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## NTTA BOARD APPROVES LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

**PLANO, Texas – Feb. 22, 2012 –** The North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors approved an Interlocal Agreement Wednesday with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as a more cost-effective way for the NTTA to identify and invoice Louisiana drivers that have incurred NTTA tolls.

"The NTTA already pursues tolls owed by out-of-state drivers by partnering with a third party provider to acquire vehicle information from all 50 states," said Clayton Howe, NTTA assistant executive director of operations. "The only difference now is the Authority will not have to pay that third party for license plate information we get directly from the Louisiana Department of Transportation."

The in-kind agreement allows for both the NTTA and state of Louisiana to share drivers license information from out-of-state drivers who use each other's tolling facilities. For NTTA's purposes, the Authority will receive a list of the most recent names and complete addresses of registered out-of-state owners from the Louisiana Department of Public Safety. Once Louisiana drivers incur ZipCash tolls and meet NTTA's business rules, they will be identified from that list and immediately invoiced.

Out-of-state drivers make up 1.7 percent of all transactions on NTTA toll roads.

The most efficient way for either in-state or out-of-state drivers to pay for using the NTTA System is by getting a TollTag. A Zip-Pass account is also available as a short-term method for visitors to pay for tolls in personal or rental vehicles. To learn more or to sign up, visit www.NTTA.org.

## About the NTTA

The North Texas Tollway Authority, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects in the north Texas region. The <u>nine-member governing board</u> is comprised of Chairman Kenneth Barr; Vice Chairman Bill Moore; and Directors David Denison, William "Bill" Elliot, Matrice Ellis-Kirk, Michael Nowels, George "Tex" Quesada, Victor Vandergriff and Jane Willard.

The NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties and owns and operates the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge and the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. The NTTA is able to raise capital for construction

projects through the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds. NTTA toll projects are not a part of the state highway system and receive no direct tax funding. Tolls are collected to repay debt and to operate and maintain the roadways.

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