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A van carrying two people who were looking for homeless individuals to assist arrived shortly afterward. Together, they helped move the man into the van and out of the worst of the weather. The man was so cold he could no longer bend his arms or legs. Smith stayed on the phone with dispatchers while they waited for paramedics. The man managed to share that he was 35 years old before drifting in and out of consciousness. Paramedics eventually arrived and transported him to a hospital.

Looking back, Smith reflected on how an unexpected wrong turn brought him to someone who urgently needed help.

"It feels good to help someone," Smith said. "I'm a man of faith. I guess I was where I needed to be at that time."

Smith's actions embody the spirit of the Extra Mile Award and serve as a reminder that making a difference doesn't always require a plan. Sometimes, it starts with the simple decision to stop and help. ■



SOURCE: TxDOT TxDOT photo

TxDOT and Texas A&M Transportation Institute leadership honor Safety Officer Adam Smith with the Extra Mile Award for his heroism during the January 2026 winter storm.



Go to DriveTexas.org in order to plan your next travel destination.
This website can assist travelers with some of the most accurate and up-to-date travel-related information for highways across Texas.

Drivers can use DRIVETEXAS.ORG in order to:

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2. View statewide network of traffic cameras
3. See work zone locations statewide
4. View scheduled lane and ramp closures in work zones
5. Find rest areas and travel information centers

SCAN ME!

SOURCE: TxDOT TxDOT graphic

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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REPORT A POTHOLE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REPORT A POTHOLE NEEDING REPAIR IN THE DALLAS DISTRICT, PLEASE GO TO THIS LINK:
https://www.txdot.gov/about/contact-us/report-an-issue/roadneedsrepair.html
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Going the Extra Mile: Safety Officer Recognized for Heroism

Some of the most meaningful acts of service happen in moments of crisis, when someone steps up to put another's well-being first. That spirit is at the heart of TxDOT's Extra Mile Award, which has recognized employees statewide for extraordinary acts of service both on and off the job since 1983.

This October, Dallas District Safety Officer Adam Smith was honored with the Extra Mile Award for his actions during a winter weather event earlier this year. He and a handful of other TxDOT employees statewide received the prestigious honor at the department's annual Transportation Short Course at Texas A&M University.

On the morning of Jan. 25, icy conditions gripped much of North Texas, with temperatures in the teens and wind chills near zero. What began as a routine check during the district's winter weather response quickly became a potentially life-saving moment.

Smith was checking a sand and salt stockpile beneath Interstate 345 near Taylor Street on the edge of downtown Dallas. As he turned his TxDOT vehicle to head back to the office, Smith accidentally turned onto a city street. There, a man wearing only a light jacket, thin pants and shoes ran toward his truck, frantically waving his arms.



SOURCE: TxDOT TxDOT photo

Dallas district Safety Officer Adam Smith accepts the Extra Mile Award onstage at TxDOT's 100th Annual Transportation Short Course conference.

> "He was basically freezing to death."
> – **Adam Smith,** Dallas District Safety Officer

Smith stopped to see what was wrong. The man asked for a ride to a hospital or train station where he could get warm. Smith quickly recognized the severity of the situation.

"He was basically freezing to death," Smith said.

After assuring the man he would get help, the man collapsed in the snow-covered street. Smith grabbed his personal coat from the truck and wrapped it around the man before calling 911.

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OCTOBER 2026 LET PROJECTS

#	CSJ	PROJECT LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	CONTRACTOR	BID
1	CSJ: 0009-11-248	**I-30** – At Bass Pro Drive	Interchange improvement	Ragle Construction,Inc.	$54.4 M
2	CSJ: 0092-02-145	**I-45** – I-20 to Ellis County line (C/L)	Cooperative and automated transportation	Sice, Inc.	$29.9 M
3	CSJ: 0092-03-064	**I-45** – South of Rising Rd. to Dallas C/L	Hazard elimination & safety	XIT Paving and Construction	$3.7 M
4	CSJ: 0095-03-100	**US 80** – US 80 WB mainlanes at Buffalo Creek	Bridge replacement	Highway 19 Construction, LLC	$55.0 M
5	CSJ: 0196-03-288	**I-35E** – DART Victory Station to I-35E SB FRs	Construct pedestrian infrastructure	Garret Sheilds Infrastructure	$1.2 M
6	CSJ: 0387-01-016	**FM 75** – Monte Carlo Blvd. to FM 1827	Rehabilitate existing roadway	A.K. Gillis & Sons, LLC	$4.9 M
*	CSJ: 0092-05-058	**I-45** – Various Locations to Dallas District	Seal coat, pavement markings, mill & inlay HMAC	Clark Construction Group, LLC	$13.6 M
				ESTIMATED TOTAL	**$162.7 M**

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NOVEMBER 2026 SCHEDULED LET PROJECTS • (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

#	CSJ	PROJECT LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)
1	CSJ: 0047-04-032	**SH 5** – From N of Collin County Outer Loop to N of Hackberry Dr.	Reconstruct and widen 2 lane rural highway to 4 lane urban	$39.9 M
2	CSJ: 0195-02-092	**I-35** – From N of Rector Rd. to S of FM 455	Widen road - add lanes	$141.3 M
3	CSJ: 0619-03-068	**FM 544** – From McCreary Rd. to SH 78	Traffic signal improvements	$1.7 M
			ESTIMATED TOTAL	**$183 M**

COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS • (FROM OCTOBER 1-31, 2026)

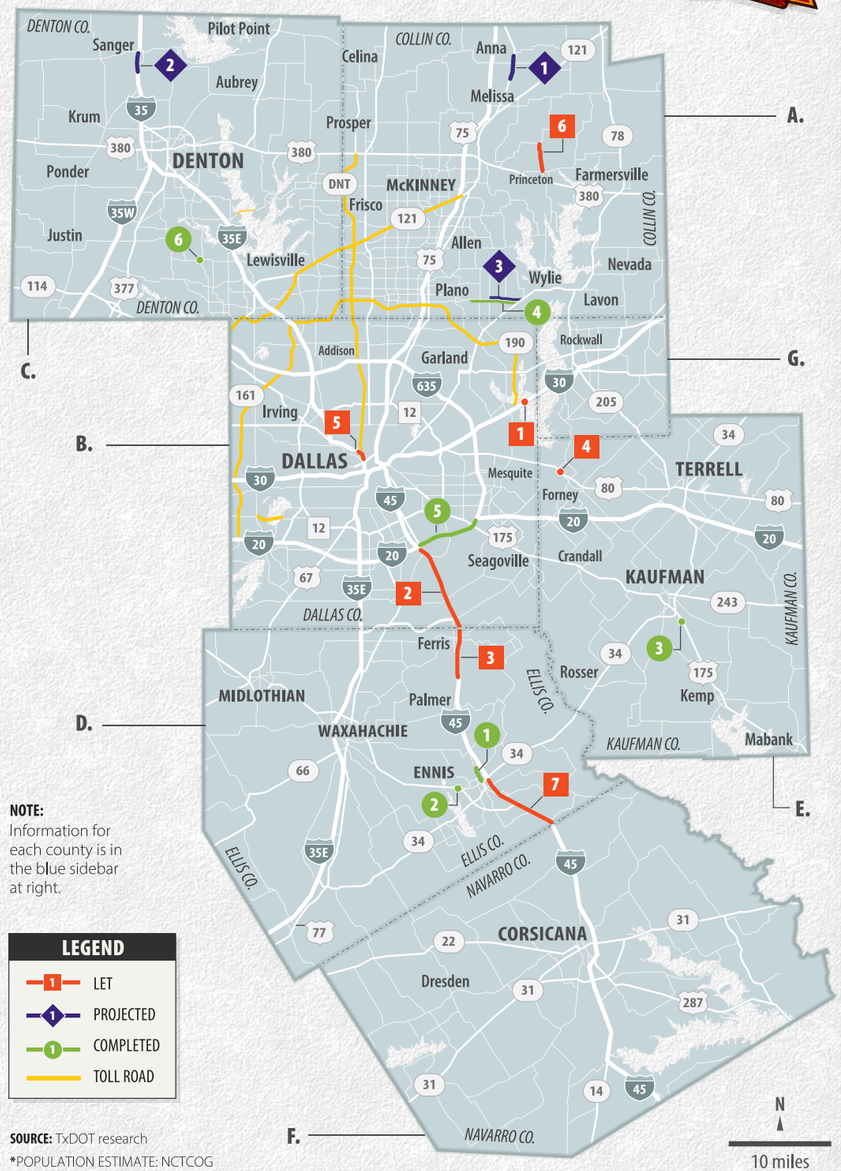
#	CSJ	PROJECT LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)	COMPLETED DATE
1	CSJ: 0092-08-021	**BI 45** – From Spur 469 to SH 34	Install raised median	$1.1 M	10/26/2026
2	CSJ: 0172-08-106	**US 287** – From off-ramp to US 287 EB to US 287 WB	Hazard elimination & safety	$1.1 M	10/26/2026
3	CSJ: 0197-04-086	**US 175** – From W of TX 34 to S of FM 153	Intersection improvement	$5.4 M	10/7/2026
4	CSJ: 0619-03-067	**FM 544** – At Heritage Pkwy. to SH 78	Rehabilitate existing roadway	$0.8 M	10/26/2026
5	CSJ: 2374-03-098	**I-20** – From I-45 to I-635	Rehabilitate existing roadway	$20.2 M	10/12/2026
6	CSJ: 2681-01-027	**FM 2499** – At FM 407	Hazard elimination & safety	$3.1 M	10/20/2026
			ESTIMATED TOTAL	**$31.7 M**	



DALLAS DISTRICT PROJECTS MAP

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the **charts on page 2** and show projects that have let in **October 2026,** are projected to let in **November 2026,** or have recently been **completed.**

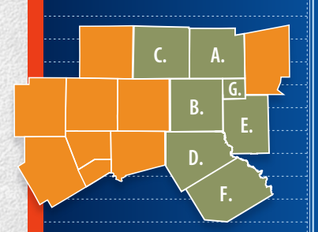




NOTE:
Information for each county is in the blue sidebar at right.

LEGEND
- LET
- PROJECTED
- COMPLETED
- TOLL ROAD

SOURCE: TxDOT research
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG



FY2026 DALLAS DISTRICT ESTIMATE TOTALS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION | **4,950,262**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE | **5,650,522**
LANE MILES | **11,671**

A. | COLLIN COUNTY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **956,767**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: **1,305,366**
LANE MILES: **1,652**

B. | DALLAS COUNTY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **2,119,019**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: **2,762,279**
LANE MILES: **3,618**

C. | DENTON COUNTY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **819,821**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: **1,068,355**
LANE MILES: **1,864**

D. | ELLIS COUNTY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **705,428**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: **239,923**
LANE MILES: **1,659**

E. | KAUFMAN COUNTY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **170,855**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: **171,808**
LANE MILES: **1,235**

F. | NAVARRO COUNTY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **61,112**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: **55,991**
LANE MILES: **1,276**

G. | ROCKWALL COUNTY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION: **117,260**
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: **135,500**
LANE MILES: **366**