



GRAYSON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The end of the year 2010 saw the GCRMA working with other RMA's across the State on legislative issues for the upcoming session of the Legislature. A number of bills were mutually supported and eventually passed that will prove to be beneficial to RMA efforts in developing and financing toll roads across our areas of responsibility. A lot of work in this area was carried over from the previous session which never got to these issues.

On the local scene our major accomplishments are highlighted below:

The initial payment for the work on State Highway 289 was made from TxDOT to the Grayson County Commissioners' Court on December 27th, 2010, completing the handover of this road to TxDOT.

The GCRMA signed a financial assistance agreement with TxDOT for the development of the Grayson County Tollway. February 2010 saw the selection of Brown & Gay Engineers to implement the engineering study for the tollway project. TxDOT through the financial assistance agreement with the GCRMA has allocated \$6.5M for the project. This project was designed to have as much public input as possible.

The North Texas Regional Airport was locale for many projects to enhance the marketability of the Airport. An Airport Master Plan & Land Use Zoning Plan was started with completion scheduled for 2011. These plans will greatly enhance future development at the Airport. Added in July 2010 was an agreement with Lake Texoma Jet Center to offer self-service Avgas fuel for pilots. The year 2010 saw the completion of utility project which allows the Airport to begin development on the west side of the Airport. Major taxiway and runway construction continued including the rebuilding of much of those facilities.

All of the above prepared Grayson County to be ready to move forward in an orderly manner as growth drives the need for improved mobility for the region.

Will "Bill" Hubbard,

Chairman, Grayson County RMA



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GRAYSON COUNTY RMA HISTORY

The membership of the Grayson County RMA Board of Directors saw several changes in 2010. Chairman Jerdy Gary, who was the original Chairman of the Grayson County RMA when it was formed in 2004, decided it was time to retire effective May 2010. Governor Rick Perry appointed Board member Bill Hubbard to head up the Grayson County RMA in May 2010.

The Grayson County RMA Board also lost another original member in March

2010. Kent Black who served as the Secretary/Treasurer resigned so he could focus more time on other volunteer projects, running his ranch and taking care of his health.

Former County Judge Tim McGraw, who was largely responsible for the formation of the Grayson

County RMA, was appointed by Grayson County Commissioners Court to complete Mr. Black's unexpired term. He was also later elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

The appointment of Mr. Hubbard to the Chairman position left a vacancy that was filled by Van Alstyne resident Bill Benton in March 2010. Mr. Benton previously served the County by serving on the Airport Board.



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STATE HIGHWAY 289 PROJECT

Traffic began flowing on the newly constructed State Highway 289 in December 2009. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on February 17, 2010, to officially mark the opening of the new highway. After a year of having traffic travel down the new corridor, Grayson County received its first

Pass-Through Finance payment from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This payment was accepted by the Grayson County Commissioners Court on December 27, 2010. It was only appropriate that the first payment would be received and accepted at this meeting. This would

be the last meeting for Commissioner Gene Short, who was retiring on December 31, 2010. Commissioner Short was Grayson County's representative on the project and is largely responsible for spearheading the development of State Highway 289.

GRAYSON COUNTY TOLLWAY PROJECT

In September 2009, the Grayson County RMA entered into a financial assistance agreement with TxDOT for the development of the Grayson County Tollway. In February 2010, Brown & Gay Engineers was selected by TxDOT to implement the engineering study for the new tollway project. TxDOT, through the financial assistance agreement with the Grayson County RMA, had allocated \$6.5M for the engineering portion of the project.

A very large part of this project was to have as much public

input as possible. A technical Advisory Committee was appointed and first met on August 25, 2010. This Committee consisted of representatives from TxDOT, Brown & Gay Engineers and the Grayson County RMA Board of Directors.

A Citizen Advisory Group was also formed to assist TxDOT and the Technical Advisory Committee. This Committee consisted of various community leaders throughout Grayson County. This Committee first met on September 20, 2010.

After several meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizen Advisory Group, the first public meeting was held on November 18, 2010, at the Sherman Municipal Building, in Sherman, Texas. Approximately 350 people attended this meeting and many comments were received on the proposed alignments of the proposed roadway.

Work continues on the proposed Grayson County Tollway. There are more meetings to be hosted with plans to select a preferred alignment in 2011.

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT

In October 2008, Grayson County Commissioners added to the authority of the Grayson County RMA by entering into an interlocal agreement for the operation of the North Texas Regional Airport. Many exciting things have been going on at the Airport. Many of these are construction projects that greatly enhance the marketing of the Airport.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN & LAND USE ZONING PLAN

In February 2010, Coffman Associates was selected by the Grayson County RMA Board of Directors to complete an Airport Master Plan and a Land Use Zoning Plan for the surrounding area in proximity to the Airport. Funding for the \$175,000 Airport Master Plan was obtained through TxDOT Aviation by use of a 90/10 grant. Upon completion of the Master Plan in late 2011, the document will

be used to provide direction for development of airport property and provide TxDOT Aviation with a plan for future construction projects. The document is intended to be a ten year planning document for the Airport.

The \$75,000 Land Use Zoning Plan was funded 100% by Grayson County. The Plan will be used to assist in the planned growth surrounding the

Airport by not allowing incompatible land uses to be developed which would hamper airport development and growth. The Plan will not only be adopted by Grayson County, but also by the cities of Sherman, Denison and Pottsboro since all three cities ETJ and both Sherman and Denison's city limits fall within the area zoned by the Plan.



Main entrance to the North Texas Regional Airport

SELF-SERVE AVGAS

In July, 2010, the North Texas Regional Airport entered into an agreement with Lake Texoma Jet Center to offer self-service Avgas fuel to pilots. It was hoped that lower fuel cost offered

through the self-serve pump would increase fuel sales and reduce the number of pilots flying to other area airports to buy fuel. The Avgas pump was installed near the Airport Terminal building. The Airport waives all fuel flowage



LTJC owner, George Schuler during grand opening

fees owed by Lake Texoma Jet Center until they have been reimbursed the cost of installing the self-serve system.

WEST SIDE UTILITIES

Grayson County dedicated \$1.3M in funding for the West Side Utility Project in 2008. This project was divided into two different phases. Phase One was engineering and cost estimates and Phase Two was bidding and construction of a 16" water line, new lift station and an 8" forced main sewer line. KSA Engineers completed Phase One of the

project and oversaw construction while Davis Excavation completed Phase Two. Construction on the utility project began in May 2009 and was completed in September 2010 and nearly \$200,000 under budget. This project allows the Airport to begin development of the west side of the Airport.



West Side Lift Station

AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Construction continued on the taxiways and runway during all of 2010. This work included rebuilding much of the runway and taxiways. R.K. Hall Construction, Denison office worked on this project. The \$2.3 M taxiway project was funded

through a 95/5 grant with TxDOT Aviation while the \$5.9M runway project was funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

North Texas Regional Airport is now ready for whatever expansion comes its way. The cities of Sherman and Denison

along with Grayson County continued their three year joint marketing campaign marketing the Airport to industries and companies looking to expand or relocate to the North Texas area. Successfully developing the Airport will bring job growth and economic development to the Grayson County area.

THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY IN GRAYSON COUNTY

The past year's accomplishments are attributable to the thoughtful-minded Board and their partnering

initiatives with local stakeholders in the county. Through continued partnering and visionary leadership, the Grayson County RMA has positioned itself to

continue to bring economic development, job growth and increased quality of life for the residents of Grayson County for years to come.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Grayson County RMA receives funding from Grayson County through the Grayson County Commissioners Court and through TxDOT through the financial assistance agreement.

During 2010, the Grayson County RMA incurred administrative expenses, legal expenses, and financial advisory expenses.

Revenue from Commissioners Court:	\$10,000.00
Revenue from TxDOT:	\$67,553.36
<u>Revenue from Other Sources:</u>	<u>\$ 797.00</u>
Total Revenue:	\$78,350.36

Administrative Expenses:	\$ 7,256.21
Legal Expenses:	\$23,692.32
Financial Advisory Expenses:	\$22,500.00
<u>Project Management:</u>	<u>\$19,787.36</u>
Total Expenses:	\$73,235.89

GCRMA BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Hubbard, Chairman

Bill Benton

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Ellis Olmstead

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Ribbon Cutting for State Highway 289

February 17, 2010



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