

CHISHOLM TRAIL PARKWAY Progress Report

North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)

September 2012

Chisholm Trail Parkway (CTP) is under construction as a limited-access toll road in southwest Tarrant County and northwest Johnson County. It will extend from Fort Worth's central business district to southwest Fort Worth, continuing south to Cleburne, and provide an alternate north-south alternate route for Interstate Highway (I) 35W. Formerly known as Southwest Parkway (SWP)/Chisholm Trail, the new corridor is expected to open to traffic in spring 2014.

- In the fall of 2011, the NTTA implemented three Business Information Groups (B.I.G.) for businesses along Chisholm Trail Parkway in Fort Worth. The groups meet as needed and are designed to promote open dialogue between the project team and businesses.
- Four community meetings were held in Johnson County in June 2012. Sessions were held in Burleson, Cleburne, Godley and Joshua.

Corridor Details

- Length: Approximately 27.6 miles
- Limits: I-30 to U.S. 67
- Estimated project cost: Approximately \$1.4 billion
- Estimated NTTA cost: \$859.8 million
- Anticipated open-to-traffic: Spring 2014

Milestones

- 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 August 2009 for Section 2C construction related to the formal agreement with Union Pacific Railroad. Construction began on Section 2C April 2010.
- 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 March 2011, TxDOT held an environmental public hearing about Section 6. The NTTA conducted a public hearing in Cleburne to disclose Section 6 financial information in March 2011.
- On April 15, 2011, the NTTA signed a TELA with TxDOT 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 constitute the NTTA Special Projects System.
- CTP in Johnson County received environmental clearance in May 2011.
- Financing for CTP was finalized on November 10, 2011.
- Construction of the entire CTP corridor was under way as of December 2011.

Corridor Updates

- The new Hulen Street bridge is expected to open in late September. Traffic will continue to be restricted to two lanes of traffic while the existing bridge is being demolished. The new bridge will be approximately 10 feet higher than the existing bridge; have three lanes of traffic in each direction and a 10-foot wide pedestrian walkway on the northbound side of the bridge.
- B.I.G. meetings were held in August and September for the I-30/ downtown Fort Worth, Hulen Street bridge and south Fort Worth areas.
- Work continues on the sound mitigation walls in south Fort Worth. Work is expected to begin on the panels between Oakmont Boulevard and Dutch Branch in late 2012.
- Bridge embankment and header work continue on the 19 bridges to be built in the Johnson County portion of the CTP.

Next Steps

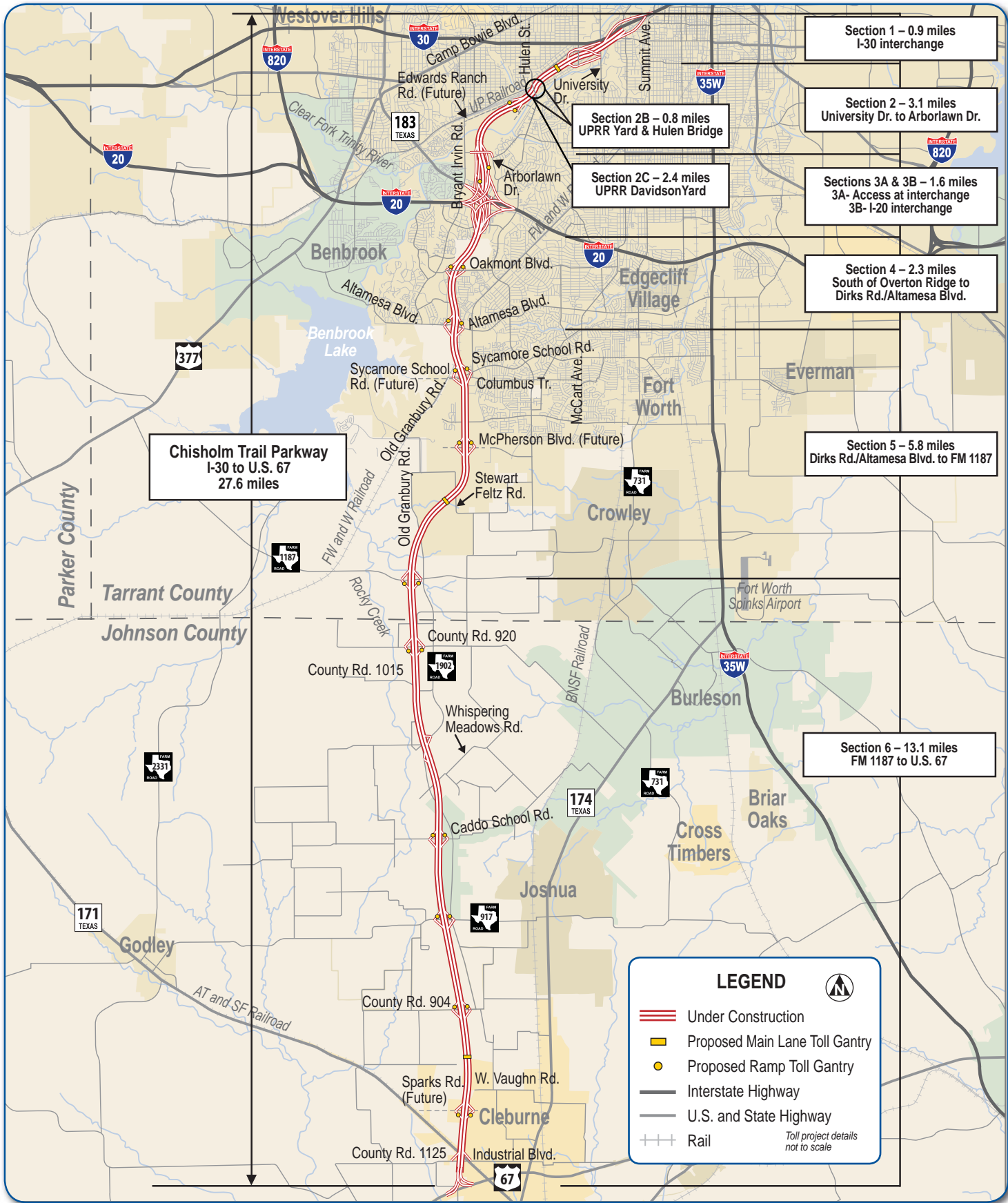
- Continue construction and outreach efforts on CTP.

Project Partners

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

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