Autobahn Toll Road Comes to Texas

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Critics of the Texas Toll Road may have second thoughts about their complaints when they get an opportunity to drive 85 mph on the highway without fear of getting a speeding ticket.
The Houston Chronicle reports that, “transportation officials in Texas are testing a new 41-mile segment of highway to see whether it would be safe to post the state’s first 85 mph speed limit, setting it on a path to have the highest posted speed limit in the U.S.”
Mark Cross, spokesman of the Texas Department of Transportation, said on Thursday that there is a maneuver to raise the speed limit on state Highway 130 that would run north-south between Austin and Seguin, a town just east of San Antonio.
According to the Houston Chronicle, “the agency is looking at the toll road’s topography, checking what speed most drivers are traveling on existing parts of the highway and ensuring the access points and cross-sections would still be safe with an 85 mph speed limit, Cross said.”
The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature raised the maximum speed limit from 80 mph to 85 mph, in 2011, but only for future highways. The governor of Texas is Rick Perry, a Republican.
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