

Text of Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address November 30, 2012
“Transportation in North Texas”

Hello this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. When I first elected to Congress in 2003, I was on the House Transportation Committee. Our transportation system has a direct and significant impact on the daily lives of all Americans. The United States has benefited greatly from having a strong transportation network, but we are approaching a crossroads.

Texas provides state and local officials with some of the greatest transportation mobility challenges. It’s essential that we work together to increase the federal investment in the nation’s aging transportation infrastructure.

Earlier this week, I held the 10th Annual 26th Congressional District of Texas Transportation Summit along with the Texas Department of Transportation at the University of North Texas.

Transportation is always an important topic of discussion in North Texas and for obvious reasons. With one of the world’s largest airports, thousands of miles of roads, highways, rail lines, and several other modes of infrastructure, North Texans recognize the importance of transportation and its role in our region’s continued growth.

Just this week, and somewhat of a surprise, the *Dallas Morning News* reported that the Texas Department of Transportation’s records indicate that Denton County is one of the safest driving areas in Texas. The summit only furthered our continuing conversation on transportation in North Texas.

We’re a rapidly growing area. Our population is expanding, and as that happens, our need for wider roads and highways also expands. I look forward to continuing this conversation and to working with local and state leaders on transportation issues.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this issue and other issues before the United States Congress, please visit my website at burgess.house.gov. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.