Incorporating Transportation History into Exhibits

Welcome!

The webinar will begin at 2:00 p.m. CT
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  • Webinars and workshops
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Real Places Conference 2020

- **January 29-31, 2020 in Austin**
- **Keynote:** Elizabeth Merritt, Center for the Future of Museums
- **Museum-focused sessions include:**
  - *Minimizing Impact on Visitors and Staff During Construction Projects*
  - *Fund Development and Successful Storytelling*
  - *Math & History Programming*
  - *Podcasting*
  - *Programs and Exhibits in Response to Current Events*
- **Register at** [www.realplaces.us](http://www.realplaces.us)
Upcoming Free Webinars

- **Neurodiversity in Museums: Crafting Community for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
  - *Wednesday, January 15, 2:00 p.m. CT*

- **Museum Relevance: Exhibitions for Social Justice**
  - *Thursday, January 23, 10:00 a.m. CT*
Kate Betz and Rebekah Dobrasko
Incorporating Transportation History into Exhibits

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Kate Betz,
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Who is TxDOT?

[Map showing the status of the present 35,000 mile FM program for March 1956, indicating percent of mileage quota based on the present 35,000 mile FM program with color codes for different percentage ranges.]
Who is the Environmental Affairs Division?

- TxDOT historians, archeologists, biologists, geologists, etc.
- Run a variety of programs:
  - Beyond The Road Campaign
  - Archeology and History
  - Texas Historic Bridges
  - Stormwater Programs
  - Ozone Action Days
  - Wetland Mitigation Banks
  - Drive Clean Texas
What the Bullock Museum is....and what it isn't
Types of History Resources Available from TxDOT

- Digital
  - Websites
  - Maps
  - Photographs
  - Historic contexts
  - Road plans

- Paper Files
  - Bridges
  - Roadside parks
  - Depression-era roads and bridges
  - Works Progress Administration Records
DIGITAL RESOURCES - Websites

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DIGITAL RESOURCES --Websites

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Digital Resources -- Websites

TxDOT Texas Highway Designation Files Search

Highway Designation Files provide a description of proposed changes to the state highway system. A “designation” is the unique combination of a route’s name and its intended path. Proposed changes include new designations and any changes to existing designations. Such changes are approved by the Texas Transportation Commission and are officially documented on Minute Orders, which can be found here. Highway Designation Files use language from the Minute Orders to provide a brief overview of the proposed changes. To learn more about the designation process, click here.

It is important to emphasize that Minute Orders and the resulting Highway Designation Files describe proposed changes. They do not necessarily describe current, on-the-ground conditions.

Enter your query below:
If you cannot find your highway by Type of Route and Route Number, try searching by Route Number only. The search results will include all routes with that number.
For questions or comments about the Texas Highway Designation Files, please contact us by phone at (512) 485-5000 or e-mail us.

Search for:
Type of Route: Select a Route... Route Number: Search  Reset

Found: document(s) containing an exact match on using Keyword search

More Information

- Highway Designation
- Highway Designations Glossary
- Minute Order Search
What?
Interactive map of historic bridges in Texas.

Why?
Created to reference data of historically significant, or already examined, bridges in Texas.

Where?
Texas Historic Bridges
DIGITAL RESOURCES - Photo Library

• Free to the public

• We transfer images digitally

• Request images by email or phone

• Photos are not available online, so make an appointment to visit the lab or email your requests.
DIGITAL RESOURCES – Road Plans

Maps showing:
- Landscaping
- Names of adjacent owners
- Building outlines and uses
- Width of road
- Materials of road
- Historic maps
Who?
The WPA was created as a New Deal program in 1935. It employed many people to work on public works projects – like constructing buildings, roads, parks, and bridges.

What?
Paper records include information about bridges, roads, and parks built by the WPA.

TxDOT has a research copy of all WPA records from the state on microfilm.

Where?
Contact TxDOT for more information!
DIGITAL RESOURCES – Historic Contexts

**What?**
A historic context gives you a general overview about a topic during a specific time period in a particular place.

**Who?**
Educators, Teachers, Museum Specialists, Interested Researchers, You!

**Topics?**
- Gas Stations
- Industrial Properties
- Irrigation in Lower Rio Grande Valley
- Historic Motels, 1950-1970
- South Texas Ranching
- Texas Aviation
- Roadside Parks
- Texas Adobe
- Historic Agricultural Processing Facilities
- Central Texas Agriculture
- Agricultural Landscape Development Along US 277
OTHER RESOURCES – Story Maps, Videos, Podcasts

What?
Interactive tool with:
—Pictures
—Video links
—Maps
—Historic stories

Topics?
—Historic Gas Stations
—Historic Highways
—Roadside Discoveries
—Segregated Austin
—Mammoth Watch 2018

Where?
www.txdot.gov
Keyword: “Beyond the Road”
OTHER RESOURCES – Beyond TxDOT (and prior to 1917)

- Map Resources
- Postcard Collections
- Archeological Resources
- Other Archives
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● Always credit the image.
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HOW THE BULLOCK MUSEUM MAKES USE OF THESE RESOURCES

RANSOM WILLIAMS FAMILY RECOVERED ARTIFACTS

Reconstruction-era African American family's story told through the remains of their farm

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Courtoxy Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, The University of Texas at Austin
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From Dirt Road to State Highway System

Stuck in the Mud

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