



## Texas governor, officials cheer toll road offer

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DESOTO, Texas. Texas Governor Rick Perry campaigns today for a combined toll road and rail system that would whisk traffic from the Oklahoma state line to Mexico.

Flanked by Dallas County and Texas state officials, Perry led a bipartisan pep rally for the 7 (b) billion dollar Trans-Texas Corridor, his sprawling transportation project that has drawn criticism from several quarters.

Perry, a Republican, proposed the Trans-Texas Corridor in 2002. The exact route for the corridor has not yet been drawn up, though it will probably be somewhere within a 10-mile-wide swath running parallel to Interstate 35.

Opposition includes those who see it as an attack on private property rights, since many landowners will lose property to the state.

Others object to the state accepting a proposal from a private U.S.-Spanish consortium known as Cintra-Zachry to build and operate it. Some who see the project as an affront to open government because part of a development contract is secret.

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