

National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 3-7

"Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands"

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. This year, April 3-7, has been designated the 18th Annual National Work Zone Awareness Week.

The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones. According to the 2017 edition of "Injury Facts," a chartbook from the National Safety Council, 700 deaths and 35,500 injuries occurred in work zone crashes in 2015.

The following tips are important to keep in mind as you approach and drive through construction zones:

- **Pay attention** to the **work zone** and **speed limit signs**.
- **Be aware** that traffic patterns will be different than normal.
- **Be patient**. The work will make your travel much better in the future.
- **Respect the workers**. They are doing their job to improve your commute.
- **DON'T** drive impaired or distracted. **No phones. No texting. No drugs. No alcohol.** *Remember to get plenty of sleep!*

Who Uses the LBJ and NTE TEXpress Lanes?

The answer might surprise you. It's everyone!

The combination of general highway lanes and TEXpress Lanes accommodates more than 500,000 trips **every day** on the LBJ and NTE Express corridors.

Take a look at the graphic below! The most popular car brands on the TEXpress Lanes are Ford, Honda and Toyota. In addition, 71 percent of current users view the TEXpress Lanes as having a positive impact on their daily commute.

LBJ + NTE TEXPRESS LANES ARE FOR EVERYONE



4+ million different vehicles have used the LBJ & NTE to-date



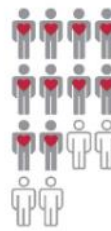
7 million people live in Dallas-Fort Worth



5 in 14 users are new to the TEXpress Lanes each month



Only 15% of cars are Luxury Brands. The most common are Toyota, Ford, Honda



10 in 14 users view the TEXpress Lanes favorably



NTE Team Members Attend the HEB ISD Student Showcase

The North Tarrant Express team attended the HEB ISD Student Showcase and toured the new Buinger CTE Academy. Many programs were highlighted at the event including, music performance, robotics, and several STEM related programs. This tour allowed the NTE team to see first-hand the new, elementary STEM program that was established through the help of the NTE grant.



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 (June 2017)
- Off-ramp from southbound I-35W to westbound Spur 280 (June 2017)
- Northbound I-35W off-ramp to Meacham Boulevard (through July 2017)
- Northbound I-35W on-ramp 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 our work with TxDOT and regional transportation planners to provide much needed highway expansion.

Know Before You Go!

The Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) is rewinding up for the spring season and will host its annual spring NASCAR race, April 6-9.

The average spring race brings in approximately 150,000 race fans. This will mean that the I-35W corridor north of Alliance Airport and roads surrounding TMS will be **extremely** congested with vehicles and people. Presently, there are events and races scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival, April 20-23, is another event where you can expect large crowds and congestion within the I-35W corridor.

Additionally, Easter weekend (April 13-17) is right around the corner, and is a busy travel time, it's important to stay up-to-speed on closures, traffic shifts and lane reductions. Let North Tarrant Express and LBJ Express help plan your road trips to visit out-of-town relatives and friends. We encourage drivers to check for up-to-the-minute information on lane closures and traffic detours on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) 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.

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](#).