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“The issue we had in 2021 was that our crews were out fighting the event on the roadway and at the same time, we had to continue making brine 24/7. We could only put it out as fast as we could make it.”



With events like this, clear communication across multiple area offices is critical, but not always easy. “Coordinating with each office can be extremely difficult because sometimes, internally, supervisors take a lot of pride in their sections and don’t want to leave them behind,” said Songer. “It’s providing the reason why we need you to do something, versus just doing it because we said so. We say, ‘if something happens down here, we’re going to move another section up into

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Dallas District Maintenance Administrator

your county to take care of you.”

It includes communicating with public information officers so the public can stay updated.

“I’m telling them what we did overnight, if we had any issues or any major concerns, and then what we were planning on doing throughout the day to continue with snow and ice treatment for de-icing operations.”

When it comes to ensuring safety for his crews, Songer says it is as important

as anyone else’s role. During an emergency activation, a GPS is displayed on the screens in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) office to show the locations of the trucks. With this method, Songer calls supervisors to send crews over to areas that need assistance.

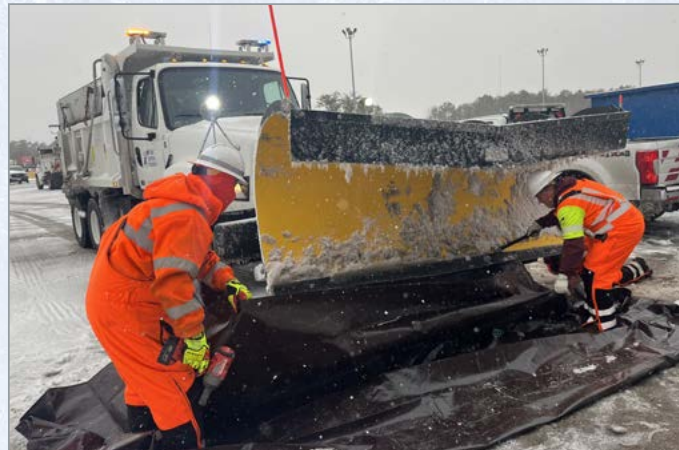
“It’s not just my role in the EOC, but the other people we have staffed with us that have the capability to monitor, look and call to make a judgment based on what we see,” he said.

Whatever the emergency – flooding, severe storms, winter weather or wildfires – the Dallas District’s EOC will always be ready. Thanks for the hard work of Songer and all the maintenance crews. ■

—Janese Mashell



SOURCE: TxDOT



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At left: TxDOT crewmember does a walk-through on a snowplow blade-equipped truck before heading out during last year’s winter storm. **At right:** Another TxDOT crew scrapes-off a buildup of ice and debris from the snowplow during a long day of work keeping roads clear.

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Dear TxDOT Dallas District: “Many thanks and kudos to district engineer Clemens for the resurfacing of Spur 408 and I-20 in Southern Dallas County. It’s nice to know TxDOT cares about us. Please pass this on to Ceason Clemens from former Duncanville mayor Barry Gordon.”

— Barry Gordon, Duncanville

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DALLAS DISTRICT PROGRESS



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FROM BLAZING HOT TO BITTERLY COLD

In high temperatures, TxDOT starts preparing for winter weather ahead



When the hot sun begins to blaze down at the start of summer, Dallas District Maintenance Administrator Victor Songer and his crew start training and preparing—not for the heat, but for the winter season ahead.

“In the middle of summer is a good training opportunity,” said Songer. “We cross-train employees on how to properly drive a 10-yard dump truck, how to shift a 10-yard dump truck, and also how to use a loader to load those same trucks that we use in the winter.”

As workers familiarize themselves with the trucks, checking the equipment to ensure it is working mechanically and ready to go plays a vital role.

“Obviously, without good equipment, you’re going to fail” said Songer. “A big part of the preparation process is doing inspections on all our equipment. We’ll calibrate the brine units, check the V-boxes, verify there’s no hydraulic leaks and no wire issues.”

The crew conducts an inventory check to verify that all materials are



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TxDOT uses a wide variety of heavy equipment during severe winter weather events. In preparation for this, TxDOT conducts training and equipment maintenance/upgrades in order to be ready for the winter season.

available, ordering new supplies if needed. Songer said this year, the Dallas District is getting more snowplow blades for dump trucks and piloting plow blades for pickups.

With the last major snowstorm occurring in 2021, Songer and his crew walked

away with lessons that guide their work today.

“We learned we needed more storage capacity for our brine,” said Songer.

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AUGUST 2025 LET PROJECTS						
#	CSJ No.	HWY	PROJECT LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	CONTRACTOR	BID
1	CSJ: 0091-04-067	SH 289	E Broadway St. to FM 455 in Collin County	Traffic signal improvements	O. Trevino Construction, LLC	\$2.30 M
2	CSJ: 0172-08-106	US 287	Off-ramp to US 287 BUS eastbound to US 287 BUS westbound	Intersection improvement	Big Creek Construction, Ltd.	\$1.12 M
3	CSJ: 0195-02-081	I-35	Denton County line to north of FM 3002	Widen road - add lanes	Indus Road & Bridge, Inc.	\$128.70 M
4	CSJ: 0443-02-023	SH 198	North of US 175 to FM 3080	Highway improvement	A. L. Helmcamp, Inc.	\$5.18 M
5	CSJ: 0522-01-026	SH 243	SH 34 to FM 2727	Highway improvement	A. L. Helmcamp, Inc.	\$3.54 M
6	CSJ: 1016-02-021	FM 1138	North of W County Line Rd. to W County Line Rd.	Highway improvement	A. K. Gillis & Sons, LLC	\$7.63 M
7	CSJ: 1785-01-043	FM 1830	US 377 to FM 407	Install/replace signs	Marcom's Mowing Service, LLC	\$0.29 M
8	CSJ: 2264-01-012	FM 2377	S. Lowrance Rd. to FM 983	Rehabilitate existing roadway	Knife River Corporation - South	\$6.54 M

SOURCE: TxDOT

ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$155.30 M
DISTRICT FY ACCUMULATIVE LETTINGS	\$2.23 B

SEPTEMBER 2025 SCHEDULED LET PROJECTS • (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) – *Project CSJs with asterisk are unmapped					
#	CSJ No.	HWY	PROJECT LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)
1	CSJ: 0092-02-144	I-45	At Cottonwood Road	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$21.77 M
2	CSJ: 0574-02-022	FM 636	At Willow Creek	Bridge replacement	\$10.49 M
3	CSJ: 0581-01-171	SL 12	US 175 to I-20	Reconstruct existing roadway	\$6.75 M
4	CSJ: 0747-01-018	FM 667	SH 34 to Navarro County line	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$11.20 M
5	CSJ: 0918-46-300	N Trinity Rd.	Trinity Road At Cooper Creek in the city of Denton	Bridge Replacement	\$1.68 M
6	CSJ: 1494-03-004	FM 3486	FM 986 to SH 34	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$1.31 M
7	CSJ: 2678-01-014	FM 428	Denton County line to FM 455	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$7.69 M
8	CSJ: 3226-01-010	FM 3163	I-35 to FM 2164	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$0.00
*	CSJ: 0918-00-490	Various	Various locations in Rockwall (FY 2026)	Traffic Signal Improvements	\$4.82 M

SOURCE: TxDOT

ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$65.71 M
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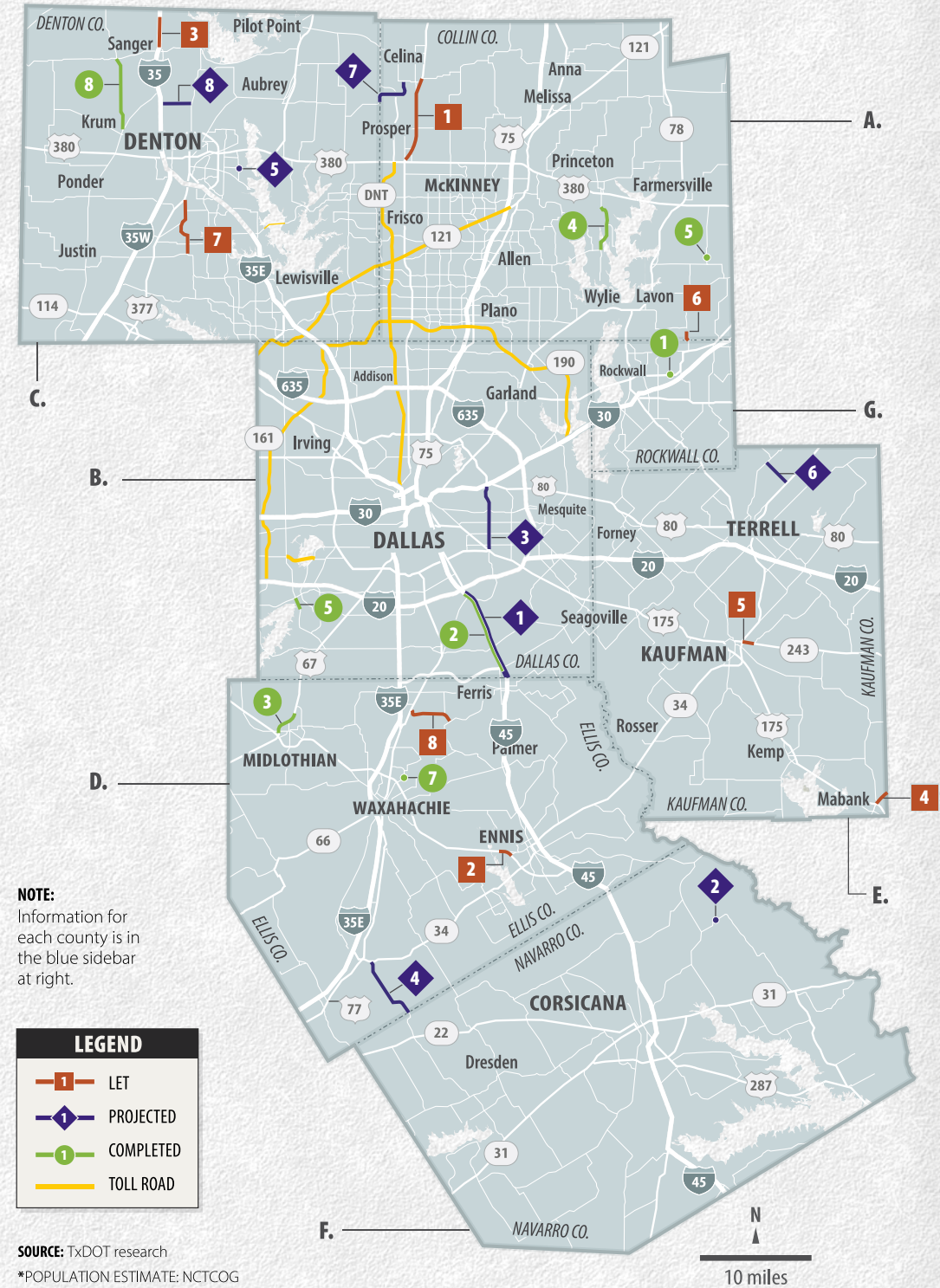
COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS • (FROM AUGUST 1-31, 2025)						
#	CSJ No.	HWY	PROJECT LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)	COMPLETED DATE
1	CSJ: 0009-04-074	SH 66	At Ben Payne Rd	Hazard elimination & safety	\$4.1 M	8/19/2025
2	CSJ: 0092-02-135	I-45	South of Malloy Bridge Rd. to I-20	Rehabilitation of existing road	\$7.3 M	8/5/2025
3	CSJ: 0261-01-050	US 67	From BUS 287-Q to S of Midlothian	Rehabilitation of existing road	\$11.3 M	8/7/2025
4	CSJ: 0387-05-026	FM 982	Myrick Lane to FM 546	Restoration	\$5.5 M	8/11/2025
5	CSJ: 1014-01-014	FM 547	At Sabine Creek Branch No 1	Bridge replacement	\$4.9 M	8/11/2025
6	CSJ: 1047-03-079	FM 1382	Camp Wisdom intersection	Bicycle infrastructure improvement	\$4.3 M	8/7/2025
7	CSJ: 1139-01-048	FM 813	Sioux Dr. to Sapphire Ln.	Intersection improvement	\$1.1 M	8/19/2025
8	CSJ: 2353-02-028	FM 2450	From FM 455 to FM 156 HSIP	Rehabilitation of existing road	\$9.9 M	8/25/2025

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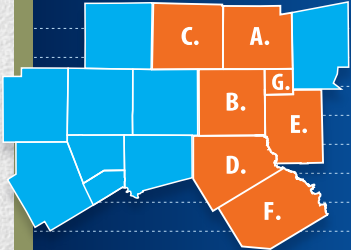
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$48.4 M	TxDOT graphic
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DALLAS DISTRICT PROJECTS MAP

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts on page 2 and show projects that have let in **September 2025**, are projected to let in **August 2025**, or have recently been **completed**.



SOURCE: TxDOT research
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG



2025 DALLAS DISTRICT ESTIMATE TOTALS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION | 4,272,434
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE | 5,739,222
 LANE MILES | 11,456

A. | COLLIN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 892,924
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,305,366
 LANE MILES: 1,578

B. | DALLAS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 2,101,685
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 2,762,279
 LANE MILES: 3,563

C. | DENTON COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 763,677
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,068,355
 LANE MILES: 1,822

D. | ELLIS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 201,810
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 239,923
 LANE MILES: 1,627

E. | KAUFMAN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 151,162
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 171,808
 LANE MILES: 1,225

F. | NAVARRO COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 54,161
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 55,991
 LANE MILES: 1,276

G. | ROCKWALL COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 107,015
 *POPULATION ESTIMATE: 135,500
 LANE MILES: 365