

THE POWERS OF AN RMA

Develop a Transportation Project to:

- Issue revenue bonds
- Establish tolls
- Acquire property for transportation projects
- Use surplus revenue to finance other local transportation projects
- Enter into a Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) for certain statutory authorized projects
- Apply for federal highway and rail funds
- Enter into contracts with other governmental entities and Mexico
- Apply for State Infrastructure Bank loans
- Maintain a feasibility fund
- Set speed and weight limits consistent with state guidelines
- Enter into agreements with other governmental entities to develop a transportation project on behalf of that entity

Debunking Myths of Tolling

Myth: Tolling a road is a double tax on drivers.

Truth: Taxes are mandatory. Tolls are a user fee that drivers pay when they make the choice to drive on toll roads. Courts have long ago established the distinction between tolls and taxes.

Myth: We've already paid for the roads.

Truth: Gas taxes are not enough to meet the need for improvements on existing and future corridors, and the cost of road maintenance over time is greater than the initial cost of building the road.

Eligible RMA Projects

(Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 26.2 and Texas Transportation Code, Section 370.003)

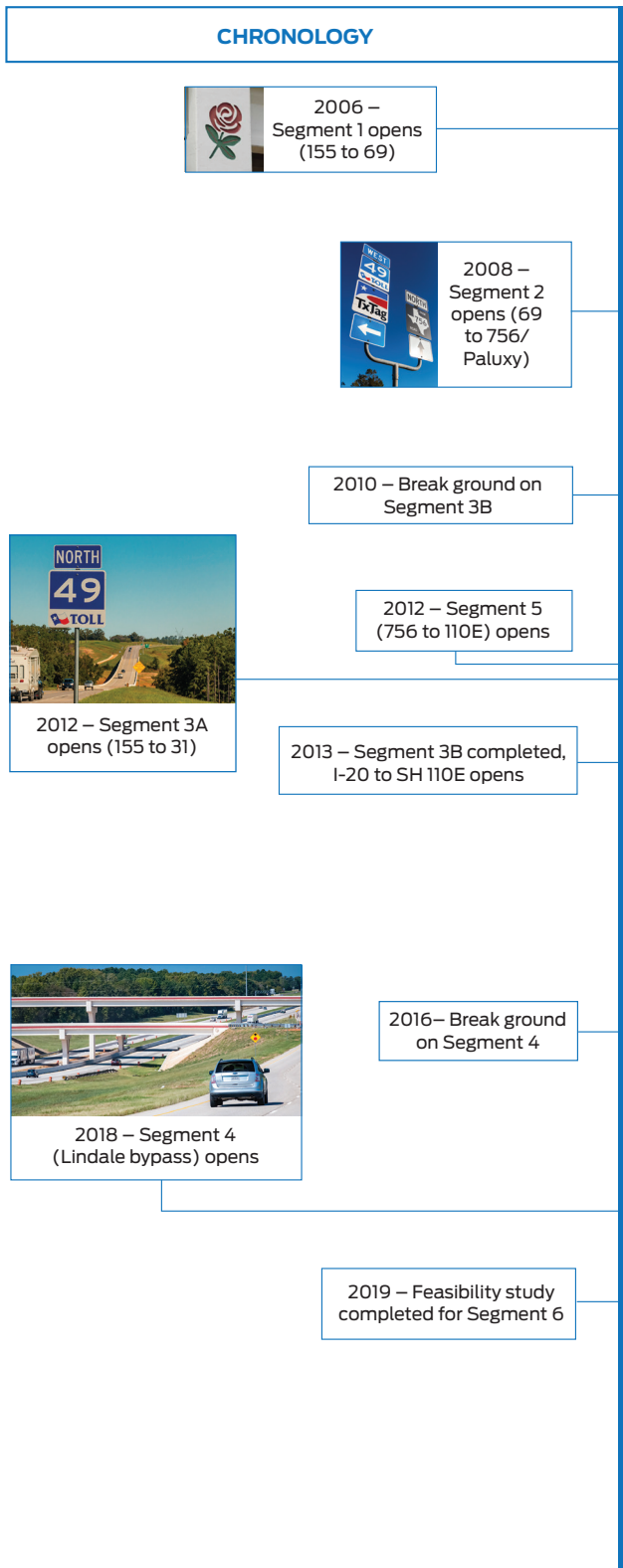
		Design	Own	Acquire	Finance	Build	Maintain	Operate	Design	Own	Acquire	Finance	Build	Maintain	Operate
		TxDOT							RMA						
HIGHWAYS	Non-tolled Road	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Toll Road	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
RAIL	Freight	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	High Speed	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Commuter	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
TRANSIT	Regional Transit		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Bus								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
OTHER MODES	Airports								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Maritime Ports	◆			◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Ferry	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	GIWW	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Pedestrian/Bicycle	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Conveyor Belts								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Freight Shuttle	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
UTILITIES	Electric								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Water								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Cable/Telecom								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Pipelines								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Utility Adjustments				◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
OTHER	Facilities		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Parking Facilities								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Intermodal Hub								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Border Crossing Inspection Station (except in Laredo)								◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

*Data acquired from the TxDOT publication, Regional Mobility Authorities: A Partnership for Progress.

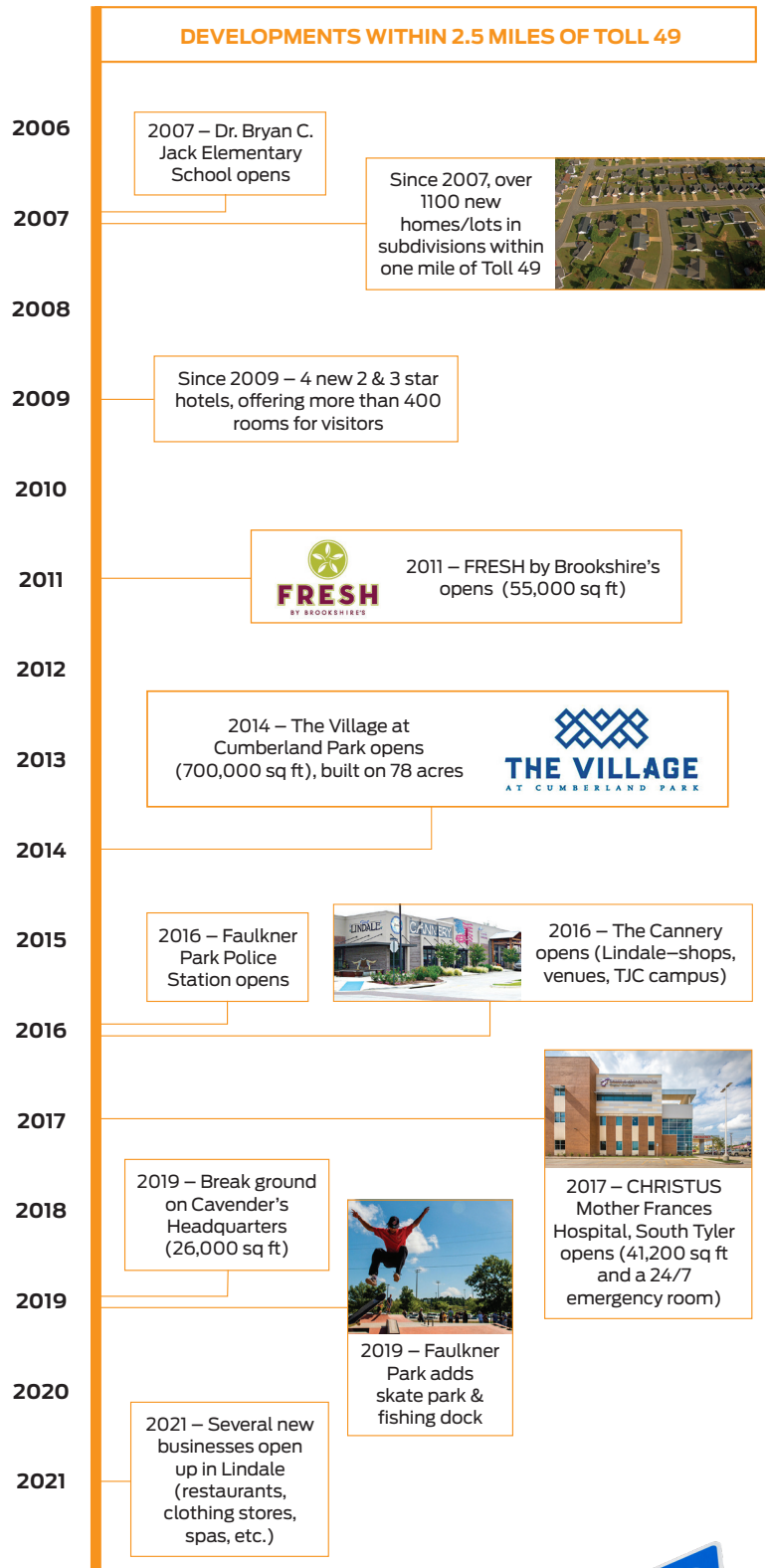


DRIVING THE EAST TEXAS ECONOMY

CHRONOLOGY



DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN 2.5 MILES OF TOLL 49



THE HISTORY OF NET RMA



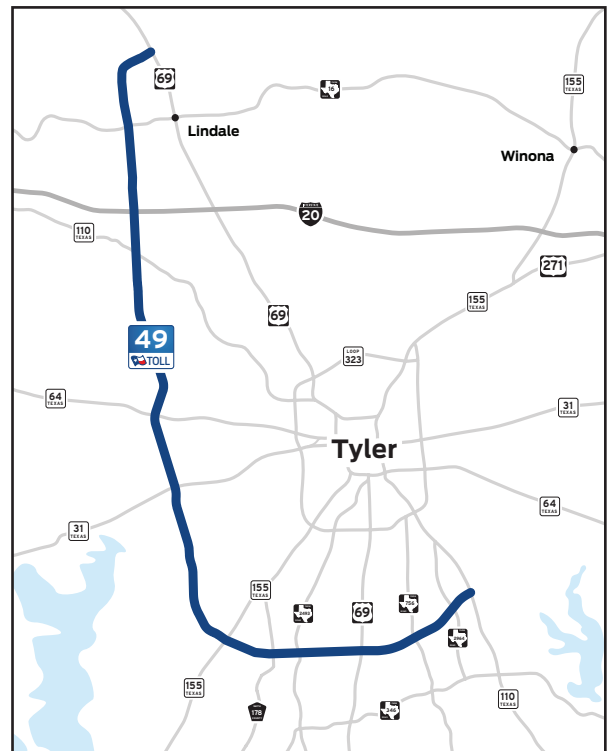
The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) was established on October 28, 2004 with a unanimous vote from the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC). The NET RMA's goal is to enhance mobility and create economic opportunity in the North East Texas Region. To achieve this goal, the NET RMA is engaged in continually educating the public on the benefits of toll roads for advancing infrastructure projects faster than traditionally funded projects. The NET RMA is challenged with the statewide issue of finding creative funding resources to finance much needed transportation projects. Pooling the resources of each member county, local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and various cities, the NET RMA hopes to make North East Texas an even better place to live, work, and raise our families.

Getting East Texans to where they need to go.

The NET RMA was founded by Smith and Gregg Counties. In June 2006, Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison and Upshur Counties joined the NET RMA. In July of 2007, the TTC approved the addition of six new counties: Bowie, Cass, Panola, Titus, Van Zandt and Wood. In November 2013, Cass County asked to withdraw from the NET RMA and almost simultaneously Kaufman County joined. In August 2019 Camp and Cass Counties were authorized by TxDOT to join the NET RMA – bringing together the current 14-county partnership. The NET RMA, the 5th RMA in Texas, is the only RMA in the state that has grown to include counties outside its original founding sponsors.

The NET RMA Board's original chairman, Jeff Austin III, and other board members representing the NET RMA member counties, embarked on a vision started over 35 years ago by individuals who saw a need to plan for future growth in Smith County with the construction of Toll 49 in Tyler. In April 2006, the NET RMA agreed to assist the TxDOT Tyler District with the design and construction of several key segments of Toll 49. As the efforts among the NET RMA member counties continue to progress, their vision will focus on the design and construction of other transportation projects in North East Texas, such as:

1. Completion of Toll 49 on the east side of Tyler.
2. Design and construction of an outer loop in Longview.
3. Widening and extending SH 42 and FM 2275 (George Richey Road) in Gregg County.
4. Connecting the Tyler and Longview Loops and extending them to the east to connect with I-69 (called the East Texas Hourglass Project).
5. Building other loops and bypasses to relieve highway congestion along US 69 in Jacksonville and Wells, US 79/US 259 in Henderson, and possibly US 59 in Texarkana.



THE HISTORY OF NET RMA

Governor reappoints leader.

Chairman Austin resigned as the Chair of the NET RMA upon his appointment to the TTC on October 20, 2011. Vice Chair of the NET RMA, Linda Thomas, was appointed by Governor Rick Perry as the new Chair on December 6, 2011, and was sworn in on January 18, 2012. She was continuously reappointed until she resigned on July 30, 2021. Shortly thereafter, Governor Gregg Abbott appointed Vice Chair Gary Halbrooks as the 3rd Chairman of the NET RMA.



There's more to us than just toll roads.



Crews spend thousands of hours with road upkeep.



DID YOU KNOW?



\$2M dollars returned to the North East Texas region through grants for non-tolled transportation-related projects by NET RMA.



150 signs installed and straightened by the maintenance team each year



40,000 transactions on Toll 49 each day



1.2M people live in the region NET RMA serves

