

Senator Robert Nichols Bio -

First elected to the Texas Senate in 2007, Robert Nichols represents 19 counties including the greater part of East Texas and Montgomery County.

Nichols serves as Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and serves on the Finance, Administration and Business and Commerce Committees. He is a member of the Legislative Audit Committee and serving his second term on the Sunset Advisory Commission.

During his six sessions as a state senator, Nichols authored and passed legislation to protect landowners' rights, increase educational opportunities in East Texas and reform transportation policies. He has also worked to reduce Medicaid fraud, and promote free-market principles. He was designated as a Top Legislator by Texas Insider, a Champion of Free Enterprise by the Texas Association of Business, a Courageous Conservative by the Texas Conservative Coalition, and a Top 10 Best Legislator for the 85th Legislative Session by Texas Monthly Magazine.

Before running for Senate, Nichols served as transportation commissioner for eight years where he established a reputation for increasing efficiency without compromising quality.

Nichols is a businessman from Jacksonville, Texas. In his hometown he served on city council, was elected mayor, built four successful manufacturing facilities, earned 32 U.S. patents, and created more than 900 jobs for East Texas families.

Working his way through college by selling fireworks and ironing clothes for other students, Nichols earned a bachelor's degree from Lamar University in 1968. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna, and they are the proud parents of three children: Brittney, Joshua, and Collynn'rae. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.



Royce West **State Senator** **District 23**

Royce West was first elected to the Texas Senate in November 1992. Since taking office, he has represented the 23rd Senatorial District on behalf of the citizens of Dallas County in the Texas Legislature. During his tenure, **Senator West** has been named by *Texas Monthly* as one of the 25 most powerful people in Texas politics, been selected for the magazine's biennial "Ten Best Legislators in Texas" list, and has twice been named as an "Honorable Mention." **Senator West** has also received mention on the Associated Press' "Movers and Shakers" list, as well as the *Texas Insider's* "Best Legislators" list.

Senator West is Vice Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and is a member of Senate committees on Education Finance, and Transportation. He was appointed to the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting after the 86th Legislative Session (2019).

Senator West's key initiatives include the creation of college admission opportunities for all students, including the establishment of the University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas' first state-supported, four-year university, with a law school in downtown Dallas, and authorization for a Pharmacy school. Increasing financial aid for college students and funding for the TEXAS grants programs have been priorities for Senator West as well. His legislation created the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University; increased funding for at-risk youth programs, awarded greater compensation to victims of violent crime, established new standards for child care, enhanced enforcement of protective orders and made better use of criminal justice resources through legislation that created a system of progressive sanctions.

Senator West passed legislation which created a kinship care program whereby qualified relatives can receive state support to help raise children who could otherwise become part of the foster care system..

Senator West is a champion for public education, including new programs that provide curriculum choices for public schools. He has promoted school and student accountability efforts, opposed A-F implementation and fights tirelessly for more funding and educational resources for Texas school children.

As one of the original authors of the Top 10% Rule that provides automatic admission to state universities for Texas high school students who graduate at the top of their classes, Senator West has continued his advocacy for the program and has successfully lead efforts to oppose those who would abolish it.

Senator West passed the original legislation that placed in-car video in Texas law enforcement patrol vehicles and body-worn cameras.

Senator West's advocacy for public safety and criminal justice reform includes passage of a bill providing grant money to law enforcement agencies for the purchase of high-grade, bulletproof vests and passage of **SB30** that instructs citizens and officers on how they should respond during traffic stops and other interactions.

To promote inclusiveness in the procurement practices of state agencies in working with Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), **Senator West** created the “*Doing Business Texas Style - Spot Bid Contract Fair*” and regularly sponsors procurement workshops and seminars. And with the goal of creating greater employment opportunities for Dallas County residents, in 2015 Senator West instituted the ***D23 Goes 2 Work*** Job Fair, which connects employers with those seeking work.

In addition to his senatorial duties, **Senator West** is the managing partner in the law firm of West & Associates, L.L.P. He is also a caring father to his children, a grandfather and devoted husband to Carol R. West, CPA, as well as an active deacon of Good Street Baptist Church.

Texas House of Representatives

Nicole D. Collier

DISTRICT 95

Bio: Rep. Nicole Collier

Nicole Collier is a respected attorney, small business owner, grandmother and mother of three who has spent her life working to obtain the American Dream. Nicole was raised in a family with vision and a dedication to service. Her grandfather, Walter B. Johnson, Sr., a World War II veteran, started his career as a hostler for a local railroad company, and later went on to work for the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing as a janitor. After years of hard work and determination, Walter rose to become one of the first African-American plate printers at the Bureau, landing him on the front cover of Jet Magazine.

Nicole's father, Rolland Johnson, Sr., started working at the Bureau following a tour in the U.S. Navy. As a student at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Rolland worked nights as an apprentice plate printer. Both Rolland and his father Walter were proud members of the plate printer's union. Rising through the ranks, her father retired from the Bureau as one of the most noted printers in the organization. Meanwhile, Nicole's mother, Shirley Johnson, dedicated her life to serving children in many youth ministries, and caring not only for their children and grandchildren, but many local neighborhood children, as well.

Nicole herself was born with the same vision and determination as her predecessors. As a single mother of two children before finishing high school, she was bolstered by both her faith and family to continue her education all the way through law school graduation. Nicole graduated from the University of Houston and married Gary Collier, shortly thereafter. Gary and Nicole established their home in Fort Worth, Texas, and for the last 18 years, Nicole has been a strong advocate for individuals and families, and has now taken her skills to the state Capitol.

Nicole is the first woman to represent House District 95, in Tarrant County, and in November 2018, she was re-elected to her fourth term in office.

In the 86th Texas Legislature, Representative Collier was appointed to serve as Chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and Vice-Chair of the House's General Investigating Committee, and re-appointed to the Business & Industry Committee.

Her appointment as Chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee makes Representative Collier the first woman in Texas history to serve in that capacity since the committee's formation in 1879.

The Texas Legislative Black Caucus re-elected Representative Collier as the First Vice-Chair in 2018. Moreover, since first elected, she has introduced legislation ranging from banning the sale of e-cigarettes to minors, expanding eligibility for health care under the Affordable Care Act, creating more opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), to increasing consumer protections under third-party debt collection practices in Texas and providing earned paid leave to Texas workers.

James Hofmann

Executive Director/CEO – North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)

James Hofmann is the Executive Director/CEO for NTTA, providing leadership to carry out policies established by the NTTA Board of Directors and to direct staff in carrying out the Authority's mission.

Hofmann rejoined NTTA in 2013 as the assistant executive director of operations. In that role, he oversaw its customer service, customer care, information technology and human resources departments. Prior to rejoining NTTA, Hofmann's previous experience with NTTA included working as an IT consultant (2000 – 2005), NTTA's director of IT (2005 – 2006) and NTTA's director of business solutions (2006 - 2007). During that time, Hofmann managed the creation of an enterprise geographic information system project which was awarded the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) 2003 Toll Excellence Award in Operations.

Hofmann left the NTTA in August 2007 to return to the private sector, serving as a consultant and project manager on various ventures related to the tolling and highway industry. His experience includes work with public-private partnerships, intergovernmental negotiations, large-scale technology projects, and business process improvements.

Hofmann is active in the toll industry, serving as a member of the IBTTA Board of Directors, chairman of the IBTTA Emerging Technologies Committee, immediate past chair of the Central US interoperability steering committee and as a key contributor to the industry's advancement towards national interoperability through the integration of regional hubs. Additionally, Hofmann served on the OmniAir Consortium's Board of Directors from 2013-2018 with stints as both treasurer and vice chairman.

He earned a bachelor's degree in science from Texas A&M University in 1995 and received a master's degree in science from the University of Utah in 1999

Marc D. Williams Bio

Marc D. Williams, P.E., serves as Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation. In this role he assists the department's executive director and management team with oversight of all TxDOT functions, including the management and operation of the state's transportation system. He is charged with ensuring Texas' transportation system is planned, constructed and maintained in a cost-effective manner in order to effectively address the state's growing safety, mobility and reliability needs.

Williams' career experience in transportation planning and program efforts includes public- and private-sector organizations involving state, county and local jurisdictions. He has served in leadership positions with two state departments of transportation and has worked with national, private-sector transportation engineering organizations. His professional assignments have included directing statewide transportation planning and programming efforts as well as managing project-specific highway and multimodal transportation plans and programs.

He has worked extensively with public and agency outreach, transportation plans of various modes, regional and corridor-level plans and programs, environmental planning and approval, economics and finance, project design and development, along with work in the areas of construction management, operations and maintenance.

Jessica Andrews Bio

Jessica graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in December 2001 and arrived in Texas in January of 2002 to start her professional career as an engineering consultant in water resources engineering and design. Over the next 14 years, Jessica advanced her skills and qualifications from solving hydraulic design issues into designing complete roadways and ultimately rounded out her experience by managing a consultant Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) group.

In 2015, Jessica joined the PEPS Fort Worth Service Center and became one of two procurement engineers responsible for handling procurements for the Fort Worth District, which has had an aggressive procurement plan for the last several years. As a procurement engineer for the PEPS Division, Jessica enjoyed the challenge of procuring large, complex specific deliverable contracts for the Fort Worth District. In August 2019, she became the PEPS Fort Worth Service Center Manager.

Jessica lives in Fort Worth with her husband Jay and their two cats, Calvin and Hobbes. Jessica and Jay love to travel and their adventures have taken them to South America, Europe, Asia, and all over North America.

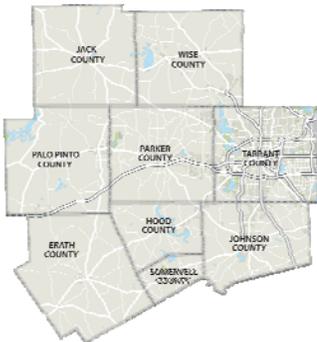


John F. Cordary Jr., P.E.

Fort Worth Deputy District Engineer



John F. Cordary Jr. provides joint oversight of nearly \$4 billion in partnerships including I-35W, the DFW Connector, and the Southeast Connector.



The Fort Worth District has the state's fourth highest population and third highest number of registered vehicles.

John F. Cordary Jr. is the deputy district engineer of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Fort Worth District, which comprises nine counties: Erath, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise.

A native of Victoria, John earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University. A TxDOT employee since 1993, John began his career as an engineering assistant in the Parker County Area Office, where he later held positions as design engineer and assistant area engineer. In 2007, he became the Parker/Palo Pinto County area engineer. He was promoted to director of transportation planning and development (TP&D) in 2015. As director of TP&D, John worked closely with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and other local and regional partners to develop projects and funding priorities.

John was named deputy district engineer in 2018. In this capacity, he assists the district in meeting its safety, financial, operations and customer satisfaction goals.

John serves as a member of NCTCOG's surface transportation technical committee which makes recommendations to the Regional Transportation Council on regional transportation initiatives. As deputy district engineer, John also leads the district's engineering assistant program, which develops and mentors engineering assistants as they work toward becoming licensed professional engineers.

Brenan Honey's bio

Brenan graduated in 2001 from Texas Tech University with a bachelors in Civil Engineering. He began his career in the Collin County Area Office where he worked on design, construction and maintenance projects including as project engineer on SH 121 through the Colony. From 2006-2008 he worked for a consultant with the NTTA's project management office working on various projects such the DNT 4th lane projects and Chisolm Trail. He returned to the Dallas District Construction Office in 2010 where he performed constructability reviews and project oversight for Dallas County TxDOT projects. In 2012, he was named Collin County Assistant Area Engineer and then the Collin County Area Engineer in 2016 where he oversaw a construction portfolio peaking at more than \$700 million dollars. In 2019, he became the Dallas County Area Engineer and in April of 2020 became the Director of Construction.

Joseph S. Jancuska Bio

In February 1988, Joseph S. Jancuska, Joe began his career as an engineering assistant in the Dallas District of TxDOT after graduation from University of Texas at Arlington with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He worked his way up in the Roadway Design section and in April 2000 he became the supervisor of one of the four design sections in the Dallas District.

Throughout his career, he has worked on numerous projects, which include: the first SH 161 project in Irving, the SH 114 Roanoke bypass, the SH 161-SH 183 interchange – phase one, the Dallas High Five (IH 635 & US 75), the SH 114 – SH 170 interchange, SH 161 from IH 30 to IH 635, SH 114 frontage roads in front of Texas Motor Speedway, as well as others.

In December 2013, he became the PEPS Dallas Service Center Manager. He has been involved in procuring many Engineering, Survey and Architect contracts. Some of the engineering contracts he helped procure are LBJ east, SM Wright, IH 30, the Irving Interchange and many others.

He resides in Irving, Texas with his wife, Kathy and has three daughters. His daughters: Ashley is doctor in Nashville, Tennessee; Caitlin is in the oil and gas industry in Houston, Texas and; Lily who attends Ursuline Academy in Dallas, Texas.

Kelly R. Johnson, P.E.
Senior Manager of Project Development
North Texas Tollway Authority

Kelly joined the NTTA in 2011. In her current role as Senior Manager of Project Development, she is responsible for all planning and design projects in the NTTA capital plan. This includes both new tollway extension projects and widening of existing toll roads.

Kelly has more than 20 years of professional experience in the field of engineering and management. She has experience in various phases of project development, including NEPA approval process, final design, right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination.

Kelly is a graduate of Texas A&M University, where she received her bachelor's degree in civil engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

Mark A. Bouma, P.E.
Senior Corridor Manager
North Texas Tollway Authority

Mark Bouma started with the NTTA in 1998 leading the design and construction of the President George Bush Turnpike and Addison Airport Toll Tunnel. In 1999, he became Director of Engineering, leading the NTTA's rapid growth in planning, design and construction of toll road and capital improvement projects. In late 2007, with the creation of the Project Delivery Department, he assumed the responsibility of providing technical direction and quality assurance over design and construction of NTTA capital projects. Currently, as Senior Corridor Manager he leads maintenance and structural engineering, construction, right-of-way, utility and project finance.

Previously, Mark was employed by HNTB Corporation. His work included construction management of the Dallas North Tollway extensions from IH 635 to SH 121, TxDOT bridge inspections, rehabilitation design of the historic Waco Suspension Bridge, and design of bridges and interchanges.

Mark earned his B.S. and M.E. degrees in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1983 and 1986, respectively.

Mark is the past Chairman of the Engineering and Design Committee for the International Bridge Tunnel & Turnpike Association. He current serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Infrastructure Advancement Institute and he remains active in the Boy Scouts in Frisco as a Special Projects Advisor to the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow honor society.

Theresa Poer Bio

Theresa received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M in 1998. She began working at TxDOT after graduation and has been with the Department almost 22 years. In 2002, she received a Masters of Civil Engineering from UTA. Theresa has worked in roadway design, construction, project management and traffic operations. She served as the Project Manager for the North Tarrant Express from 2010 to 2012. She has been the Director of Transportation Operations in the Ft. Worth District for the past eight years, where she oversees traffic signals, signs, speed zoning, system safety programs and intelligent transportation systems for 9 counties . Theresa is the recipient of the 2018 Dewitt C. Greer Award, which recognizes outstanding service to the people of the State of Texas by engineers. Theresa and her husband have four children aged 7-17. She enjoys being involved with her kids in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and high school band.