# Incorporating Transportation History into Exhibits

Welcome!

The webinar will begin at 2:00 p.m. CT

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION REAL PLACES TELLING REAL STORIES

### **THC Museum Services**

- The Museum Services Program provides support, resources, and training to museums in Texas.
  - Consultations
  - Webinars and workshops
  - Resources

# www.thc.texas.gov/museum-services

- On our webpage:
  - Webinars
  - Workshops
  - Grants and Fundraising
  - Helpful Resources
  - Connect and Learn

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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 <u>www.realplaces.us</u>

# **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

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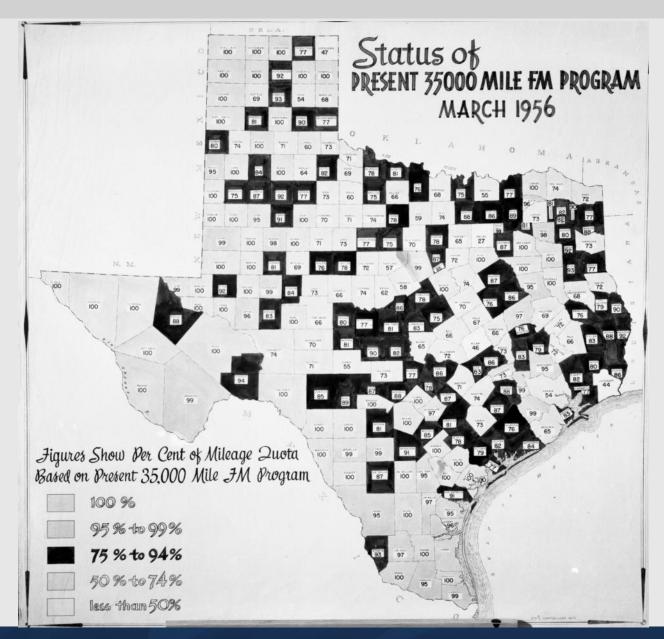
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#### Who is TxDOT?



Who is TxDOT?



- 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



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

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

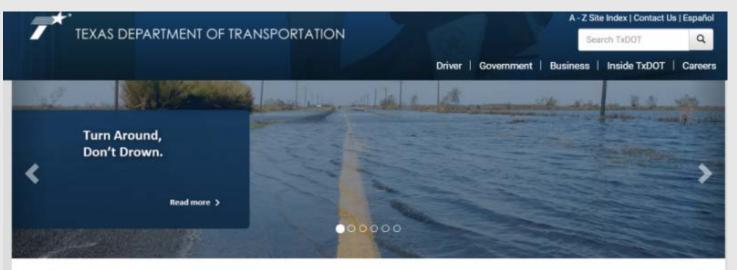


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Learn more about Texas travel, driving laws and highway safety.



#### Government

Research studies and laws and learn how we work with communities.



Business

Learn about TxDOT business resources and the bidding process.



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#### **DIGITAL RESOURCES --Websites**



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#### **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 <u>Texas Transportation</u> <u>Commission</u> and are officially documented on Minute Orders, which can be found <u>here.</u> 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 <u>here.</u>

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) 486-5000 or e-mail us.

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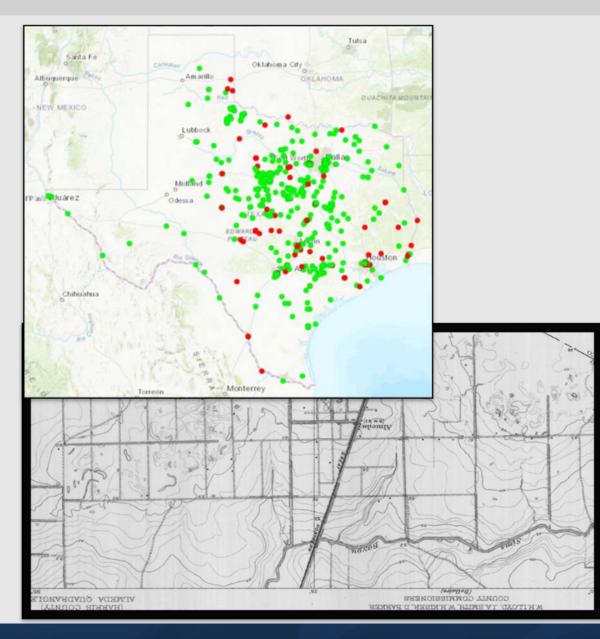
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#### More Information

- Highway Designation
- <u>Highway Designations Glossary</u>
- Minute Order Search

#### DIGITAL RESOURCES – Maps, Historic Bridges



What?

Interactive map of historic bridges in Texas.

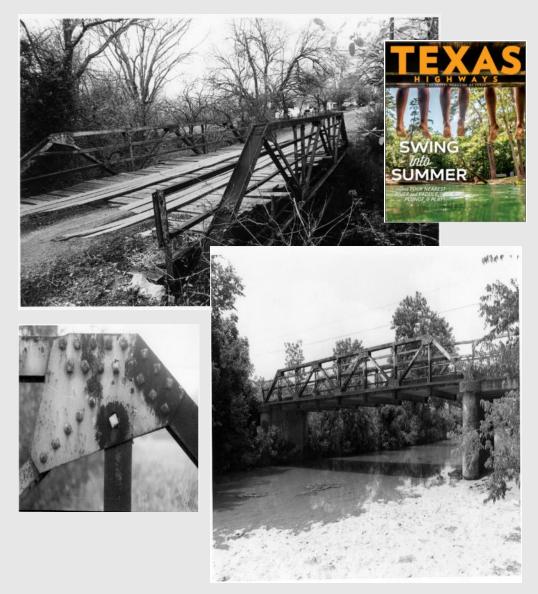
#### Why?

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

Where? Texas Historic Bridges

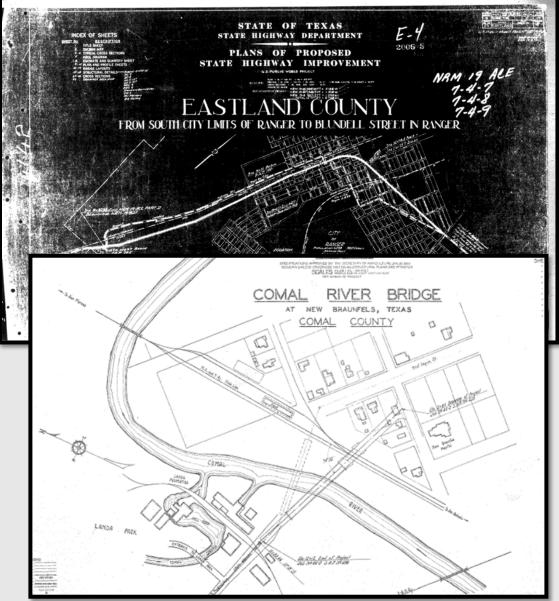
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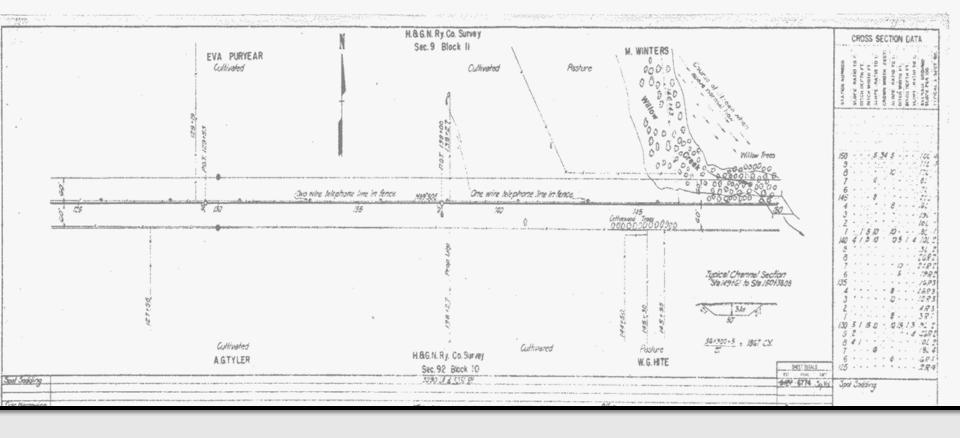


#### **DIGITAL RESOURCES – Road Plans**

- Maps showing:
- Landscaping
- Names of adjacent owners
- Building outlines and uses
- Width of road
- Materials of road
- Historic maps



#### **DIGITAL RESOURCES – Road Plans**



### PAPER FILES – Works Progress Administration Records

#### 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!



#### 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!

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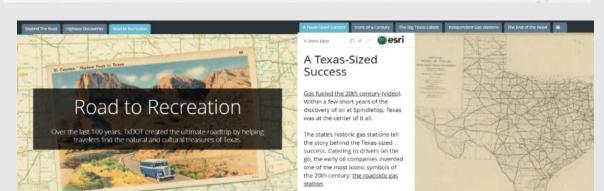
- <u>Gas Stations</u>
- Industrial Properties
- Irrigation in Lower Rio Grande Valley
- Historic Motels, 1950-1970
- South Texas Ranching
- <u>Texas Aviation</u>
- <u>Roadside Parks</u>
- <u>Texas Adobe</u>
- Historic Agricultural Processing Facilities
- Central Texas Agriculture
- Agricultural Landscape Development Along US 277

#### OTHER RESOURCES – Story Maps, Videos, Podcasts

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

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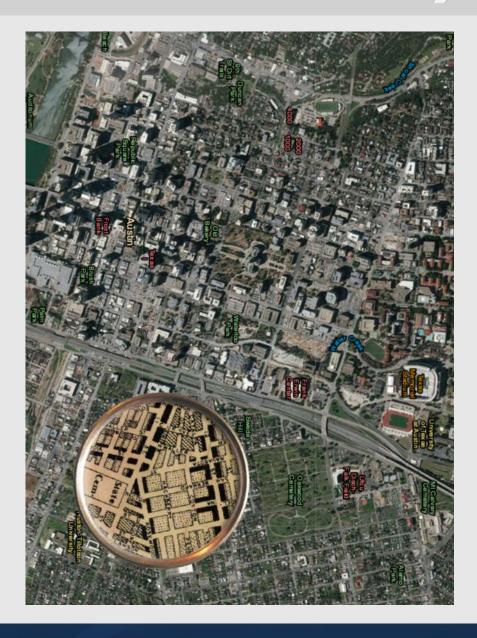
- -Historic Gas Stations
- -Historic Highways
- -Roadside Discoveries
- -Segregated Austin
- -Mammoth Watch 2018

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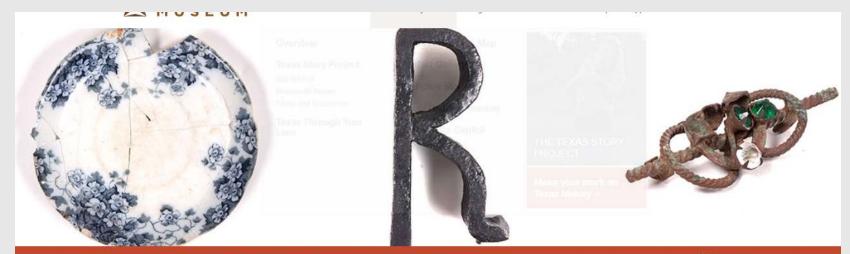
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Reconstruction-era African American family's story told through the remains of their farm

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