

Transportation Summit 2014: Background and Media Coverage of Mobility Issues

Background

Mobility challenges—ranging from I-30 congestion to the disposition of IH-345 to toll roads being planned and built throughout Dallas—are confronting entire districts across Dallas. AIA Dallas and the Greater Dallas Planning Council observe that while there has been much discussion and debate, any comprehensive solution that factors in the economics, social, and environmental impacts of transportation has been elusive.

AIA Dallas and Greater Dallas Planning Council designed a transportation summit to build broader professional and public awareness and discourse of the topic so all stakeholders can make more informed decisions going forward. Speakers represented local constituent groups including transportation, development and real estate experts; architects and urban planners; neighborhood leaders; environmentalists; elected and appointed city and county officials; and next-generation civic activists.

Additionally, to round out local experts' best thinking, AIA Dallas and Greater Dallas Planning Council invited Jeffrey Tumlin (TED speaker and author of *Sustainable Transportation Planning* and renowned transit expert) and Alex Krieger, FAIA (Harvard School of Design professor and past chair and award-winning urban planner/architect) to contribute their analysis of Dallas' mobility issues, national best practices, and lessons from other cities that have experienced similar challenges.

The summit intended to bring disparate points of view together to define common goals for designing Dallas in a way that benefits people and communities through exploring comprehensive solutions that address:

1. Communities connected to routine destinations
2. Communities able to overcome barriers to human-powered mobility
3. Walkable and more bikeable communities
4. Economic vitality across Dallas
5. Improved air quality and reduced traffic congestion
6. Maximize use of public land
7. Optimal use of taxpayer dollars

Transportation Primer

Here are several recent news articles, complete with Internet links to the original online articles, on the topics of I-345, I-30 and Trinity Tollroad/Parkway:

I-345

“The Twists and Turns of Dallas’ Interstate 345” (August 9, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Brandon Formby)

“Urban Planner Patrick Kennedy Wants to Tear Down a Highway” (August 8, 2014, [KERA News](#), Krystina Martinez and Rick Holter)

“At Last, Dallas City Hall Accepts Funds to Study I-345” (July 31, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudolph Bush)

“Tearing Down I-345 Idea Is Starting to Get Interest From Important Rich People” (July 28, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Unfair Park blog, Amy Silverstein)

“Rawlings on I-345: Long-term Thinking for a Short Highway” (July 27, 2014, [Dallas Business Journal](#), Candace Carlisle)

“Keep or Crush I-345: A Formula for Developing Your Own Opinion” ([Columns](#) magazine, Fall 2014) — Includes a [panoramic perspective video](#) related to issues in the *Columns* article (Texas Architectural Photographer, Fall 2014)

“City of Dallas takes TREC Funding to Study I-345” (July 24, 2014, [Dallas Business Journal](#), Candace Carlisle)

“TXDot Now Says It Could Cost \$242 Million to Repair I-345” (July 3, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Zac Crain)

“Why We Must Tear Down I-345” (May 2014, [D Magazine](#), Zac Crain)

“Tearing Down I-345 Is Not as Crazy as It Sounds” (April 24, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Jim Schutze)

“Sen. Royce West Offers His Take on the I-345 Controversy” (April 24, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Tod Robberson)

“The Unintended Message Southern Dallas Receives from the I-345 Campaign” (April 23, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Tod Robberson)

“The Future of 345: Road to Nowhere?” (April 19, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Arts blog, Mark Lamster)

“It’s Time to Stop Talking Past Each Other on I-345 Tear Down” (April 15, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Peter Simek)

“Why Do D Magazine People Pretend I-345 Debate Is City Vs. Suburbs?” (April 9, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rodger Jones)

“The I-345 Tearout Plan Demands Reasoned Debate, not Divisive Misdirection” (April 5, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Arts blog, Mark Lamster)

“Key Opponent to Tearing Down I-345 Likes to Keep the Race Card Up His Sleeve” (April 4, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Unfair Park blog, Jim Schultze)

“Lunchtime Panel on 345 and Downtown” (March 26, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Arts blog, Mark Lamster)

“Why Everyone Needs to Read Steve Blow’s Pro-Highway Argument” (March 3, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Peter Simek)

“Talk of Tearing Down Dallas Freeway Distracts From Better Ideas” (March 1, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Steve Blow)

“IH-345 Tear-Out Proposal: Not Dead” (February 13, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Arts blog, Mark Lamster)

“How to Fix Dallas: Cut the Noose of Interstate 345 and Let It Breathe” (October 26, 2013, [Dallas Morning News](#), Mark Lamster)

[AIA Dallas I-345 Position Paper](#) (August 15, 2013)

Trinity Tollroad/Parkway

“Victor Vandergriff: Why Not Every North Texas Highway Can Be Tolloed” (August 14, 2014, [Dallas Business Journal](#), Nicholas Sakelaris)

“Is NCTCOG Staff Dictating Regional Transportation Policy? Ctd.” (August 12, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Peter Simek)

“Alice Murray, President of Dallas Citizens Council, Says She Thinks Trinity Tollroad Will Happen” (August 7, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Tim Rogers)

“The Southern Dallas Toll Is at the Heart of the Mess There” (August 5, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Unfair Park blog, Jim Schultze)

“The Bad Plan to Resurrect the Trinity Toll Road on the Taxpayer’s Dime” (July 19 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudolph Bush)

“TxDOT Possibly Could Help Close Trinity Toll Road Funding Gap” (July 18, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Brandon Formby)

“Angela Hunt: Dallas’ Business Elite Are Following the Lead of Neighborhood Activists” (July 28, 2014, [Lakewood Advocate](#))

“Looks Like Nearly Everybody Is Against the Trinity Toll Road Now. Does That Matter?” (July 22, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Unfair Park blog)

“Architects: Building Trinity Tollway Would Pass a Mess to Our Grandkids” (July 21, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Betsy Del Monte, FAIA; Tip Housewright, FAIA; Bryce Weigand, FAIA; Myriam E. Camargo, Duncan Fulton III, FAIA; Larry Good, FAIA; Robert Meckfessel, FAIA; Marcel Quimby, FAIA; Craig Reynolds, FAIA; Dennis Stacy, FAIA)

“Imagine a Trio of Boulevards Connecting Fair Park to Trinity Park” (July 7, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Ralph Hawkins)

“Vonciel Jones Hill Still Believes in the Trinity Parkway” (June 26, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Zac Crain)

“Keep the Faith on Trinity Parkway's Benefits to All of Dallas” (June 25, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Vonciel Jones Hill)

“What’s Fair for Fair Park (and Dallas)” (June 14, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Mark Lamster)

“HKS Chairman, Former Trammell Crow CEO Say No to Trinity Toll Road, Present Vision for I-345 and I-30” (June 12, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudolph Bush)

“From the Desk of the President ... AIA Dallas Releases Trinity Parkway Position Statement” (June 11, 2014, [AIA Dallas](#), Lisa Lamkin, AIA)

“AIA Dallas All but Abandons Support of Proposed Trinity Tollway” (June 6, 2014, [Candy’s Dirt blog](#), Joanna England)

“American Institute of Architects (Dallas) Backs Off Support of Trinity Toll Road” (June 6, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudolph Bush)

“Prediction on the Trinity Toll Road: It’ll Start Small, Grow Over Time” (June 6, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Roger Jones)

“Dallas’ 15-year-old Trinity Toll Road Agreement With NTTA Has Little Protection for the City” (June 5, 2014 [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudy Bush)

“I Apologize for Rudy Bush’s Anti-Trinity Tollway Blog Item” (June 2, [Dallas Morning News](#) blog, Rodger Jones)

“Former Trinity Toll Road Supporters' Change of Heart Shows Dallas Actually Has a Heart” (June 3, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Jim Schutze)

“After 10 years, I've Dropped My Support of the Trinity Tollway” (June 1, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Larry Good)

“Do Not Believe the Trinity Toll Road Is Dead” (May 20, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudolph Bush)

“With the Trinity Toll Road Dying, It's Time to Get Truthful About Flood Control” (May 16, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Jim Schutze)

“How *D Magazine's* Wick Allison Changed His Mind on the Trinity Parkway” (May 15, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Jim Schutze)

[AIA Dallas](#) Trinity Tollway Position Paper (May 8, 2014)

“Why I No Longer Support Building a Toll Road in the Trinity River Corridor” (May 4, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Bob Meckfessel)

“The Trinity Parkway Is Dead” (May 2014, [D Magazine](#), Tim Rogers)

“What AIA Dallas Thought About the Trinity Project in 2001” (May 2, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Tim Rogers)

“What Dallas Architects Think of the Trinity Parkway” (April 24, 2014, [D Magazine](#), Frontburner blog, Tim Rogers)

“The Trinity Toll Road Will Flood, Expert Admits. Who Knew? Me.” (April 16, 2014, [Dallas Observer](#), Jim Schutze)

“Dallas Council Briefed on Risk of Trinity Toll Road Floods” (April 14, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Robert Wilonsky)

“Good News About the Trinity Toll Road: Eventually, We All Die” (May 9, 2012, [Dallas Observer](#), Jim Schutze)

“Tomorrow, We Learn Where Mayor Mike Rawlings Stands on the Trinity Toll Road” (May 1, 2012, [Dallas Observer](#), Joe Tone)

Interstate 30

“Why We Should Bury Interstate 30” (May 2014, [D Magazine](#), Zac Crain)

“Funding to Study Lowering I-30 Is a Step in the Right Direction. So Why Do I Have the Heebie-Jeebies?” (July 11, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudy Bush)

“Please, Please Lower Interstate-30” (April 23, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rudolph Bush)

“Mayor Rawlings Eyeing Possible Makeover of I-30 Near Fair Park” (April 18, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Rodger Jones)

Other Reading:

“How Do We Get From Here to There?: Strategically Managing DFW’s Infrastructure Growth” (December 7, 2013, [Texas CEO Magazine](#))

“Boxed in by Development, Dallas Needs to Figure out Its Growth Issues” (June 24, 2014, [Dallas Morning News](#), Mark Lamster)

“Connected Cities Finalists: A Quick Take” (October 17, 2013, [Dallas Morning News](#), Mark Lamster)

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