10** David W. Coleman;  
Charles A. Wallace

### Government & Public Affairs

- 20** Danna K. Kemble
- 5** Joshua M. Hunter

### Human Resources

- 25** Jeanne E. Huston
- 5** Laura L. Johannsen

### Maintenance

- 10** Carl O. Nix; Shane A. Phillips

### Motor Carrier

- 10** Lance E. New
- 5** Noemi E. Harvell

### North Regional Support Center

- 30** Anthony W. Breyen;  
Deborah C. Williamson
- 10** Annette G. Cuevas
- 5** Canh H. Nguyen

### Public Transportation

- 10** Carol V. Garcia; Alfredo Gonzales

### Right Of Way

- 20** Charles U. Lankford
- 10** Timothy G. Cunningham
- 5** Nancy J. Romero

### South Regional Support Center

- 25** Keith A. Braddock
- 15** Rhonda L. Branecky
- 5** Samuel L. Copeland; Rosa L. Perez;  
Erasmio G. Salazar

### Technology Services

- 30** William E. Spooner
- 20** Michael S. Calogridis;  
Cynthia E. Gendron; John T. Jennings
- 15** Jim C. Patterson
- 10** Michelle M. Flores; Gladys L. Harper;  
Priscilla A. Ortuno
- 5** David Fernandez, Jr.

### Traffic Operations

- 10** James H. Hollis
- 5** Joshua S. Verastique;  
Dustin L. Wiggins

### Travel Information

- 5** Valerie D. Followell; Oswaldo Lopez

### West Regional Support Center

- 5** Kathryn D. Steese; James O. Felan

### Construction

- 25** Roy F. Collins, Jr.;  
Eugene E. May, Jr.

- 15** Joseph P. Leidy

- 10** Shawn D. Fox
- 5** Jesus Valdez

### Design

- 15** Craig S. Dunning

### East Regional Support Center

- 10** Wanda D. Smith
- 5** Carolyn A. Toliver

### Finance

- 20** Elsa O'Connor
- 5** Lucille Caraway; Linda K. Oakes

### General Services

- 10** Cynthia K. Goodson; Kyle M. Josey;  
Jamie N. Robinson; Larry W. Seiler
- 5** Menses L. Williams

### Motor Carrier

- 15** Kristy J. Schultz
- 10** Lillie M. Stembridge

### North Regional Support Center

- 25** James K. Barnes
- 20** Willie G. Akin, Jr.; George Edinbyrd, Jr.;  
Susan S. Saghian
- 10** Vanette M. Kuykendall; Linda L. Ross;

### Occupational Safety

- 5** Elvina H. Ramirez

### Public Transportation

- 5** Eric Gleason

### South Regional Support Center

- 15** Sherry D. Phelps
- 5** Jaime A. Vela, Jr.

### Technology Services

- 30** Douglas C. Herold
- 25** Thelma Garcia
- 20** Randall K. McKenzie;  
William K. Stroman
- 10** James T. Bunner; Hanh M. Le
- 5** Hai V. Phan; Brian M. Vaughn

### Traffic Operations

- 5** Joseph J. Marchione

### Transportation Planning & Programming

- 15** Carol Barron

### West Regional Support Center

- 30** Mat R. Foster
- 10** Robert S. Garza; Inez Hernandez

### Audit

- 5** Milan D. Hawkins





## MILESTONES

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



#### Districts:

##### El Paso

Abel F. Galindo

##### Houston

Sandra L. Sappington

##### Lubbock

Timothy L. Hogue  
Gilbert Sepulbeda

##### Paris

Bobby L. Phifer

##### San Antonio

Kyle W. Richter  
Joel U. Sanchez

##### Waco

Lori Ann Klaus

##### Yoakum

David B. Hanzelka

#### Divisions/Offices/ Regions:

##### Bridge

William R. McCarthy

##### Environmental Affairs

Lisa J. Hart

##### General Services

Lynn M. Giusto

##### South Regional Support Center

Andrew Esparza  
Jesus Esquierdo  
Ruben D. Leal

##### Technology Services

Yuning L. Lin

##### West Regional Support Center

Alexander Sanchez  
Anita M. Thompson

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



#### Districts:

##### Abilene

Stuart H. Jeffrey

##### Amarillo

Harold B. Cave  
James D. Gresham

##### Atlanta

Kevin P. Camp

##### Austin

Ricardo Calzoncit

##### Beaumont

Elton W. Marshall

##### Childress

Bill T. Warren

##### Corpus Christi

Richard A. Chauvette

##### Dallas

Jackie L. Haley  
Jennifer J. Higginbotham

##### Fort Worth

David J. Moore

##### Houston

Michael A. Chadick

##### Laredo

John R. Aguilar  
John C. Sell

##### Lubbock

Timothy B. Montgomery

##### Lufkin

Charles L. Currie

##### Paris

Tad E. Eudy  
Charles D. Evans  
Micheal A. Faulks  
Carl E. Lawson

##### Pharr

Pablo Anguiano  
Dagoberto Salinas

##### San Angelo

Thomas R. Johnston  
Thomas W. Van Pelt

##### San Antonio

Mario C. Juarez

##### Tyler

Daryl J. Daigle  
Thomas A. Reid  
Wendy L. Simmons

##### Waco

James E. Bailey  
Eddy L. Pruett

##### Wichita Falls

Donald W. Pickel

##### Yoakum

Jennifer L. Bishop  
Steven C. Gartman, Sr.

#### Divisions/Offices/ Regions:

##### Administration

Yolanda G. Lindsey

##### East Regional Support Center

James D. Wilson

##### Finance

Mary L. Amaya  
Robert R. Snipes

##### Human Resources

Monica Y. Scott

##### Maintenance

Gary D. Murrell

##### Occupational Safety

Beatriz M. Alvarado

##### Right Of Way

Kathy K. Walton

##### Transportation Planning & Programming

Bertha Arellano

##### West Regional Support Center

William C. McCarley





# MILESTONES

## Retiree Report

MAY 2010

### Districts:

#### Abilene

**31** Hector A. Aguirre

#### Amarillo

**30** Timothy I. Monson  
**28** Cecil C. Rich II  
**27** Edward J. Harney

#### Atlanta

**16** Jo E. Norwood

#### Austin

**9** Jamie S. Boado

#### Beaumont

**32** Russell K. Corbello  
**23** Joseph W. Kibodeaux  
**21** Samantha B. Naylor

#### Bryan

**27** William C. Gibson  
**18** Jessie E. Fenner

#### Childress

**26** William E. Harris, Jr.  
**24** Robert L. Snider

#### Corpus Christi

**32** Paublo Bust

#### Dallas

**26** Anthony N. Okafor

#### Fort Worth

**22** Robert E. Masik, Jr.

#### Houston

**31** Joannie B. King  
**31** Judy D. Brzymialkiewicz  
**29** Steve M. Bayne  
**25** Lawrence J. Heckathorn  
**22** James V. Hinkle  
**11** Jack K. Zaro

#### Laredo

**19** Santiago R. Rocha

#### Lubbock

**31** Tedd O. Carter  
**30** Jimmy B. Schwartz  
**23** Larry E. Harris

#### Odessa

**34** Richard K. Hopkins

#### San Angelo

**40** Emiliano R. Gonzales  
**27** Mary A. Brown

#### San Antonio

**27** David C. Kopp

#### Tyler

**27** Mark D. Wyatt

#### Waco

**30** Donald R. Hall

#### Wichita Falls

**32** Ricky J. Velez

#### Yoakum

**26** Emma C. Raska

### Divisions/Offices/Regions:

#### Bridge

**19** Kenneth L. Mullin

#### Construction

**30** Henry M. Strosser

#### East Regional Support Center

**33** Eddie F. Allen

#### General Services

**32** Rebecca T. Page  
**28** Vickie L. Graff  
**28** Harry M. Bird

#### Government & Public Affairs

**7** Alexandra S. Russell

#### Motor Carrier

**34** John T. Donovan

#### North Regional Support Center

**37** Carolyn A. Thompson

#### Transportation Planning & Programming

**26** Alfredo Marquez III

**11** Sherry L. Huff

#### West Regional Support Center

**22** Don T. Eldridge

**19** Kathryn G. Heck

## Retiree Report

JUNE 2010

### Districts:

#### Amarillo

**29** Amado Arellano

#### Atlanta

**13** Robert R. Hill

#### Beaumont

**26** James W. Duhon

#### Brownwood

**17** Merelyn A. Downs

#### Childress

**33** Rickey L. Miward  
**21** Monty E. Rowland;  
Marcia M. Henard

#### Dallas

**26** Timothy M. Nesbitt  
**6** Larry G. Hamill

#### Fort Worth

**16** Mark A. Gallagher  
**12** James B. Craft

#### Houston

**26** George S. Fan  
**13** Darrell H. Schrader

#### Laredo

**29** David Enriquez

#### Lubbock

**21** Roy M. Lloyd

#### Paris

**30** Bobby L. Beck

#### San Angelo

**23** Frank E. Sparks

#### San Antonio

**30** Margarita Y. Rios  
**29** Dwayne S. Smith  
**28** Jesse P. Patterson  
**26** Samuel Martinez

#### Tyler

**28** Raymond E. Smith  
**25** Patsy B. Nichols  
**22** Gary W. McClure  
**16** Sandra Walters

#### Wichita Falls

**28** Kenneth J. Mitchell

#### Yoakum

**26** Joseph M. Orr

### Divisions/Offices/Regions:

#### Bridge

**12** William R. McCarthy

#### Construction

**31** Judy C. Broussard  
**29** Larry G. Miller  
**25** Earl O. Leaverton

#### East Regional Support Center

**27** Jay D. Kelley

#### North Regional Support Center

**16** James W. Applegate

#### Public Transportation

**14** Lucille T. Lapaglia

#### Technology Services

**30** Douglas C. Herold



# In Memoriam

## Districts:

### Atlanta

**Tony C. Overhultz**  
Engineering Technician III  
Years of Service: 12 yrs.  
DOD: 6/30/10

### El Paso

**Ricardo N. Ramirez**  
Assistant Maintenance Section  
Supervisor  
Years of Service: 33 yrs.  
Retirement Date: 4/30/98  
DOD: 7/17/10

### Fort Worth

**Benito Munguia**  
Maintenance Technician  
Years of Service: 10 yrs.  
Retirement Date: 1995  
DOD: 6/4/10

### Richard L. Sessums

Construction Inspector II  
Years of Service: 24 yrs.  
DOD: 6/20/10

### Houston District

**Younathan Y. Youash**  
Engineer II  
Years of Service: 11 yrs. 9 mos.  
DOD: 6/12/10

### Paris

**Sam H. Wade**  
Bonham Maintenance  
Retirement Date: 3/31/86  
DOD: 7/9/10

### San Angelo


**Walter Drueckhammer**  
Years of Service: 12 yrs.  
Retirement Date: 9/30/81  
DOD: 6/1/10



## WHERE AM I?



Travel Information Division Photo Librarian Anne Cook supplied TN with this picture. Best guess is it was taken somewhere in the Pharr District. There is a railroad underpass in the center of the photo and an adjacent street sign labeled "Atlantic Avenue." There is also a water tower to the right of the photo. If you think you know where this picture was taken, contact Anne Cook at [Anne.Cook@TxDOT.gov](mailto:Anne.Cook@TxDOT.gov) or call her at (512) 486-5838.

**Identified:** The photo in the July/August TN was identified as the Pedernales River Bridge on SH 71 in Travis County. It was identified by David Blume, an engineering specialist with the Bridge Division's Field Operations section in Austin. Blume, who inspects bridges with exposed steel structural components, recognized the location. The bridge, completed in December 1947, cost approximately \$78,000 when completed. 







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## UPCOMING TxDOT EVENTS

Date	Event
Sept. 6	Labor Day holiday (agency closed)
Sept. 8 - 9	Statewide Letting (CST)
Sept. 8 - 10	13th Annual Ports-to-Plains Conference (Rapid City, SD)
Sept. 22	Texas Transportation Commission Workshop (Austin)
Sept. 23	Texas Transportation Commission Meeting (Austin)
Oct. 11 - 13	Transportation Short Course (College Station)
Oct. 19	"The Road Show" webcast with Amadeo Saenz (Austin)
Oct. 19 - 21	Research Management Committee Meetings (San Antonio)
Oct. 21	Fiscal Year 2011 GSD Equipment Management and Purchasing Workshop (Austin)
Oct. 21 - 22	Statewide Letting (CST)
Oct. 27	Texas Transportation Commission Workshop (Austin)
Oct. 28	Texas Transportation Commission Meeting (Austin)