

CHISHOLM TRAIL PARKWAY Progress Report

North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)

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Chisholm Trail Parkway (CTP) is a limited-access toll road in southwest Tarrant County that will extend from Fort Worth's central business district to southwest Fort Worth, continuing south to Cleburne. Formerly known as Southwest Parkway (SWP)/Chisholm Trail, the new corridor in southwest Tarrant and northwest Johnson counties will be approximately 27 miles. The toll road is expected to open to traffic in early 2014.

Corridor Details

- Length: Approximately 27.6 miles
- Limits: Interstate Highway (I) 30 to U.S. 67
- Estimated project cost: Approximately \$1.4 billion
- Estimated NTTA cost: \$901.2 million
- Anticipated open-to-traffic dates:
 - Section 1 (I-30 to Rogers Road): Early 2014
 - Section 2 (Rogers Road to south of Arborlawn Drive [except UPRR crossing]): Early 2014
 - Section 2B (Hulen Street and UPRR Davidson Yard): Early 2014
 - Section 2C (Forest Park Boulevard to south of Hulen Street): Early 2014 (Construction complete second half 2013)
 - Section 3A (TxDOT construction – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act project): Early 2014 (Construction complete February 2013)
 - Section 3B (south of Arborlawn Drive to south of Overton Ridge Boulevard): Early 2014
 - Section 4 (south of Overton Ridge Boulevard to south of Altamesa Boulevard): Early 2014
 - Section 5 (south of Altamesa Boulevard to FM 1187): Early 2014
 - Section 6 (FM 1187 to U.S. 67): Early 2014

Milestones

- In December 2008, the Fort Worth City Council unanimously approved plans for SWP from I-30 to Dirks Road/Altamesa Boulevard. An accompanying resolution supports NTTA and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) project development from I-30 to U.S. 67.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the SWP's Final Environmental Impact Statement Re-evaluation in June 2009.
- The Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) approved additional funding in late August 2009 for Section 2C construction related to the formal agreement with UPRR. In April 2010, the NTTA began Section 2C construction – retaining walls, Rosedale Street connector bridges and bridge components inside Davidson Yard.

- In February 2010, the NTTA Board of Directors authorized an agreement to supplement the State Highway (SH) 161 toll equity loan agreement (TELA) with TxDOT to help fund the SWP/CTP project.
- On October 27, 2010, the SWP/CTP project agreement with TxDOT was executed, and the NTTA Board exercised its first option to develop, finance, construct and operate the CTP toll facility.
- In October 2010, more than 65 people attended the NTTA's town hall meeting in Johnson County on the southern portion of the corridor.
- TxDOT Fort Worth held an environmental public hearing in March 2011 relating to Section 6.
- The NTTA conducted a public hearing in March 2011 in Cleburne to disclose Section 6 financial information.
- On April 15, 2011, the NTTA signed a TELA with TxDOT that is expected to advance the financing of the President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension project. NTTA and TxDOT agreed to supplement the TELA to support future financing of the SWP/CTP project. The two projects are expected to constitute the "Special Projects System" of the NTTA.
- On May 12, 2011, the Texas governor signed legislation changing the corridor's name to Chisholm Trail Parkway.
- CTP in Johnson County received environmental clearance on May 10, 2011, after the FHWA concurred with TxDOT that the 2004 "finding of no significant impact" is still valid.

Corridor Updates

- During its July 2011 meeting, the NTTA Board approved the awarding of the Section 5 construction and professional services contracts. Section 5 is the final portion of the CTP project to be let.
- The Rosedale Street connector bridges at I-30 in Fort Worth opened to traffic on July 13, 2011. The new bridges were part of CTP construction work that began in spring 2010 in and around the UPRR's Davidson Yard.

Next Steps

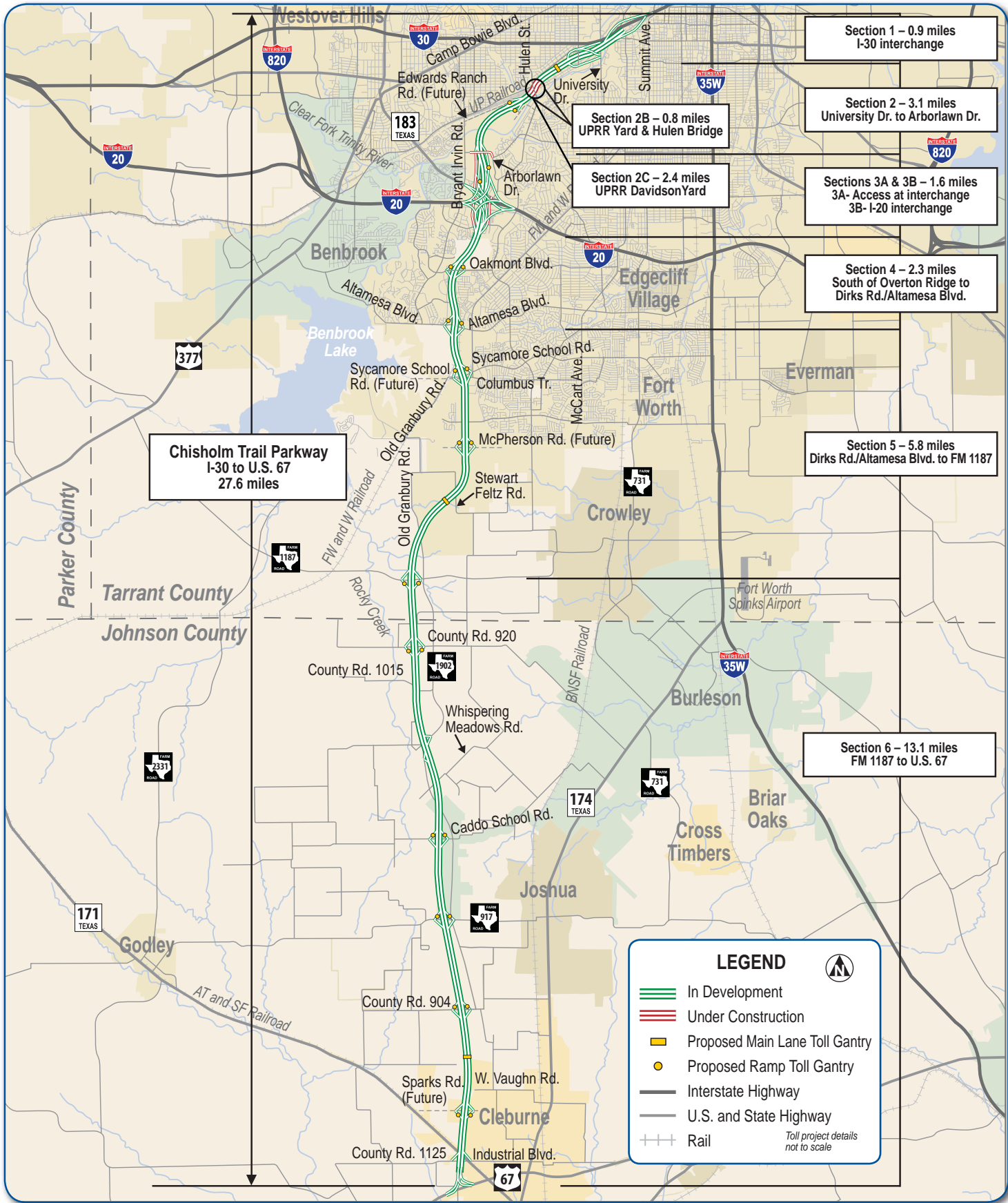
- Issue notices to proceed on the remaining sections of CTP

Project Partners

- Burleson
- Johnson County
- TxDOT
- Cleburne
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- Tarrant County
- Fort Worth
- UPRR

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