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SH 288 Toll Lanes Project in Harris County

On Feb. 26, 2015, the Texas Transportation Commission conditionally awarded Blueridge Transportation Group to enter a Design, Build, Finance and Maintain agreement for the SH 288 Toll Lanes Project in Harris County (Project).

The Project is located near the center of Houston and provides a vital route for commuters, freight and commercial trucking. The Project also serves as a hurricane evacuation route. The Project will accommodate additional traffic and improve access to the Texas Medical Center, and improve the operational efficiency of SH 288.

Project Improvements

The Project will add four tolled lanes (two tolled lanes in each direction) within the existing median, eight new tolled direct connectors at Beltway 8, and new tolled direct connectors connecting SH 288 to Holcombe Boulevard near the Texas Medical Center. The work also includes the reconstruction of all eight direct connectors at IH 610 and the operation and maintenance of the existing lanes within the right of way of the current SH 288 corridor.

The Project length is 10.3 miles and extends from U.S. Route 59 south of downtown to a terminus in Brazoria County approximately 200 feet south of the county line between Harris and Brazoria Counties at Clear Creek.

Schedule (subject to change)

- Final RFP issued January 31, 2014
- Contract conditionally awarded February 26, 2015
- Contract executed on March 5, 2016
- Anticipated Financial Close by Spring 2016
- Anticipated Open to traffic by Summer 2019

Related Links

- [Executed Comprehensive Development Agreement](#)
- [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#)
- [Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\)](#)
- [Finding of No Significant Impact](#)
- [Financial Public Hearing](#)
- [SB 1420 Committee](#)

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