

North Central Texas Council Of Governments

TO: Regional Transportation Partners
(32 Cities and 6 Counties)

DATE: April 26, 2013

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Stakeholder Support for the Expansion of Truck Lane Restrictions in Inside/Left Lanes on Freeways with Six or more Lanes

Following the Truck Lane Pilot Study completion, local governments within the North Central Texas region requested truck lane restrictions be further expanded into a regional system. In response to this request, the Regional Transportation Council adopted the Regional Truck Lane Restriction Implementation Plan as part of the long-range transportation plan, Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth Area. An updated version of the implementation plan is part of the current Mobility 2035-Update process. A map of these proposed recommendations is included as Attachment 1.

As a result of continued regional interest, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas and Fort Worth District staff have conducted a traffic study to review the potential traffic impacts of expanded restrictions on the following corridors, as shown in Attachment 2:

- IH 20: from Mikus Road (FM 5) to FM 1187/FM 3325 in Parker County;
- IH 30: from Dallas/Tarrant County line to Sylvan Avenue in Dallas County;
- IH 30: from Belt Line Road in Dallas County to SH 205 in Rockwall County;
- IH 35E: from IH 30 in Dallas County to US 77 in Ellis County;
- IH 35W: from Vickery Boulevard to Alsbury Boulevard in Tarrant County;
- IH 45: from FM 85 in Ellis County to the Ellis/Navarro County line;
- IH 635: from Dallas/Tarrant County line to IH 35E in Dallas County;
- IH 635: from US 75 to IH 20 in Dallas County;
- IH 820: from Blue Mound Road (FM 156) to Westpoint Boulevard in Tarrant County;
- LP 12: from SP 348 to SP 408 in Dallas County;
- SH 114: from Dallas/Tarrant County line to SP 348 in Dallas County;
- SH 121: from North Riverside Drive to Handley-Ederville Road in Tarrant County;
- SH 360: from East Mayfield Road to Trinity Boulevard in Tarrant County;
- US 75: from IH 635 in Dallas County to SH 121 South in Collin County; and
- US 175: from SH 310 to IH 20 in Dallas County.

The current planning effort goal is to implement restrictions on the listed corridors within the next twelve months. Cities and counties included in these expanded truck lane restrictions are shown in Attachment 3.

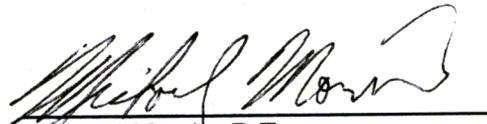
As a part of this expansion effort, TxDOT has requested regional concurrence on the expansion plan, shown in Attachment 2. To demonstrate continued regional support for the development of a regional system of truck lane restrictions, NCTCOG staff is requesting a letter be submitted

by Friday, May 17, 2013, to NCTCOG, indicating your support for the expansion of truck lane restrictions on the proposed corridors impacting your jurisdiction.

The truck lane restrictions implementation letter of support for the listed corridors should be sent directly to:

Becky Karasko, AICP
North Central Texas Council of Governments
616 Six Flags Drive
PO Box 5888
Arlington, Texas 76005-5888

TxDOT will be holding a Public Hearing on this proposed expansion on **Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., with an Open House from 5:00-6:00, in the Transportation Council Room at the NCTCOG offices.** For questions or comments related to this effort, please contact Becky Karasko, AICP at (817) 695-9258 or rkarasko@nctcog.org.


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Attachments

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Potential Truck Lane Restriction Corridors

Attachment 1

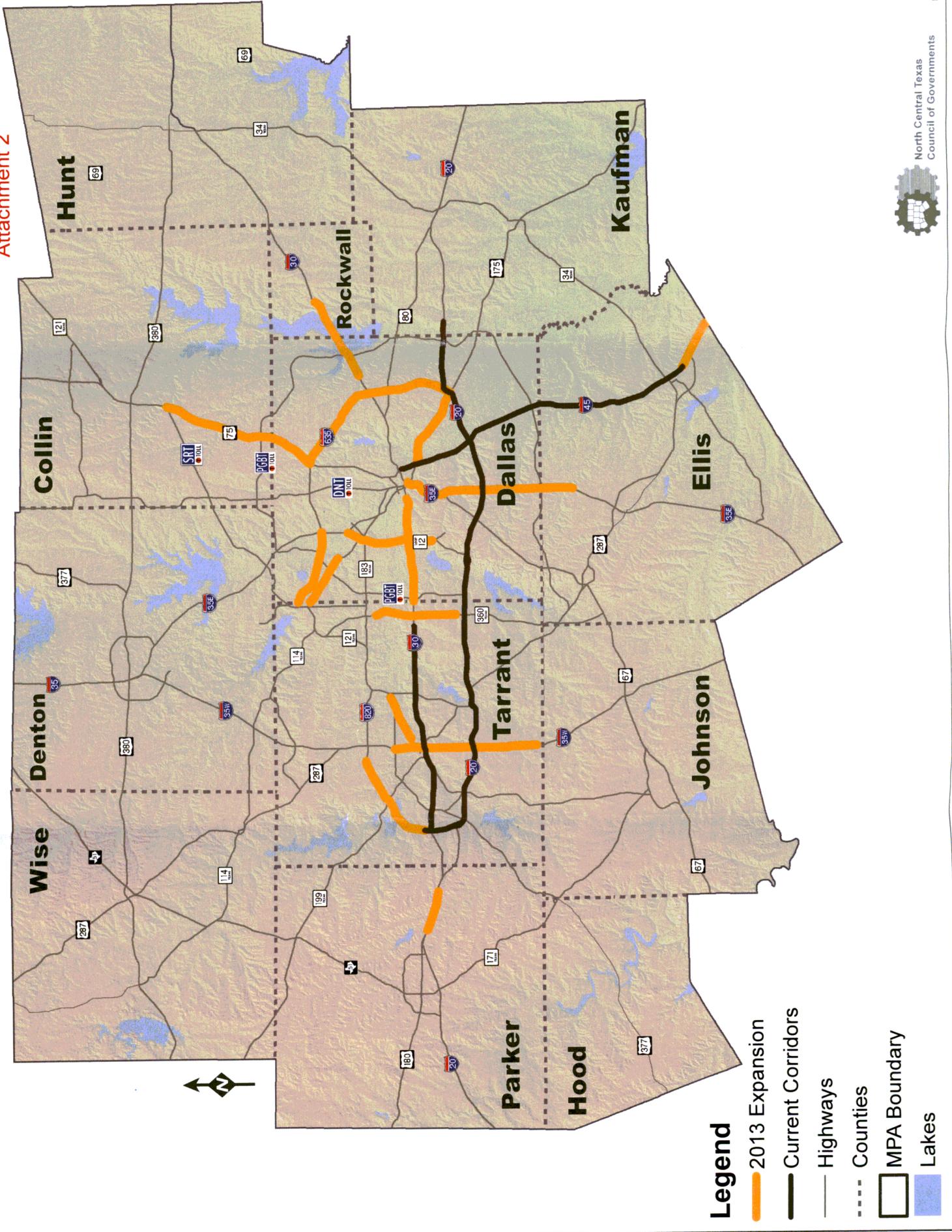


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2013 update

All freeway/tollway corridors require additional study for capacity, geometric, and safety improvements related to truck operations.

2013 Truck Lane Restrictions Expansion

Attachment 2



Cities and Counties Included in Expanded Truck Lane Restrictions

March 29, 2013

32 Cities

City of Allen
Town of Alma
City of Arlington
City of Balch Springs
City of Blue Mound
City of Burleson
City of Coppell
City of Dallas
City of Desoto
City of Edgecliff Village
City of Ennis
Town of Fairview
City of Farmers Branch
City of Fort Worth
City of Garland
City of Glenn Heights
City of Grand Prairie
City of Hudson Oaks
City of Irving
City of Lake Worth
City of Lancaster
City of Mesquite
City of Plano
City of Red Oak
City of Richland Hills
City of Richardson
City of Rockwall
City of Saginaw
City of Sansom Park
City of Waxahachie
City of White Settlement
City of Willow Park

6 Counties

Collin County
Dallas County
Ellis County
Parker County
Rockwall County
Tarrant County