



NTE Leads Discussion on Future of Transportation

NTE was proud to sponsor the 8th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit hosted by Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes (Precinct 3). Robert Hinkle, director of corporate affairs, moderated a panel discussion about autonomous vehicles and how soon we could see them on the streets of North Texas. The summit's theme, "Creating the Transportation Tomorrowland, Today," focused on the future of transportation, infrastructure and urban development. Among the future development of transportation technology on display was "Buzzy," a drone that captured photos of the audience throughout the day.



NTE JUDGES FORT WORTH DIVISIONAL STEM COMPETITION

100 middle school students traveled from all over Northeast Tarrant county to compete in the 40th anniversary of the Texas Alliance of Minorities for Engineering (TAME) Fort Worth Divisional Competition at Richland High School. Daniel Fernandez, Chief Operating Officer of NTE Mobility Partners (NTEMP), and Allie Bauman, NTEMP, volunteered as judges for the 2017 Engineering Design Challenge. This is part of NTE's long-term commitment to STEM education in Birdville ISD. NTEMP and the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) provided a five-year STEM education grant for \$476,750 that was awarded to Haltom High School in 2011.



I-35W Construction Activities and Closures

We are hard at work building better roads and highways for North Texas. In fact the section of I-35W between I-820 and U.S. 81/287 is nearing completion! As we continue construction to complete the I-35W corridor, the following entrance and exit ramps along I-35W are closed for an extended period of time:

- On-ramps to southbound I-35W from Weatherford Street and Gilvin Street (April 2017)
- Off-ramp from southbound I-35W to westbound Spur 280 (April 2017)
- Northbound I-35W exit to Meacham Boulevard (through July 2017)
- Southbound I-35W off-ramp to Papurt Drive (through December 2017)
- Northbound I-35W at Northside Drive/Yucca Avenue (through July 2017)

Subscribing to the NTE [e-alerts](#) and checking the [website](#) for updated closure and detour announcements are two easy ways to stay on top of upcoming construction activities and areas that may have delays.

Construction footage is also available on the North Tarrant Express [YouTube channel](#), as well as aerial images on the project website.



Legislative Update

With the 85th session of the Texas Legislature well underway, representatives of NTE Mobility Partners and LBJ Infrastructure Group have been meeting with members of the Texas Legislature to share with them the success of the North Tarrant Express and LBJ Express corridors in providing congestion relief, higher speeds and shorter travel times. Our goal is to keep North Texans mobile and we look forward to continuing to work with TxDOT and regional transportation planners in providing much needed highway expansion.

Know Before You Go!

Spring is just around the corner! Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 12. Also with a change in seasons comes a change in traffic patterns, so we encourage drivers to check for up-to-the-minute information on lane closures and traffic detours on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts.

We also post information about major accidents and delays, which can help keep you on track when traveling along I-35W or the North Tarrant Express corridor along Loop 820 and Airport Freeway or LBJ Express.

As always, please stay safe on the road – that includes refraining from texting and making phone calls while driving. While it's unsafe at any speed, remember that it's illegal to operate a cell phone in a school zone unless a hands-free device is used.

Be sure to "Know Before You Go!" You can find a complete list of current NTE lane closures on I-35W [here](#) along with alternate route maps [here](#).