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### \* **Sept 19, 2012 - NTTA Board Re-Elects Officers; Directors Re-Appointed**

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PLANO, Texas – Sept. 19, 2012 – At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, the North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors re-elected Kenneth Barr and Bill Moore to the positions of chairman and vice chairman, respectively.

“I’m honored to have the opportunity to continue serving and leading the NTTA board,” Barr said following his acceptance of the office. “I look forward to staying the course with my board colleagues, NTTA staff, our stakeholders and community as we work to offer mobility solutions that keep up with the expanding North Texas region.”

Chairman Barr was re-appointed to the NTTA Board by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court in June. Three other board directors also were re-appointed to the NTTA board by their respective county commissioners this month. They include:

- Matrice Ellis-Kirk, Dallas County
- Michael Nowels, Denton County
- Jane Willard, Collin County

The full list of officers re-elected at Wednesday’s meeting include:

- Chairman – Kenneth Barr, Tarrant County representative
- Vice-Chairman – Bill Moore, Collin County representative
- Board Secretary – Ruby Franklin
- Asst. Board Secretary – Lorelei Griffith
- Board Treasurer – Janice Davis, NTTA chief financial officer
- Asst. Treasurer – Dana A. Boone, NTTA director of cash & debt management

Board directors serve two-year terms; officers are elected on an annual basis. Board director biographies and more information about the NTTA Board of Directors can be found at [NTTA>Who We](#)

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**ANAL HONOR**

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PLANO, Texas – Sept. 19, 2012 – The North Texas Tollway Authority’s Procurement Department has received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award from the National Procurement Institute. This is the first time the NTTA has received the AEP award.

This annual award is earned by organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized criteria. The criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism,

productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization.

The NTTA Procurement Services Division, which is a part of the NTTA Finance Department, obtains the goods and services required to operate and maintain the NTTA's roadway system and operations.

"It's critically important that our customers and stakeholders know we're spending our dollars responsibly on procurement opportunities," said NTTA Director of Procurement Felix Alvarez. "This award is a testament to the fiduciary integrity of the NTTA and a professional validation of the procurement staff's effort to improve the procurement function for internal and external customers."

The NTTA Board of Directors acknowledged the award at its monthly meeting Wednesday.

"Under the leadership of Mr. Alvarez, the NTTA procurement division has helped shape the plan and timeline for the procurement of major consultants by the conclusion of 2012," said NTTA Board Chairman Kenneth Barr. "This is one example of how the NTTA has made progress not only in its operations and in transparency, but also in serving the North Texas region well."

The NTTA was one of only 38 governmental agencies (including cities, counties, special districts and state agencies) in Texas and one of 29 special districts in the entire United States to receive the award.

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**\* Sept 19, 2012 - NTTA BOARD AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

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*Action Will Complete Commitment to Procure Major Consultants*

PLANO, Texas – Sept. 19, 2012 - The North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors authorized the director of procurement to issue a Request For Qualifications for the NTTA's General Engineering consultant contract, its fifth and final major procurement RFQ in 2012.

"The NTTA has accomplished the schedule set by the board in December 2011" said NTTA Chairman Kenneth Barr. "This fulfills the board's commitment to re-visit the major procurements, ensure complete transparency in the process and respond to the Independent Financial and Performance Review."

The RFQ will cover the delivery of the general engineering consultant duties, responsibilities, and obligations that are largely defined in the NTTA Trust Agreements, and provide an independent "check and balance" to protect the bondholder's investment interests in NTTA assets.

Under the Major Consultant Procurement Plan, the Board has approved the splitting of the scope of services for program management consultant and GEC services. One firm may not hold both contracts.

The procurement uses the new RFQ template, created in January, to ensure consistency and standardization. This action establishes the "cone of silence," restricting communication between RFQ respondents and NTTA Board members and staff.

For more information about NTTA procurement opportunities, [click here](#).

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**\* Aug 30 - 31, 2012 - Interstate 30, State Highway 161 and President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension in Grand Prairie**

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The following closures are scheduled overnight beginning tonight, Thursday, Aug. 30, through the morning of Friday, Aug. 31, for construction work along westbound Interstate 30 and State Highway 161 for the President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension project:

Thursday, Aug. 30, through the morning of Friday, Aug. 31 (Overnight): Westbound I-30 main lanes from Carrier Parkway to SH 161 closed

Closure: All westbound I-30 main lanes from Carrier Parkway to SH 161 will be closed from 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, through 6 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

Detour: Traffic will be reduced to one lane and diverted off the main lanes to the SH 161 exit, and continue west on the frontage road to the I-30 entrance ramp west of SH 161.  
Thursday, Aug. 30, through the morning of Friday, Aug. 31

(Overnight): Southbound SH 161 frontage road from Egyptian Way to I-30 closed

Closure: All southbound SH 161 frontage road lanes from Egyptian Way to I-30 will be closed from 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, through 6 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

Detours: Eastbound Egyptian Way motorists heading south on the SH 161 frontage road will be directed to continue east on Egyptian Way to Carrier Parkway, then south to Tarrant Road, then back west to southbound SH 161. Westbound Egyptian Way traffic will be directed to continue west on Egyptian Way to Duncan Perry Road, south on Duncan Perry Road to Tarrant Road, then back to southbound SH 161.

Thursday, Aug. 30, through the morning of Friday, Aug. 31 (Overnight): Northbound SH 161 frontage road from eastbound I-30 to westbound I-30 closed

Closure: The northbound SH 161 frontage road from eastbound I-30 to westbound I-30 will be closed from 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, through 6 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

Detour: Motorists will be detoured east onto the I-30 main lanes to the Belt Line Road U-turn, then back to the westbound I-30 exit to the northbound SH 161 frontage road.

Thursday, Aug. 30, through the morning of Friday, Aug. 31 (Overnight): President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension main lanes closed

Closure: All southbound main lanes of the PGBT Western Extension from Lower Tarrant Road to Egyptian Way will be closed from 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, through 6 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

Detour: Motorists will be detoured to the Lower Tarrant Road exit then south on Carrier Parkway to Tarrant Road, then back west to the SH 161 frontage roads.

All closures are subject to weather conditions and will be postponed, if necessary.

For more information about upcoming lane closures and traffic-related news along NTTA roadways, go to the "Scheduled Lane Closures" link at [www.ntta.org](http://www.ntta.org) or call (214) 224-3030.

