



# TRINITY RIVER VISION

# UPDATE

A PUBLICATION CONCERNING PROJECTS OF THE TRINITY RIVER VISION AUTHORITY



New bridge designs unite impressive styling with budget savvy engineering.

## DID YOU NOTICE?

The architecture of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth is a major influence on the design of the Trinity Uptown bridges.



**“The V-Pier designs have found the right balance between iconic look and cost effectiveness.”**

Stephen Darrow  
Principal at DMS Architects, Inc.  
TRV bridge citizen advisory group member

## KEEPING IT LOCAL

Congratulations to following local vendors who are teaming up with Freese and Nichols, Inc. on the final bridge design!

- CDM
- AECOM
- Corven Engineering
- Open Channels Group, LLC
- Gorrondona & Associates, Inc.  
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- John Sons Press
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## A Modern Twist on TRV Bridge Designs

**O**n a mission to design new bridges that are both beautiful and budget-friendly, the City of Fort Worth and local engineering firm Freese and Nichols, Inc. have assembled a distinguished team that includes internationally-recognized bridge designers Rosales + Partners out of Boston to create a stylish entrance into the urban, waterfront community of Trinity Uptown.

The bridge design team is working side-by-side with a dedicated citizen advisory group to ensure that community needs remain at the forefront of the design process. A major goal is that the bridges – which will cross over the future bypass channel at White Settlement Rd., Henderson St. and Main St. – will provide a pedestrian-friendly experience and complement the iconic architectural components of the Cultural District and Downtown.

The designs that have been released have been described as clean and modern yet suggestive of the arches of the existing Lancaster Ave. and Main St. bridges. The V-shaped pier design is inspired by local architecture found at The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and the Pier 1 Imports/Chesapeake Energy headquarters – enhancing the sense of connection between Trinity Uptown and Fort Worth’s most cherished cultural hubs.

While the bridge design team works diligently to make sure crossing over into Trinity Uptown from the Cultural District and the Historic Northside is an experience as unique as the project itself, the TRV project team continues to prepare for the start of bridge construction which is currently scheduled to begin next year.



Bridge construction is scheduled to begin in 2011! Read more construction news inside >>

# CONSTRUCTION ZONE

## CONTRACTING CORNER

### GET YOUR COMPANY PLUGGED IN!

Visit the Contracting Section of the new [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) website to get your company a running start at project-related contracts.

Explore project information, upcoming bid opportunities, important schedule information and much more at the click of a mouse.

Register your company in the TRV Online Vendor Database to team up with other local contractors and receive notifications about bid opportunities, educational workshops and networking events by email.

### JOIN US!

The Trinity River Vision Authority Contracting Committee will be participating at these upcoming events.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Alliance Texas - Small Business Procurement Fair

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Tarrant County Vendor Forum

### PROJECT FACT

Currently, there are 110 firms that have received contracts to work on the Trinity River Vision project.

### CONCRETE REMOVAL



Work has begun on the removal of key concrete slabs to make way for new TRV bridges at Henderson St. and White Settlement Rd.

## Construction Keeps Moving in Central City



**M**ore dirt moving has begun (about 45,000 truckloads to be exact!) along the Trinity River between Northside Dr. and Samuels Ave. This time the work will not only create crucial flood storage, but will also transform the area where the City of Fort Worth auto impound used to be into a trailhead with skyline views that will provide enhanced trail access to Northside area neighborhoods like Diamond Hill.



## Cutting Project Costs in Gateway Park

**T**he TRV project team came up with a brilliant way to cut project cost – they found someone who would work for free! Well, sort of. What is being called a “voluntary soil removal program” has been established with local contractor will save the project a whopping \$6-8 million. Crews will continue to remove soil from a 100-acre site in Gateway Park’s Riverside Oxbow, but they get to keep the soil and sell it for a profit. The work is being done to enhance flood control and restore the area back to its natural bottomland hardwood condition – the perfect growth condition for the 80,000 trees that will be planted in the park. The area under construction will also be home to numerous soccer fields, a splash park and covered basketball courts. Visit [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) to learn about these and other Gateway amenities that are included in the Trinity River Vision project.

# Trinity River Vision Partners Take Home Top Awards for Excellence on the Trails

The Trinity River Vision and partner Streams and Valleys, Inc. both walked away from the Texas Trails Network Conference in February with high honors.

The Texas Trails Network awarded the Trinity River Vision its top annual honor, the “Great Texas Trailhead Planning” award, which recognizes successfully completed trail planning or design projects that utilize public input to significantly enhance a region. The Trinity River Vision partners have done just that through the successful completion of numerous improvement projects related to the 90-project plan officially known as the Trinity River Vision Neighborhood and Recreation

Enhancement Plan. This plan is already underway and provides improved river access and recreation to neighborhoods throughout Fort Worth.

Streams and Valleys, Inc. was recognized for its excellence in the promotion of the Riverside Trailhead and received the “Great Texas Two Step” award. This award recognizes creativity in and quality of trail promotion efforts that provide public exposure in the field of trail use, planning, design or project implementation. The Riverside Trailhead, a Trinity River Vision project, is complete and serves the Historic Riverside neighborhood of Fort Worth.



The NREP is available at [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org)



*The Texas Trails Network is a non-profit organization that promotes quality development and management of trails, provides a forum to address concerns related to trail acquisition, development management, and user conflicts, and promotes the development of a statewide trails system network.*



Riverside Trailhead Public Art  
Photographic panels by Letitia Huckaby

## TRV Out on the Town Perhaps You Have Seen Us?



Trinity River Vision Authority staff partnered with Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. to inform visitors of the Main St. Arts Festival about the present and future of Fort Worth. Also look for the TRV booth at Mayfest!



Woody Frossard, Project Manager for the Trinity River Vision Authority, gives a community update on project construction.

### SCHEDULE A GROUP PRESENTATION

Do you belong to a group or organization that is looking for a fun and informational speaker? Then look no further! The TRVA staff is always willing to spread the word to listening ears. A typical presentation covers the past, present and future of the Trinity River Vision and features entertaining graphics and videos- guaranteed to keep your group interested. Presentations can be held at the TRVA education center or at an off-site location of your choice. Contact **Laura Mayberry** at **817-698-0700** or [laura.mayberry@trinityrivervision.org](mailto:laura.mayberry@trinityrivervision.org) to book the TRV for your next meeting or event.



# Upcoming River Events



## FORT WORTH'S FOURTH JULY 4 • LA GRAVE FIELD

What better way to celebrate our country's birthday, than with baseball, hot dogs, fireworks and levee sliding?! And don't forget to bring your inner tube! Come float the fourth with us!

### Levee Sliding

Inflected Form(s): lev-ee slid-ing

Pronunciation: [lev-ee]

[slahy-ding]

Function: *intransitive verb*

1: To traveling down a levee and into the Trinity River via a gigantic slip n' slide. <Everyone wants to go levee sliding!>

See also: *tons of fun*



The grandmother of all river festivals is back! Come out and celebrate the Trinity River with a weekend full of fun, food, games, music, art and more.

This year, the **Trinity River Vision** has partnered with **Cowtown Wakepark** to bring something truly special to the river. Be sure and bring your swim trunks to Mayfest this year! **Liquid Force Wakeboards** has rounded up the best in the industry (world champion **Tom Fooshee**, **Danny Hampson** and **Aaron Reed** to name a few!) to show off their skills on a new mini-cable system set up in the Trinity River for the festival. And you know what the best part is? The public is invited to jump on in and learn from the pros, so come out and ride on the river! Space is limited. Sign up for your free ride at the Trinity River Vision booth.



World Champion  
Tom Fooshee



COWTOWN WAKEPARK



## FROM BARE TO BLOSSOMED!

In November, TRV partner Streams & Valleys continued their effort to beautify the river by planting Heirloom Texas daffodil bulbs throughout the entire river corridor. Now the daffodils are in full bloom and adding color and beauty for trail enthusiasts. Streams & Valleys are looking for volunteers to help plant bulbs next winter. If you are interested contact **Adelaide Leavens** at (817) 926-0006 or [adelaide@streamsandvalleys.org](mailto:adelaide@streamsandvalleys.org).



Working together to make the  
*Trinity River Vision*  
a reality.

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