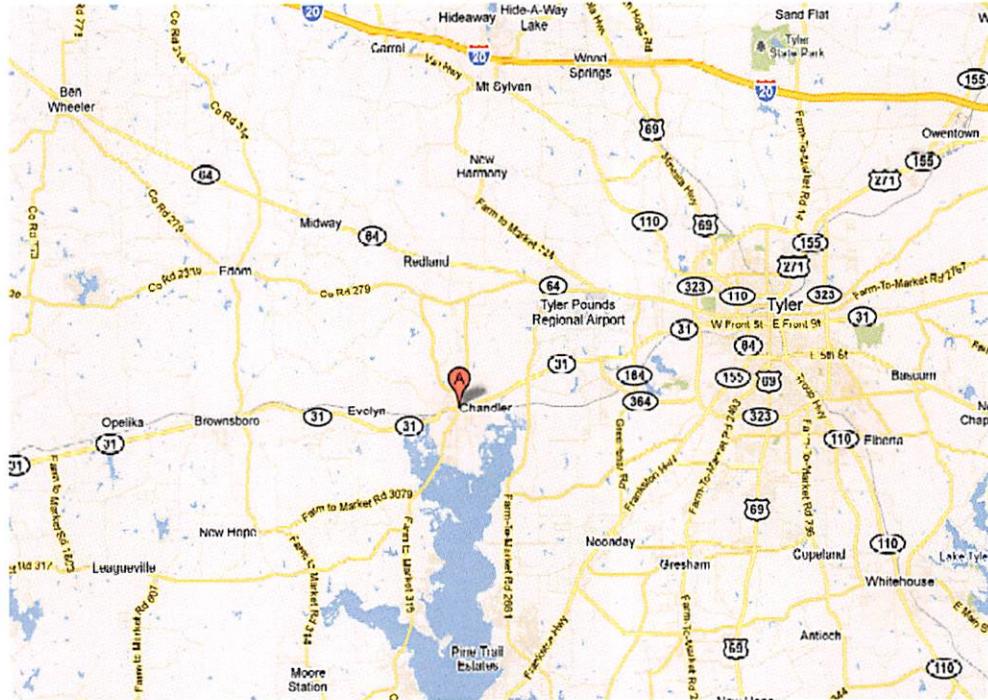


# H-Highways / Public Transportation

## Highways

Figure 8: Map of Chandler and Surrounding Area



Source: Google Maps

Henderson County is in the Tyler District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). TXDOT also has two maintenance offices located in Tyler which are approximately 15 miles from Chandler. The City of Chandler is served by the following highways:



### Texas State Highway 31

Texas State Highway 31 (SH 31) is the main highway passing through Chandler. It is 143.3 miles long and runs from U.S. Highway 84 northeast of Waco through the cities of Corsicana, Athens, Brownsboro, Chandler, Tyler, Kilgore and ends at U.S. Highway 80 in Longview. It is a highly traveled highway with several TxDOT projects currently underway and more planned. TxDOT confirmed that their 2008 traffic maps show 22,000 vehicles drive east of FM 315 in Chandler and 12,700 vehicles drive west of FM 315 daily.



### Texas State Highway 64

Texas State Highway 64 is just north of Chandler. Starting at the city of Wills Point it passes through Tyler and ends its route 82.2 miles later in the city of Henderson traveling through Rusk, Smith, and Van Zandt Counties. The Tyler Pounds Regional Airport is located off of SH 64.



### Farm-to-Market 315

Farm-to-Market Road 315 intersects SH 31 in Chandler. This 44 miles long road runs north and south, from the southern part of Van Zandt County, through Chandler and across a portion of Lake Palestine to near the city of Palestine in Anderson County.



### Interstate 20

Interstate-20 (I-20) is 15 miles north of Chandler. One of the major east-west U.S. Interstates, I-20 runs 1,535 miles from near Kent, TX, at Interstate 10 to Florence, SC, at Interstate 95. Between Texas and South Carolina, I-20 runs through northern Louisiana, central Mississippi, western and north-central Alabama, and north-central Georgia. I-20 intersects with seven of the ten primary north-south interstates and also with the major Interstate routes I-10 and I-30. I-20 begins 10 miles east of Kent at a fork with I-10. From there, the highway travels east-northeastward through Odessa, Midland, and Abilene before turning eastward towards the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Between Monahans and I-10, I-20 has an 80 mph speed limit, the highest in the United States. I-20 will be more easily accessible for Chandler residents with the opening of Toll Loop 49.

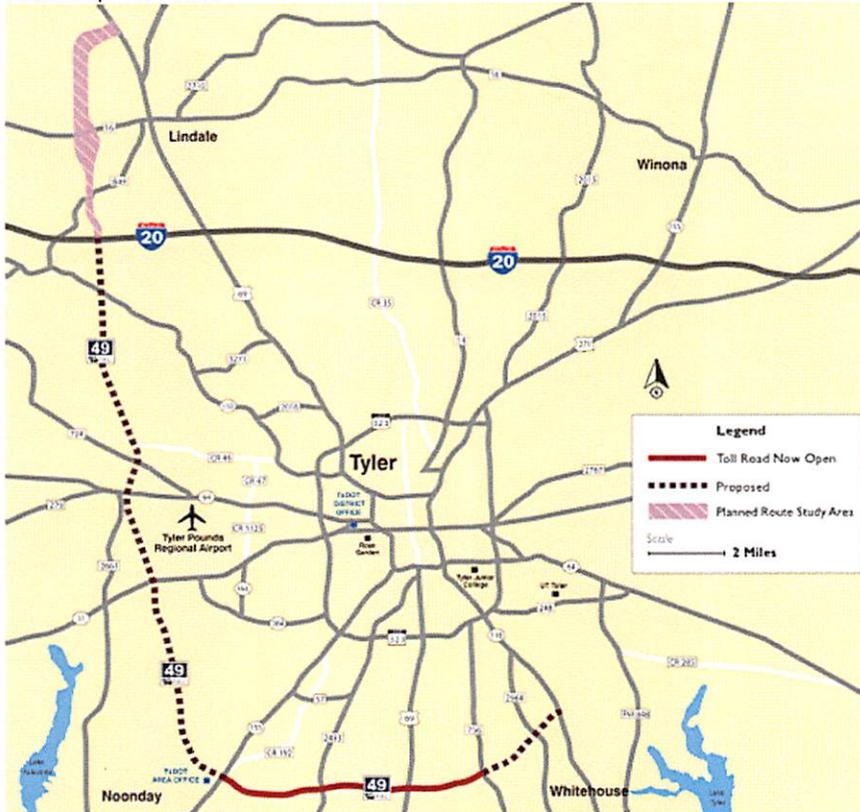
### Toll Road 49

High Tech Toll Loop 49 is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) plan to address the Texas Transportation Challenge and give Texans the first-class transportation system they deserve. This state-of-the-art highway will reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety, boost the local economy and improve air quality. High Tech Toll Road 49 is a toll road without toll booths. One can pay with an electronic toll tag or without one. Either way, there's no stopping or slowing down to pay.

The first and second segments of Loop 49 are now open. Section 3A, connecting to SH 31, should open in the fall of 2012 according to TxDOT, Texas Tollways. Section 3B connecting to I-20 will open in the Spring of 2014. Toll Loop 49 was initially constructed in sections as a two-lane roadway, with one lane traveling in each direction. A second set of lanes will be constructed in the future. Ultimately, Loop 49 will be a four-lane divided highway similar to I-20 near Tyler.

Once complete, the High Tech Toll Loop 49 will offer drivers the choice of a fast-moving, convenient method of traveling east and north of Chandler and around the south and west sides of Tyler as well as quick access to I-20 as seen below.

Toll Loop 49 Plans



Source: TexasTollways, Texas Department of Transportation

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**Air Services**

The Tyler Pounds Regional Airport is located only eight miles northeast of Chandler. It is very accessible on State Highway 64. Currently, the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport offers four daily American Eagle flights to and from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and six flights to and from George Bush Intercontinental in Houston.

In addition to offering passenger air service, the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport provides aircraft fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, aircraft storage, flight instruction, rental cars and charter planes. The city of Tyler website reports 145,270 people got on or off of a plane at this airport in fiscal year 2009.

### Bus Services

East Texas Council of Governments, ETCOG, rural transportation system makes 800+ trips a day, 5 days a week, throughout the 14 counties of East Texas, including Chandler and Henderson County.

There are approximately 40 vehicles in the GoBus fleet providing over 800 trips a day, 5 days a week. Vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts.



Trips are scheduled a day ahead of time and will pick up at a person’s home or specified location. The fee for seniors age 60 + is paid by the Area Agency on Aging of East Texas.

### Taxi Services

Taxi service is available out of Tyler and out of Athens as well as an Airport Shuttle Service to Dallas Airports.

**East Texas Yellow Cab/Tyler** --(903) 597-2526

**City Cab of Athens** - (903) 675-8444

**Airport Shuttle Service of East Texas** -(903) 534-3688

- Daily service from Tyler to DFW and Love Field Airports and back
- Custom pick-up and drop-off
- Charter passenger van service
- In-town or out-of-town delivery and courier service

### Rail Services

**Amtrak’s Texas Eagle** which connects San Antonio and Chicago passes through nearby East Texas cities twice daily - both stations are within driving distance of Chandler. The southbound route (Train #21) to San Antonio usually arrives between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. The northbound route (Train #22) to Chicago usually arrives between 5:00 and 7:00 PM. Amtrak’s schedule is subject to change at any time without notice.



**MINEOLA STATION (MIN)**

*115 East Front Street, Mineola, TX 75773*



The station is only open when the Texas Eagle is scheduled to arrive, providing passengers with restroom and phone access. Tickets cannot be purchased at this station. Driving distance to Chandler is approximately 33 miles.

**LONGVIEW STATION (LVW)**

*905 Pacific Avenue, Longview, TX 75602*



The station is open during a set daily schedule and closes when the last train departs in the evening. Restroom, phone, and vending machine access is only available when the station is open. Tickets can be purchased at this station. Approximate driving distance to Chandler is 47 miles.