

## **Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) Projects and Plans**

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### **Introduction**

HCTRA opened the first tollway in 1988 and has been expanding the system ever since. The current tollway system is about 130 centerline miles and provides mobility options throughout the Houston-Harris County region. HCTRA's mission is to responsibly operate and maintain a safe, reliable, sustainable, and evolving mobility system that meets the diverse connectivity needs of all of Harris County residents.

### **Recent Improvements**

HCTRA continues the design and construction of several projects to improve mobility in our region. Tomball Tollway Phase II opened in December of 2019, connecting to the tollway in Montgomery County. The interchange at Grand Parkway and the Tomball Tollway, which includes four direct connectors recently opened which has led to improved mobility in this area. In addition, the widening of the Sam Houston Tollway continues from IH 45 south to IH 10 east on the east side, including the Ship Channel Bridge project. The design of the interchange at the Sam Houston Tollway and SH 225 is underway as part of system improvements associated with the widening. The three crossings associated with the Hardy Downtown connector continue to make steady progress. The overpass at Collingsworth opened in 2018, the Lorraine underpass opened last year, and the Quitman crossing will be delivered with the overall project. HCTRA is currently engaging the community and is gathering input that will be used to determine and guide the remaining elements of the project. The current CIP accounts for approximately \$3.8 billion of system improvements.