

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH TURNPIKE EASTERN EXTENSION Progress Report

North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)

December 2008

The Eastern Extension is a portion of the outer loop around Dallas and its suburbs that connects Interstate Highway (IH) 30 to the existing President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT). It is part of the Loop 9/State Highway 190 corridor envisioned in the 1960s. Construction on the approximately 9.9-mile corridor began in October 2008. The project is expected to open to traffic in late 2011.

Milestones

- A three-party agreement among the NTTA, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was executed in November 2007. In addition, a TxDOT/NTTA two-party agreement has been executed, allowing eminent domain proceedings for critical right-of-way (ROW) acquisition to begin; property acquisitions are ongoing.
- A \$160 million toll equity grant from TxDOT to the NTTA was approved on August 23, 2007, for ROW and other costs.
- A revised schematic was approved by TxDOT on March 7, 2008.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Section 404 permit was approved April 25, 2008.
- FHWA approved the Final Environmental Impact Statement re-evaluation on July 1, 2008.
- The City of Dallas (Dallas Water Utilities, or DWU) agreement for the Lake Ray Hubbard bridge was approved by the Dallas City Council and NTTA Board of Directors in May 2008.
- A rail-crossing agreement with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) was approved by the DART Board and NTTA Board of Directors, also in May 2008.
- A groundbreaking for the first construction contract, Section 30, from north of the future Merritt Road to south of Main Street, took place August 21, 2008, at the Rowlett Community Centre and on the construction site.
- Construction on Section 30 began on October 13, 2008. With traffic control in place, work began with erosion control measures, clearing and grading, construction of a drainage culvert and waterline installation.

Corridor Updates

- A project information meeting was held November 20, 2008, at the Rowlett Community Centre. Hundreds of residents from Rowlett asked questions of project designers, engineers and others.
- Bids for Section 31 were opened on November 6, 2008.
- Asbestos abatement and demolition of structures is 75 percent complete on Section 30 and 50 percent complete on Section 32. The Section 32 portion of the Eastern Extension will be constructed by TxDOT but the NTTA has the asbestos abatement and demolition contract.
- The NTTA and the City of Rowlett are working together to move the Coyle House to Pecan Grove Park as outlined in the record of decision and the five-party mitigation agreement. Contractor bids were opened in October 2008 and the contract was approved by the NTTA Board in November 2008. The buildings are scheduled to be moved in January 2009.

Next Steps

- Finalize the construction contracts for Sections 28 and 29 and deliver the notices to proceed to the contractors.
- Award Section 31 construction contract.

Corridor Details

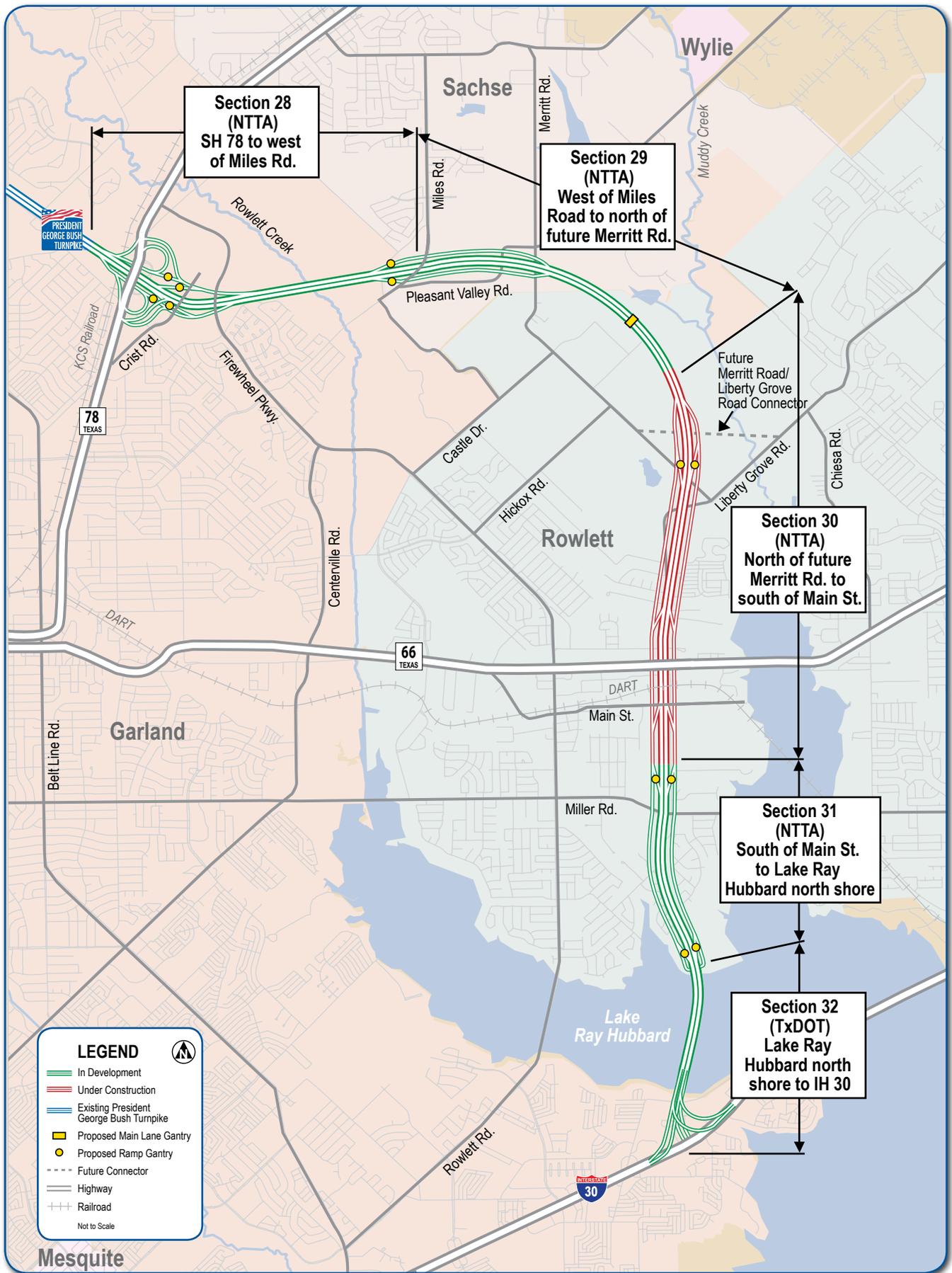
- Project limits: Extends the PGBT from SH 78 to IH 30
- Project length: Approximately 9.9 miles
- Anticipated project cost: Approximately \$1 billion
- Anticipated NTTA cost: Approximately \$610 million
- Anticipated opening date (all sections): Late 2011

Project Partners

- TxDOT
- Dallas County
- Dallas
- Garland
- Rowlett
- Sachse

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