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Yesterday, the City of Burleson requested a copy of the toll revenue study for the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail project from the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA).

In a letter to NTTA Executive Director Allen Clemson, Mayor Ken Shetter noted that the State Hwy. 121 project has been 20 years in the making, but “fiscal obstacles” have kept the project from moving forward. The City of Burleson, Tarrant County, and Johnson County are among the partners in the Chisholm Trail Parkway project, which is the part of the Hwy. 121 corridor that will connect FM 1187, just north of Burleson, to US 67 in Johnson County. The City of Burleson has contributed funds to the Chisholm Trail Parkway project via the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way inside the city limits.

In making his request for the study, Mayor Shetter noted that the City of Burleson has a vested interest in seeing its investment become a reality, and pointed out that “...As a partner in this project we are committed to doing our part to help develop solutions to move this project forward. However, in order to be engaged in the process of developing solutions, it is obviously necessary that we have all the facts before us.”

Southwest Parkway is a new limited access toll road in southwest Tarrant County that is expected to extend from the Fort Worth central business district to southwest Fort Worth. That project will connect I-30 to Altamesa Boulevard, which is an 8.7 mile stretch. The Texas Department of Transportation’s 5.8 mile leg of that parkway is from south of Altamesa Boulevard to FM 1187.

The part of State Highway 121 between FM 1187 and US 67 was designated as the Chisholm Trail Parkway by the Texas Legislature on Sept. 1, 2003. According to the October 2009 Monthly Project Delivery Report from NTTA, Southwest Parkway, including the Chisholm Trail Parkway leg, is expected to open to traffic in 2013.

For maps and more information about North Texas Tollway Authority projects, go to the October 2009 Monthly Project Report on the www.ntta.org web site at <http://tinyurl.com/yhdmlse>.