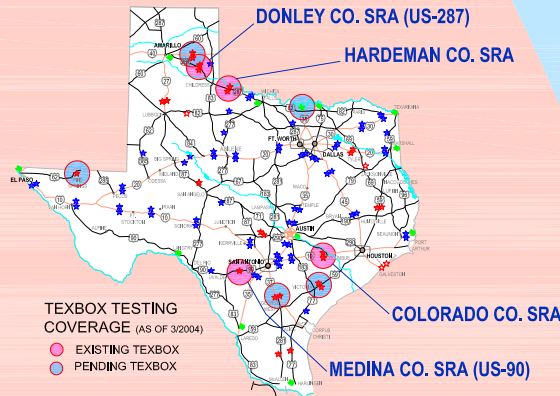# TEXBOX *NETWORK*

A joint project between Texas Department of Transportation and Texas A&M University

A NETWORK OF INTERACTIVE INFORMATION KIOSKS BEING INSTALLED AT TxDOT SAFETY REST AREAS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTERS

DONLEY CO. SRA (US-287)
HARDEMAN CO. SRA
COLORADO CO. SRA
MEDINA CO. SRA (US-90)

TEXBOX TESTING COVERAGE (AS OF 3/2004)
- EXISTING TEXBOX
- PENDING TEXBOX

THE TEXBOX TOURISM & COMMUNITY NETWORK PROJECT (TEXBOX NETWORK)
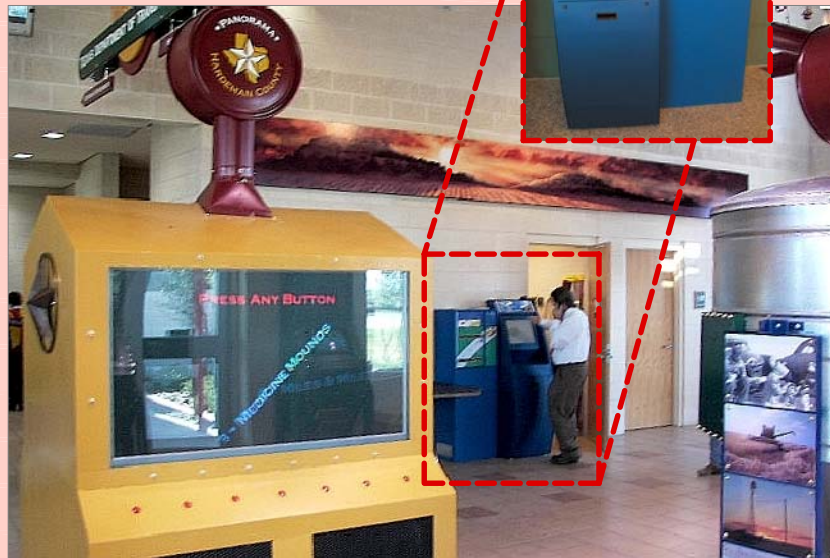
Part of an Information Display Exhibit, a TexBox kiosk provides a one-stop, complete "package" of important travel information and services to promote a safe, informative and enjoyable experience to the traveling public. By customizing travel information to the local areas, such as local events, attractions, businesses, etc., the TexBox Network creates numerous additional benefits to local communities, a few include:

- A "marketing" venue for rural communities and businesses.
- Hubs for regional & community collaboration and networking.
- Valuable capabilities to link and disseminate critical emergency/medical services to rural areas
- Capturing critical information about the traveling public, their activities, preferences and feedback

For the State of Texas, the intent of the TexBox Network is to be better hosts to our visitors and do a better job of "Marketing Texas". In addition, the TexBox Network can provide dynamic, interesting and timely information to users at locations where it is not practical to provide staff.

The idea of a modern, consolidated information "box" at Safety Rest Area (SRA) was originated, and named, by Andrew Keith, manager of the SRA program at TxDOT, Maintenance Division. With collaboration from Dr. Andrew Skadberg at Texas A&M and encouragement from the MNT Division's Director, Zane Webb, the TexBox concept now becomes a reality and an on-going project that will benefit not only travelers but also local communities within 50 miles of a Safety Rest Area.

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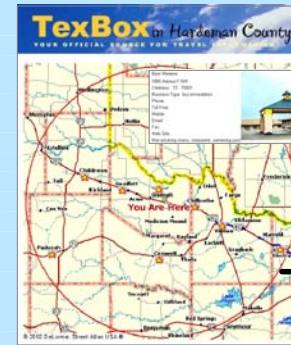- Texas A&M project manager: Dr. Andrew Skadberg – 979-845-5419

VIEW OF A TEXBOX UNDER TESTING OPERATION IN THE LOBBY OF HARDEMAN COUNTY SAFETY REST AREA

EMERGENCY

link to local emergency contacts, Including police department, hospitals, ems, dps, etc.

WHERE TO STAY OR EAT?

NEED SOMETHING ELSE?

local area: grocery, auto repair, pharmacies, ...

WHAT TO SEE AND DO?

LOCAL CALENDAR & EVENTS

LOCAL PEOPLE AND HISTORY

TexBox in Hardeman County
YOUR OFFICIAL SOURCE FOR TRAVEL INFORMATION

Emergency
- Where to Stay or Eat?
- Need Something Else?
- What to See & Do?
- Local Calendar of Events
- Local People & History
- Road Conditions
- Weather
- Road Tips
- Routes & Maps
- Get a TxDOT Travel Map
- Send an E-Mail
- About the Project

This service brought to you through a collaborative effort between:
Texas Department of Transportation, Safety Rest Area Program, Travel Division & Traffic Safety Program
Texas A&M University, Texas Cooperative Extension, Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences
area communities and businesses

EMERGENCY: link to local emergency contacts

STAY OR EAT? link to Interactive map

WHERE TO STAY OR EAT?

NEED SOMETHING ELSE? Interactive map and a listing of other services in the local area

NEED SOMETHING ELSE

WHAT TO SEE AND DO?

LOCAL CALENDAR AND EVENTS

LOCAL PEOPLE & HISTORY: visitors can read and see photos of local history and its people

ROAD CONDITIONS: link to TxDOT's site

WEATHER link to National Weather Service

ROAD TIPS link to TxDOT'S Traffic Safety Program with safety tips regarding child safety seats, DWI, aggressive drivers, distractions, etc.

ROUTES & MAPS: enlarged map of nearby cities and towns. Link to TxDOT's Interactive county map library

GET A TxDOT TRAVEL MAP: visitors receive a TxDOT Travel Map after completing an online survey

SEND AN E-MAIL: this feature allows visitors to exchange emails while on the road. This feature is still under development and testing

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

ROUTES AND MAPS

Texas Department of Transportation
Texas County Highway Maps
MrSID Image Navigation

GET A TxDOT TRAVEL MAP

A FREE TxDOT TRAVEL MAP IS DISPENSED IN THIS MACHINE AFTER A VISITOR COMPLETES A SURVEY ON THE TEXBOX. THE SURVEY ALLOWS COLLECTING CRITICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

ROAD CONDITIONS

SEND AN EMAIL

TexBox in Donley County

TxDOT Expressway
Texas Traffic Safety Program
What's your excuse for not buckling up?
"I FORGOT"
Whether you're the driver or the passenger, remember to buckle up Texas. Every time. All the time.

ROAD TIPS

WEATHER

National Weather Service Radar Image
Austin/San Antonio, TX Radar