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If you want to learn more about Chisholm Trail Parkway, stop by the Burleson Public Library at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave. The NTTA and Granite Construction will also host a community meeting in Burleson on Thursday, Nov. 8, in the council chambers at city hall. The meeting is 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., with the presentation starting at 6 p.m. Burleson City Hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St.

“Chisholm Trail Parkway . . . Building the Southwest of Tomorrow” is set up in the back of the library. The display includes a map of the route that starts at I-30 in Fort Worth and goes southwest to FM 1187 in southern Tarrant County and then south to U.S. 67 in Johnson County. The Chisholm Trail Parkway is 27.6 miles long. Construction on the project started in April 2010 and included Rosedale Street connector bridges and bridge components inside the Union Pacific Railroad’s Davidson Rail Yard in Fort Worth. This is the first North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) facility in Tarrant and Johnson Counties.

More than 40 years in the making, the project is collaboration between the North Texas Tollway Authority, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Tarrant and Johnson counties, the cities of Fort Worth, Burleson and Cleburne, Fort Worth and Western Railroad (FWWR) and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

The Southwest Parkway and Chisholm Trail were combined to form the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail project in 2008. In 2011, Gov. Rick Perry signed HB 367 changing the name of the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail corridor to Chisholm Trail Parkway. The display at the library explains the toll tag process and includes phone numbers to call and web sites to visit for more information.

The northern section of Chisholm Trail Parkway will be an 8.7 mile, six-lane tollway that stretches from I-30 to southwest Fort Worth. The NTTA developed the final design plans for part of the southern extension of Chisholm Trail from Altamesa Boulevard to FM 1187. The southernmost 13-mile section stretches from FM 1187 to U.S. 67 in Cleburne. The Chisholm Trail Parkway will provide a continuous route from Fort Worth to Cleburne connecting southwest Tarrant and northwest Johnson counties. The entire corridor is expected to open to traffic in mid-2014.