

How do I protect my favorite roads?

1. *Identify the roads you wish to protect from new billboards.* Check the list and map on the next page to see if your road is already protected. In addition, your roads must be outside a city's jurisdiction because cities already have the authority to protect their roads. (Note: To protect roads inside your city, you must ask your city council to adopt a no new billboard ordinance. To see a list of the 250+ Texas cities that have stopped new billboard construction, go to the Fact Sheets page at www.scenic texas.org.)
2. *Build a coalition of interested citizens.* Contact key civic and business leaders who care about the beauty and economic vitality of your area, i.e., county commissioners, county judges, garden clubs, chambers of commerce, historic preservation groups, adopt-a-highway and business groups. *Obtain support letters* from the groups.
3. *Ask for a bill to be filed in the next legislative session.* Contact your state representative and senator. If you don't know who they are, go to www.capitol.state.tx.us and click on the "Who Represents Me?" link. Meet with them, tell them your concerns, and ask them to file a bill that adds your favorite roads to those listed in Section 391.252 of the Texas Transportation Code. The next regular session begins in January 2007.
4. *Support your representative and senator.* Once the bill has been filed, provide testimony, resolutions and support letters to the house and senate committee members.



For additional information on protecting your favorite roads, contact Margaret Lloyd at lloyd@scenic texas.org or call at 713-533-9149 ext. 14.

Existing roads protected from new billboards*

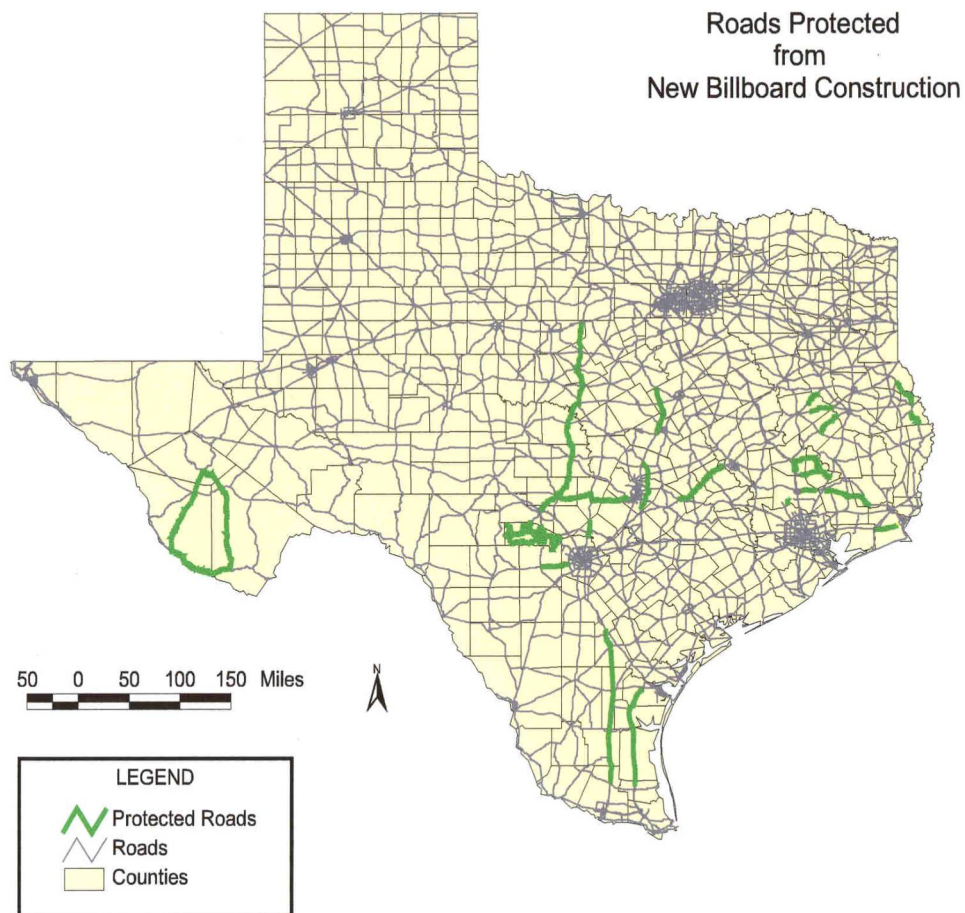
Since 9/1/2001:

- (1) U.S. Hwy 290 between the western city limits of Austin and the eastern city limits of Fredericksburg;
- (2) State Hwy 317 between the northern city limits of Belton to the southern city limits of Valley Mills;
- (3) State Hwy 16 between the northern city limits of Kerrville and Interstate Hwy 20;
- (4) U.S. Hwy 77 between State Hwy 186 and State Hwy 44;
- (5) U.S. Hwy 281 between SH 186 and IH 37;
- (6) State Hwy 17 between State Hwy 118 and U.S. Hwy 90;
- (7) State Hwy 67 between U.S. Hwy 90 and FM 170;
- (8) FM Road 170 between State Hwy 67 and State Hwy 118;
- (9) State Hwy 118 between FM Road 170 and State Hwy 17;
- (10) State Hwy 105 between the western city limits of Sour Lake to the eastern city limits of Cleveland;
- (11) State Hwy 73 between the eastern city limits of Winnie to the western city limits of Port Arthur;
- (12) State Hwy 21 between the southern city limits of College Station and U.S. Hwy 290; and
- (13) a highway located in the Sabine, Davy Crockett; or Sam Houston National Forest..

(14) Since the creation of the Harris Co. Toll Road Authority (HCTRA), any toll road designated by order of the HCTRA.

Beginning 9/1/2005:

- (15) FM 2978 between FM Road 1488 and the boundary line between Harris and Montgomery Counties;
- (16) U.S. Hwy 281 between the southern boundary line of Comal County and State Hwy 306;
- (17) State Hwy 90 between the western city limits of San Antonio and the eastern city limits of Hondo;
- (18) A road in Bandera County that is part of the state highway system (according to TxDOT, this includes the Bandera County portion of SH 16, SH 46, SH 173, FM 187, FM 337, FM 470, FM 1077, FM 1283, FM 2107, FM 2828, and FM 3240);
- (19) SH 130 from the city of Georgetown to US 183 (49 miles, segments 1-4, new construction);
- (20) FM 3238 beginning at State Hwy 71 & any extension of FM 3238 through Hays and Blanco Counties; and
- (21) any toll road designated by order of the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority.




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* Does not include any roads protected by a city ordinance. Approximately 250 Texas cities have stopped the construction of new billboards.