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Above: Kevin Hanselka of TxDOT hand-excavates for artifacts.

TO LEARN MORE
about the Bolivar
Archaeological
Project:



Below: At the site of the old Sartin Hotel, a stone-lined, hand-dug water well with metal pulley and wire bucket handle were found.



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At left: A fancy
bone-handled knife.

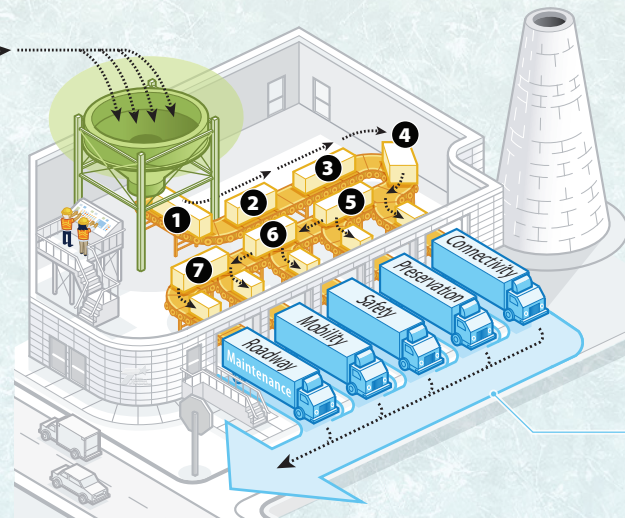
A VISIONARY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING ROADWAYS

A factory-themed metaphorical take on the business of how TxDOT builds roadways:

1. FUNDING SOURCES



SOURCE: TxDOT



TxDOT graphic by DEAN HOLLINGSWORTH/Information Specialist

2. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Public Involvement
2. Feasibility Analysis
3. Environmental
4. Engineering
5. Right of Way
6. Utility Adjustment
7. Contractor Procurement

3. MOBILITY AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

DALLAS DISTRICT PROGRESS

Monthly Report on Dallas District Projects and Topics

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BEYOND the ROAD



TxDOT proudly represented how we go “Beyond the Road” at the Denton Juneteenth Celebration at Fred Moore Park last month.

Denton County’s Bolivar Archaeological Project was on full display for the public to learn about, which included selected artifacts uncovered during the environmental phase of the expansion of FM 455.

That excavation, which wrapped up in early 2021, unearthed the legacy of a freedman named Tom Cook.



Our research revealed a portion of FM 455 was once the site of a blacksmith shop along the Chisolm Trail, owned by the formerly enslaved Cook in the late 1800s.

TxDOT and a team of archaeologists discovered a myriad of Cook’s tools, horse and mule shoes, and other artifacts that served as the impetus for a broader project, which included tracking down some of Cook’s living descendants.

Cook’s great-great-grandson, Howard Clark, was one of the family members invited to help excavate the site and be a part of outreach for the project.

After learning more about his ancestor, Clark decided to learn more about blacksmithing himself. He signed up for classes with professional blacksmith Kelly Kring at Brookhaven Community College, and the



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Members of the Bolivar Archaeological Team gather at the Denton Juneteenth Festival with Howard Clark, (center), the great-great-grandson of Tom Cook.

pair demonstrated some historic blacksmithing techniques at the Juneteenth event. Clark joined Kring at the Juneteenth event, to assist in demonstrating some historic blacksmithing techniques to the public.



Attendees at the event also had the chance to learn more about the old Sartin Hotel, which was uncovered during our work across the street from Cook’s blacksmith shop.

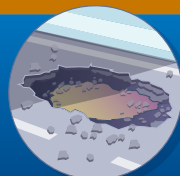
Researchers and historians were on hand to discuss the project, its discoveries, and the environmental process at TxDOT.

All artifacts found throughout the Bolivar Archaeological Project have been documented and preserved to conserve this part of the community’s history. Their permanent home is still being discussed. A limestone well that was part of the Sartin Hotel is being preserved on the other side of FM 455. TxDOT is in the process of securing historical markers for the site. [\[More on back page\]](#)



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JUNE 2023 LET PROJECTS

	CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	COST EST. (M)	BID (M)	+/- (%)	CONTRACTOR
1	0281-02-077	SH 78	Collin Co. line to Spring Creek Parkway in Wylie	Repair roadway	\$1.16	\$1.74	50%	Interstate Improvement, Inc.
2	0364-02-024	SH 121	At West Sandy Lake Rd.	Landscape development	\$0.19	\$0.17	-9%	Tight Line Construction, LLC
3	0816-05-025	FM 2862	SH 5 to Westover Ln.	Hazard elimination & safety	\$5.85	\$7.61	30%	Foutsco Paving Company, LLC
4	1012-01-017	FM 543	At Taylor Birch, Sabine Creek and S. Creek No. 1	Replace bridge and approaches	\$3.14	\$2.92	-7%	Indus Road & Bridge, Inc.
5	1014-01-014	FM 547	At Sabine Creek Branch No. 1	Bridge replacement	\$5.14	\$4.90	-5%	Indus Road & Bridge, Inc.
6	2374-03-098	I-20	I-45 to I-635	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$17.26	\$20.22	17%	FNH Construction, LLC
7	2374-04-091	I-20	At N. Cedar Ridge Dr.	Landscape development	\$0.21	\$0.19	-9%	Central North Construction, LLC
---	0918-24-272*	Alma Dr.	Various locations to in the City of Allen	Advanced traffic management system	\$2.14	\$2.57	21%	FNH Construction, LLC

* Unmapped.		EST. JUNE 2023 TOTALS	\$35.09	\$40.32	11%
* Indicates project is an A+B bidding project.		DISTRICT FY CUMULATIVE LETTINGS	\$743.00	\$716.72	
** District FY 2022 Letting Cap includes the following:					
1) IH 35E Phase II Dallas County Design Build Project for \$708 M		DALLAS DISTRICT FY LETTING VOLUME CAP	\$1,301,360,000**		
Note: Accumulative Letting/Obligations decreased due to bid rejection of Klyde Warren Deck Park Extension CSJ 0196-07-034 and IH 35E Frankford Rd CSJ 0196-02-132.					

JULY 2023 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

	CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)
1	0009-12-219	I-30	SH 205 to west of FM 2642 (Hunt County line)	Widen road/add lanes	\$354.33
2	0047-06-174	US 75	Valley Creek Trail to Grayson County line	Repair roadway	\$1.21
3	0048-01-069	SH 342	Belt Line Rd. to Ellis County line	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$8.77
4	0197-03-078	US 175	West of FM 148 bypass to east of FM 148 bypass	Interchange improvement	\$54.13
5	0197-05-059	US 175	Henderson County line to FM 1895	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$35.92
6	0918-47-359	FD 701260	On N/S Spine Rd. to within Cedar Hill State Park	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$1.73
7	1159-02-037	FM 879	I-45 to W of FM 1722	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$7.47
8	1311-01-060	FM 1171	At FM 2499 (Long Prairie Rd.)	Intersection improvements with right and/or left turn lanes	\$0.75
---	0918-47-438*	Various	Various locations in Dallas County	Reflectorized pavement markings and markers	\$4.88

* Unmapped.				ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$469.19
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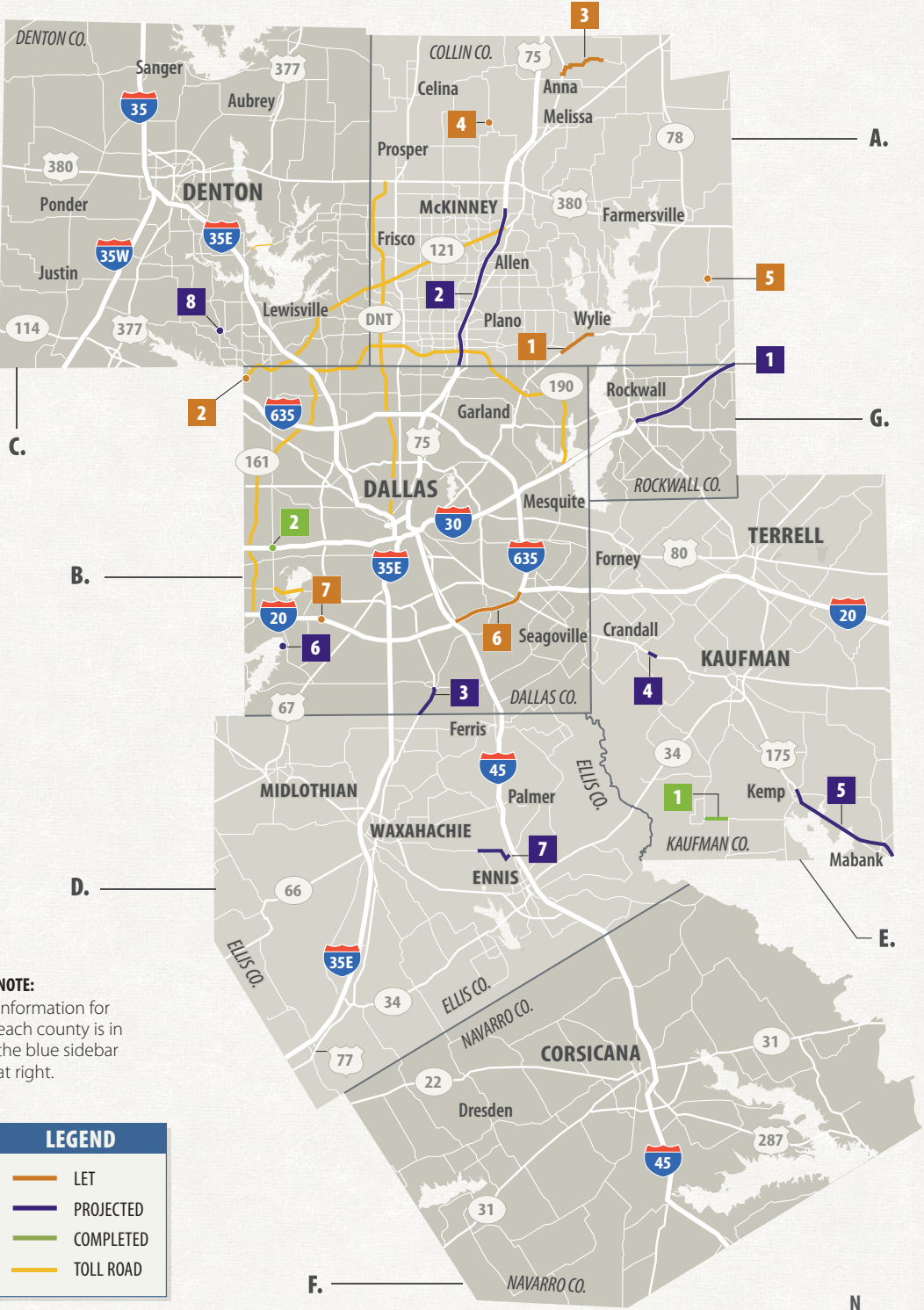
COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (FROM JUNE 1-30, 2023)

	CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)	COMPLETED DATE
1	0751-03-041	FM 148	From FM 3094 South to FM 2613	Rehab existing roadway	\$2.70	6/5/2023
2	1068-04-178	I-30	At Belt Line Rd	Landscape development	\$0.29	6/5/2023
---	0918-00-377*	VA	On I-35E from Dallas/Denton County line to N of Oak St.	Install/replace signs	\$0.75	6/1/2023

* Unmapped.				ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$3.74 M
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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 June 2023, are projected to let in July 2023, or have recently been completed.



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

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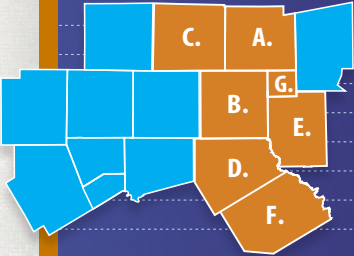
LET

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TOLL ROAD

SOURCE: TxDOT research
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG



2023 DALLAS DISTRICT ESTIMATE TOTALS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION | 4,272,434
*POPULATION ESTIMATE | 5,414,645
LANE MILES | 11,456

A. | COLLIN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 892,924
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,175,974
LANE MILES: 1,578

B. | DALLAS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 2,101,685
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 2,675,009
LANE MILES: 3,563

C. | DENTON COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 763,677
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,006,492
LANE MILES: 1,822

D. | ELLIS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 201,810
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 218,125
LANE MILES: 1,627

E. | KAUFMAN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 151,162
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 158,672
LANE MILES: 1,225

F. | NAVARRO COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 54,161
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 55,639
LANE MILES: 1,276

G. | ROCKWALL COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 107,015
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 124,734
LANE MILES: 365