



AGC of Texas
Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

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June 28, 2010

Commission, TxDOT Approves Letting Accelerations for August

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The two attached projects lists will be scheduled for the August 10 and 11, 2010 Statewide Letting. The first list shows accelerated projects approved by TxDOT Administration. The second list reflects the projects approved by the Commission in Category 12, and which districts indicated are ready to schedule for an August Letting.

The districts are in the process of requesting obligation of funds for the accelerating non-letting/transfers, which will be performed by June 30 in order to meet FHWA transfer deadlines.

Commission Approves Another \$280 Million of Pass-Thru Toll Projects

[Project List](#)

At the June Commission meeting, state transportation officials approved 11 projects, estimated at \$280 million, that will be funded by TxDOT's pass-through finance program.

Earlier this month, the commission added a provision that limits the liability of both TxDOT and partnering public entities in the event of project cost overruns or underruns into all pass-through finance agreements. If any funding is available at the end of these negotiations, other projects will be selected for funding from this program, up to a maximum of \$300 million in total state investment.

For a list of the 11 approved projects, refer to the press release linked here. Contracts will be negotiated and executed with the local entities to determine reimbursement schedules, developed as part of each individual pass-through finance agreement. TxDOT can consider pass-through finance agreements with a Regional Mobility Authority, regional transportation authority, county, city, public or private entity.

TxDOT Posting Deposits Schedule

Contractors should be able to see pending deposits on Saturday, July 10; if not, contractor funds will definitely be available Monday, July 12, 2010.

TWC launches Texas Back to Work Program

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has launched Texas Back to Work, which may provide up to \$2,000 to employers for each worker they hire who is qualified and is or has been receiving Unemployment Insurance. Local Workforce Boards will work with employers to identify qualified candidates.

Employers can use the funds to defray the costs of hiring and training new workers. The program is simple and straightforward, and nearly one thousand Texas employers have received millions of dollars since the

program began. Local Workforce Solutions contact information can be found on the TWC Website at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/txback2work.pdf> or by calling 512-475-1146.

Texas employers also should utilize the workforce recruitment assistance, pre-screening of qualified applicants, and training programs available at Workforce Solutions offices across the state. In addition, more than 250,000 Texas employers are finding great new employees by posting job openings on WorkInTexas.com, TWC's online job matching Web site.

2010 Nominating Committee

In accordance with the chapter constitution and by-laws, the 2010 Nominating Committee has been appointed by President Larry Johnson and consists of the seven most recent, active past presidents of the chapter:

Chairman, Jack Albert, Reece Albert, Inc., 325/653-1241
Tracy Schieffer, A.L. Helmcamp, 903/626-5911
Jim Andoga, Austin Bridge & Road, 214/596-7320
Zack Burkett, III, Zack Burkett Company, 940/549-0436
Terry Bryant, Jones Bros Dirt & Paving Construction, Inc. 432/332-0721
Art Daniel, A.R. Daniel Construction Services, Inc., 972/291-3304
John R. Weisman, Hunter Industries, LTD, 512/353-7757

If you would like to make a recommendation for the chapter board of directors please contact any member of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to present your recommendation to the Nominating Committee, they will meet Wednesday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. or immediately following the membership luncheon, and again Wednesday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m. All three meetings will be held at the chapter office, 300 Barton Springs Road in Austin. Members are encouraged to contact any of the committee members and make nominations for chapter directors for 2011-2012.

In addition to directors, the chapter Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for Life Members. The chapter constitution and by-laws state: "**Section 3**. The Branch may, by affirmative vote of the members, at the recommendation of the Directors, grant the title 'Life Member' to any individual who has ceased to be active in the construction industry providing the individual, firm, or corporation has been an active member for at least five years prior to nomination as a 'Life Member'."

Please send recommendations to the chapter office by fax, 512/478-7936, mail to P.O. Box 2185, Austin, Texas 78768, or to dkoehler@agctx.org.

July Commission Results

Of the 14 state let highway maintenance and department building construction contracts, all were awarded.

Of the 65 non-ARRA Highway and Transportation Enhancement Building Construction projects, all were awarded except 1. Of the 3 ARRA projects, all were awarded.

<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project No.</u>
Lubbock	Lamb	0563-03-011

July, August Local and Statewide Letting Estimates

The July letting is scheduled for **July 8 and 9** and is estimated at **\$568.07 million for 136 projects** statewide and \$42.29 million for 10 local-let projects. The monthly luncheon will be held July 8 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The August letting is scheduled for August 10 and 11 and currently is estimated at \$448.06 for 169 projects statewide and \$18.21 million for 13 projects local-let. However, TxDOT will increase the estimate by the end of the month (please see first bulletin item).

To view the current letting schedule, go to <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/schedule.htm>. To view more information regarding the locally let projects, click on the appropriate month at the bottom of the page.