



# Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

HELPING TEXANS GO. HELPING TEXAS GROW.

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**Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board**

It is not often that a new state agency is created in Texas.

However, we bear witness today to the fact that the Texas Legislature did just that in the last legislative session when three TxDOT divisions and one of its offices were transferred into the newly created Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

State Rep. McClendon, I want to thank you for leading the charge to make this new agency a reality. Amadeo, this agency will forever be indebted to TxDOT for its history and for building such a high standard of delivery for motor vehicle services in our state.

Today, I'm pleased to announce the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles will be open for business on Monday.

The TxDMV will always respect how important vehicles are in the lives and livelihood of Texans.

Texans count on vehicles everyday, whether it's the cars that get them to work, the buses that take their children to school, the EMS vehicles that can save their lives, or the trucks they bought to start their own business.

Vehicles help Texans take their kids to soccer practice, visit with family members and experience those long-needed vacations.

There are more than 21 million vehicles registered in Texas, the second largest number in the country. The creation of the TxDMV is a testament to the tremendous growth of our state.

The customers of the TxDMV - be it a citizen looking to register a vehicle or protect it from theft, a truck driver looking to haul goods across the state or a dealership looking to sell a car - deserve the undivided attention of an agency specifically tailored to get them where they want to go and to enhance the already great business climate of Texas

Quality customer service was a constant at TxDOT and will remain so at the TxDMV. The TxDMV also remains as committed as ever to TxDOT's core mission to give Texans the finest transportation system in the country.

The motor vehicle business in Texas generates more than \$4 billion annually for the state. The money is deposited into the state highway fund to help TxDOT build and maintain the transportation system and into the general revenue fund, which legislators use to provide services for all Texans.

The future is bright for the TxDMV, but it cannot go it alone.

The TxDMV will rely on its partner, the state's county tax assessor-collectors; its stakeholders, including law enforcement, commercial motor carriers, motor vehicle dealers; and, of course, citizens, to ensure every vehicle is properly registered, titled and insured, criminals are thwarted, and regulations are followed for the good of every Texan.

At the same time the TxDMV is full of future possibilities for delivering enhanced motor vehicle services. High-tech possibilities to increase customer convenience, combat fraud and help grow the motor vehicle business.

Today, the start of the TxDMV gives the proper recognition to all motor vehicle customers and opens the door to the tremendous possibilities of tomorrow.

The TxDMV shall always be dedicated to:

Helping Texans go. Helping Texas grow.