I-35 Reconstruction Project

Business Community Meeting
North of Waco – Hillsboro

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Business Community Importance

• Your Importance
  – Backbone of Texas’ economy
  – Key stakeholder in the I-35 corridor
  – Directly impacted by construction

• Therefore, TxDOT Wants to...
  – Engage you throughout I-35 reconstruction project
  – Strive for a transparent construction process
Our Goals for This Meeting:

– Keep you informed
– Listen to your questions and concerns
– Answer your questions
– Seek solutions to your concerns
– Present avenues for you to stay informed
– Receive your ideas for future meetings
I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

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• **Purpose of I-35 Construction**
  – Maintain and enhance corridor’s economic attractiveness
  – Prepare for future traffic growth
  – Enhance safety
    • Modern roadway design
    • Upgraded exit and entrance ramps
    • One-way frontage roads
  – Reduce congestion
    • Expand to 6 lanes
    • Continuous frontage roads for improved access + diversion
    • Real-time traveler information
I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

- 96 miles
- 14 sections
- 2 safety rest areas
- Construction Cost = $1.4B
- Daily Traffic Volumes: 55,000 – 111,000
- Trucks: 25% – 30%
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- Completed: 1A, 6A (mostly), 6B
- Active Today: 1C, 3C, 5A, 5C
- 2 safety rest areas
- Complete: Early 2017 (Temple last section)
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I-35 Miles Under Construction

- Today: 38 miles
- 2012: 64 miles
- 2013: 64 miles
- 2014: 64 miles
- 2015: 43 miles
- 2016: 32 miles
- 2017: 6 miles

Peak Construction: 2012 – 2014
64 miles
I-35 Construction:
Central Texas Overview

• **Primary Changes**
  
  – 3 lanes in each direction on I-35
  – Added I-35 crossings
  – Added and relocated ramps
  – 1-way continuous frontage roads
  – U-turns at selected crossings
  – Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)
  – Aesthetics
  – Illumination
  – Truck lane restrictions

![Brazos River Frontage Road Bridges]

![Wall Murals]
I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

• Your Communication Tools
  – Quarterly business community meetings
  – Monthly newsletter
  – www.My35.org (all things I-35)
  – Dedicated I-35 project staff
    • Public Information staff to provide information + answer questions
    • Mobility Coordinator to assist w/site access + circulation
    • TxDOT construction and contractor (Webber, LLC) staff to make it happen on the ground
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• Measures in Place to Reduce Construction Impacts
  – Access to your business must be maintained
  – 6 day work week
  – Freeway lane closure restrictions
    • Sunday from 10:00 pm – 7:00 am
    • Monday through Friday from 7:00 pm – 7:00 am
    • Blackout dates: Christmas, New Years, etc.
    • Contractor assessed lane rental fees
Project 5A: North Waco to West

Section Facts

N. Loop 340 to FM 1858/Tokio Road

Construction Start: October 2010

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2014

Length: 13.4 miles

Cost: $166.8 million

Contractor: Williams Bros. Construction
North Waco to West

SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

- Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
- New on-/off-ramps
- Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
- Addition of U-turns
- 6 new electronic message signs
- TxDOT is converting the following from overpasses to underpasses: Wiggins, Tours, and Ross roads and Hilltop St.
Project 5A: Next Six Months

- SB frontage road shifted to new frontage road between Business 77 and Hilltop Road
- Hilltop Road bridge will be closed for demolition
- NB frontage road traffic shifted to new pavement between Loop 340 and Business 77
- SB main lane traffic shifted to new Business 77 bridge for demolition of existing SB mainline bridge over Business 77
Project 5B: West to Abbott

Section Facts

FM 1858/Tokio Road to FM 1242
Construction Start: September 2011
Anticipated Completion: Fall 2014
Length: 8 miles
Cost: $101 million
Contractor: Webber Construction
SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

- Upgraded on-/off-ramps
- Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
- Addition of a southbound entrance ramp from Marable St.
- Conversion of frontage roads to one way to improve safety
- Addition of U-turns at FM 1242 and FM 2114/Oak St. to improve circulation and access
- Installation of a signal at Oak St.
- Installation of two electronic message signs south of County Line Road to display traveler information
Project 5B: Next Six Months

• New frontage roads will be opened and converted to one-way:
  – NB from Marable to FM 1242
  – SB from FM 1242 to Marable

• Constructing bridge headers for proposed Marable, County Line Rd and CR 3102 overpasses
Project 5C: Abbott to Hillsboro

Section Facts

FM 1242 to FM 310

Construction Start: Fall 2010
Anticipated Completion: Fall 2012
Length: 5.5 miles
Cost: $36.8 million
Contractor: Webber Construction
Abbott to Hillsboro

**SECTION ENHANCEMENTS**

- Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
- Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
- Addition of 2 safety rest areas
- Addition of U-turns
- Four new electronic message signs
Project 5C: Next Six Months

- Main lanes opening at FM 310
- U-Turn lanes opening at FM 310 interchange
- Continuing work on widening main lanes
- Continuing work on NB and SB ramp construction
Open Discussion by Schematics