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TxDOT to try public shaming to get top toll scofflaws to pay up

The state Transportation Department is following in the North Texas Tollway Authority's footsteps in cracking down on motorists who don't pay for using toll roads.

On Thursday, TxDOT will publish the names and addresses of the 25 drivers on its toll roads who have the highest amount of unpaid tolls.

The move, like the North Texas Tollway Authority's before it, is meant to shame people who ignore their toll bills. The NTTA, though, published information on all its chronic offenders.

How many North Texas motorists are on the list remains to be seen. TxDOT operates toll roads in the Austin and Laredo areas.

That doesn't mean Dallas-Fort Worth drivers won't show up on the list. Many people from across the state — and Oklahoma — showed up on the NTTA's list of toll dodgers.

Anyone who owes TxDOT has until noon Wednesday to pay up before the list goes public. For more information, call the TxTag Customer Service Center at 1-888-468-9824.