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Texas Plaza Bridge over Loop 12 Opens Today

Seven months after demolition of the bridge two lanes open to traffic on the new bridge

IRVING – As of this morning, Monday, October 11, 2010, two inside lanes of the Texas Plaza Bridge, one in each direction, opened to traffic after being closed for seven months. The bridge was demolished in February of this year. When it is complete, there will be two lanes in each direction with a median. Texas Plaza simplifies access to the University of Dallas from Loop 12.

The bridge over Loop 12 had to be lengthened to accommodate the widening of Loop 12 which is currently under way. This is one part of a bigger project to rebuild the interchange of Loop 12 and SH 114. When complete, both SH 114 and Loop 12 will go from six to 10 lanes within the limits of the project.

The project will stretch along Loop 12 from south of Texas Plaza to north of SH 114 to Carl Road, including the interchange and approaches on SH 114. Construction on SH 114 will stretch from the Loop 12 interchange to Rochelle Boulevard.

Zachry Construction Corporation in partnership with Mario Sinacola and Sons won the project with a bid of \$224,217,704.39. This project includes two one-lane direct connection ramps from north Loop 12 to west SH 114 and east SH 114 to south Loop 12.

TxDOT appreciates the patience of motorists and encourages them to drive carefully through the construction work zone to ensure their safe passage and the safety of construction workers while Zachry/Sinacola and TxDOT work to complete this project.

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