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## Remembering Bankhead Highway, part of county history

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With a mission to document the history of the Bankhead Highway, Texas Historical Commission is holding a series of meetings from Texarkana to El Paso to gather facts and stories about one of

the nation's first coast-to-coast highways.

The second meeting is set for Thursday in the Franklin County Cultural Arts Center from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Individuals and organizations are invited to attend and share information, photos and other visual items related to the Bankhead Highway.

The Bankhead Highway extended from

Washington, D.C., to San Diego, Calif., and the route led through Alabama, home of U.S. Senator John H. Bankhead, a major supporter of the highway.

The route crossed some 850 miles of

Texas, passing through Texarkana, Mount Vernon, Sulphur Springs, Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Midland, Van Horn and El Paso.

The Bankhead roughly followed U.S. 67 and U.S. 80 highways, and the route included Jefferson Street to the courthouse square in Sulphur Springs and out Main Street on the west.

Those with information and artifacts are encouraged to attend the public outreach meeting Thursday in Mount Vernon and bring historical photos, postcards, maps and other Bankhead-related items for inclusion in the project.

For more information about the *Trip Through Time: the Bankhead Highway Across Texas*, go to the Texas Historical Commission website [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) or contact Leslie Wolfenden at 512-463-3386 or email to [leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us).