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Long-Term Closure of HOV Lanes on I-35E and U.S. 67 Starting March 30 for TxDOT Southern Gateway Project Construction

DALLAS – Initial construction has begun on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Southern Gateway Project on I-35E and U.S. 67 in southern Dallas County. As part of this construction, the northbound and southbound High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes along I-35E and U.S. 67 will close Friday evening, March 30 until the end of the project in late 2021 when they will re-open as reversible non-tolled managed express lanes.

Permanent closures of the following HOV access points within the corridor will include:

- The northbound and southbound I-35E HOV entrance and exit at Reunion Boulevard
- The northbound and southbound U.S. 67 HOV entrance and exit north of Ledbetter Drive (Loop 12)
- The northbound and southbound I-35E HOV entrance and exit at Kiest Boulevard

Closures of the HOV lanes will last the duration of the Southern Gateway Project. Upon project completion, the lanes will re-open as reversible non-tolled managed express lanes with new entrance and exit locations along I-35E and U.S. 67. The lanes will be available to both single occupancy and high occupancy vehicles.

The public can stay up-to-date on construction progress, lane closures and traffic changes by signing up for text alerts by sending the message “The Southern Gateway” to 31996. The project is also hosting its first community meeting on Tuesday, April 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the cafeteria of Yvonne E. Ewell Townview Magnet High School. This meeting is to discuss and answer questions about upcoming construction. More details can be found on <https://thesoutherngateway.org/community-meetings/>.

Other methods to learn more about the project include:

- **The project website:** www.thesoutherngateway.org
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/TheSouthernGateway
- **Twitter:** www.twitter.com/DriveTSG
- **Sign up for E-Blasts:** <https://thesoutherngateway.org/signup-for-e-updates/>

About the Southern Gateway Project

The Southern Gateway Project is a \$666 million design-build construction project by the Texas Department of Transportation aimed to rebuild and widen I-35E south of downtown Dallas, as well as widen U.S. 67 between I-35E and I-20 and the I-35E/U.S. 67 split. Construction will also include building two reversible, non-tolled express lanes. The goal of the 11-mile project is to improve safety, provide congestion relief, address roadway deficiencies and improve system linkage. Construction began in early 2018 with an anticipated completion of late 2021. The Southern Gateway Project is part of the Texas Clear Lanes initiative (www.texasclearlanes.com) by TxDOT to address growing traffic congestion in the state.

About Texas Department of Transportation

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