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NTTA reaches preliminary agreement with TxDOT to pursue SH 360 extension south of I-20

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The North Texas Tollway Authority has reached a preliminary agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to proceed with an extension of State Highway 360 that would add several miles of tollway to the road.

NTTA's board approved Friday morning a memorandum of understanding that outlines the next steps for the estimated \$600 million project, which would stretch Highway 360 south from Interstate 20 in Arlington.



Highway 360 is one of the major roads that connects Interstates 20 and 30. But south of I-20, the highway peters out and becomes a frontage road as it moves from Tarrant County to Ellis County.

The proposed tollway would connect Highway 360 to U.S. Highway 287, creating another transportation option for residents in southern Tarrant County. The toll road would be four lanes wide for most of corridor, before turning into two lanes south of Broad Street in Mansfield.

Frontage roads throughout the length of the project would remain free.

The preliminary agreement calls for TxDOT to finance, design and construct the project before turning the roadway over to NTTA. Toll revenues would then be used to reimburse TxDOT and for NTTA to maintain and operate the road going forward.

Extra toll revenue would be split between TxDOT and NTTA, with the potential for it

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The Texas Transportation Commission will take up the memorandum of understanding. TxDOT must be approved by no later than the end of March.

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There's still no firm start date for construction, although it could be as early as the next week. The project, which is being built on the north side of the Prairie, are already celebrating the progress.

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"Traffic congestion on SH 360 is a serious quality of life, economic, and safety issue," NTTA says in a statement. "Today's decision by the NTTA is a significant step forward in solving this problem."

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