

ON TEXAS HIGHWAY PROJECTS, IT PAYS TO LOSE

As part of the push to privatize state road construction projects, the Texas Department of Transportation is now paying stipends to companies that don't win contracts. The payments are supposed to foster competition, but typically only a small universe of companies compete for the projects. The partnerships (named in boldface below) can consist of up to 30 entities. Listed below are some of the recurring players.

PAID SO FAR

Project	Losing Partnerships	Total Paid
Four sections of State Highway 130 between Georgetown and south Austin	Texas Corridor Constructors (Includes Zachry and Gilbert Texas Construction), Four Rivers Developers (Includes Granite, J.D. Abrams, and Williams Brothers)	\$1,379,219 ea.
Development agreement for the Trans-Texas corridor that will parallel Interstate 35 from the Mexico border to Oklahoma	Fluor (Includes Transurban) Trans Texas Express (Includes Skanska BOT and Telvent)	\$750,000 ea.

PAYMENTS IN THE PIPELINE

Project	Competing Partnerships	Losers Will Be Paid
Development agreement for Trans-Texas Corridor 69, which will run from the Mexico border, skirt Corpus Christi and Houston and end in northeast Texas	Bluebonnet Infrastructure Investors (Includes Cintra and Ferrovial Agroman), ZAI ACS TTC-69 Team (Includes Zachry, Dragados, and Williams Brothers)	Up to \$750,000 ea.
Adding toll lanes to U.S. 281 and part of Loop 1604 in San Antonio	Macquarie 1604 Partnership (Includes Kiewit, Gilbert Texas Construction, and J.D. Abrams), Zachry-Cintra Partnership (Includes Ferrovial Agroman)	Amount TBD
Adding toll lanes to part of Interstate 635 north of Dallas	Dragados-Zachry Partnership (Includes DMJM Harris), Macquarie 635 Partnership (Includes Gilbert Texas Construction, Granite, and J.D. Abrams), Cintra Concesiones (Includes Ferrovial Agroman and Obayashi); Dallas Mobility Link (Includes Fluor, Skanska BOT, and Transurban)	Up to \$1 million ea.
State Highway 121 in Collin and Denton counties	Skanska BOT (Includes Granite) Macquarie Infrastructure Group (Includes Gilbert/Abrams, and Kiewit), Cintra (Includes Ferrovial Agroman), Pioneer Heritage Partners (Includes Transurban and Fluor)	Up to \$750,000 ea.
State Highway 161 in Grand Prairie and Irving	Babcock & Brown, Transurban & Fluor Mid-Cities Transportation Partners (Includes Macquarie, Kiewit and Granite), OHL Infrastructure (Includes OHL Concesiones, and TranSystems, Inc.), Skanska	Amount TBD