



North Central Texas  
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**Additional Truck Lane Restrictions to Be Presented for Public Comment**

Proposed changes along North Texas highway sections could improve traffic operations

**Aug. 7, 2009** (Arlington, Texas) – Transportation planners identified several highway corridors in Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman and Tarrant counties where safety, mobility and air quality would benefit from prohibiting trucks with three or more axles from using the left lane, except when passing.

The proposed truck lane restrictions along IH 20, IH 30, IH 45, and IH 820 will be presented for public comment at hearings Aug. 10-12. Restrictions have been in place along sections of IH 20 in Dallas County and IH 30 in Tarrant County since November 2005.

Based on traffic studies, truck lane restrictions have been shown to improve mobility, safety, and air quality. The restrictions are included in the region’s long-term multimodal transportation plan approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

The North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department and RTC coordinated with the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas and Fort Worth districts, which initiated the study process leading to the recommendations and public hearings.

**Proposed truck lane restriction expansion details:**







Highway	Counties	Limits
IH 20	Dallas, Kaufman and Tarrant	From U.S. 377 in Fort Worth to FM 740 in Mesquite
IH 30	Tarrant	From Dale Lane in Fort Worth to FM 157 in Arlington
IH 45	Dallas and Ellis	From IH 30 in Dallas to FM 3413 in Ennis
IH 820	Tarrant	From Westpoint Boulevard in Fort Worth to IH 20 in Fort Worth

**Public hearing details:**

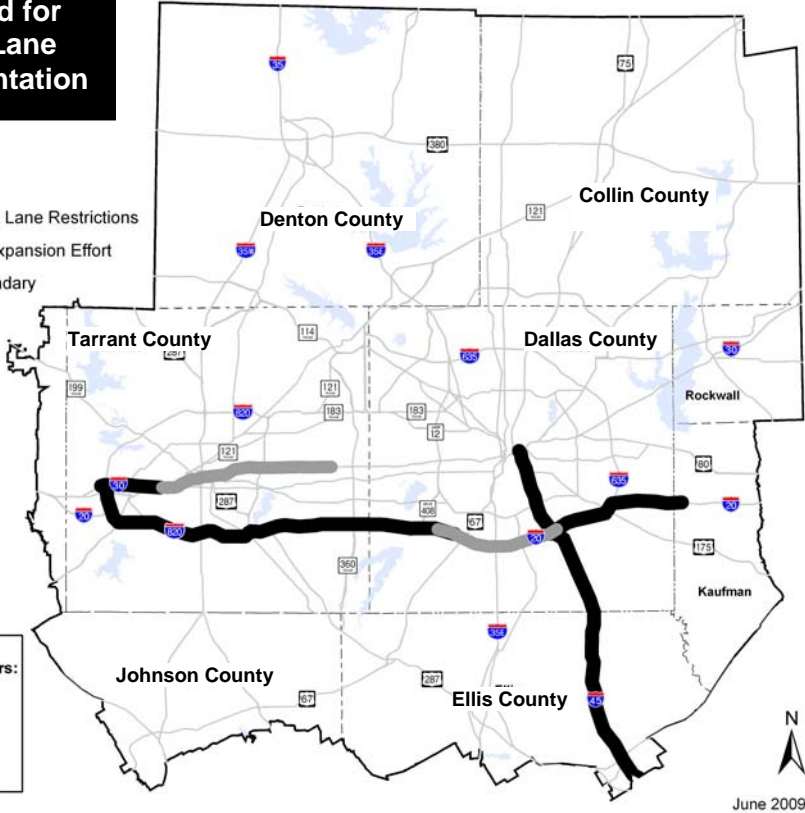
Monday, Aug. 10 6:30 p.m. Ennis High School 2301 Ensign Road Ennis, TX 75119	Tuesday, Aug. 11 6:30 p.m. Fort Worth Intermodal Transportation Center 1001 Jones St. Fort Worth, TX 76102	Wednesday, Aug. 12 6:30 p.m. Lancaster City Hall 211 N. Henry St. Lancaster, Texas 75146
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# Corridors Proposed for Near-Term Truck Lane Restriction Implementation

## Legend

-  Current Truck Lane Restrictions
-  Recommended Near-Term Truck Lane Restrictions
-  Roadways Not Part of Current Expansion Effort
-  Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Major Lakes

- Factors to Consider When Selecting Potential Truck Lane Restriction Corridors:**
- Three or more lanes
  - Moderate to high level of truck traffic
  - No site or corridor specific barriers to implementation
  - Connection to statewide Truck Lane Restrictions



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NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 233 member governments including 16 counties, 165 cities, 23 school districts and 29 special districts.

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